



*September 2026*

*Service with a Song in your Heart*

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Celebrates 55 years!*

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## 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                  |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alexander Gandah | Phillip Musa             | Brooklyn Center Lions |
| Prince Omenihu   | Phillip Musa             | Brooklyn Center Lions |
| Todd Bandemer    | Shawn Alderman           | Dayton Lions          |
| Janell Johnson   | Cheryl Kozicky           | Maple Grove Lions     |
| Isa Ojales       | Samantha Schuller-Spears | Mpls Ambassadors      |
| Joey Rodriguez   | Karen Zimpfer            | Rogers                |
|                  |                          |                       |
|                  |                          |                       |



### New Members:

**Cue the confetti cannons!**



**These six 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)



| September 2026 |                                                                                                          | Focus is Childhood Cancer                                                                                                                                               |                                                      |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 09/09/2026     | Downtown Next Gen & Crystal Lions Steak Fry                                                              | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                                                                                                                      | 5 PM to 7 PM                                         |
| 09/11/2026     | Excelsior Lions Golf Classic                                                                             | Timber Creek Golf Club                                                                                                                                                  | 9 AM Shotgun Start                                   |
| 09/11/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-                                                                                        | ♦Electronic Horse Racing ♦Live Music<br>♦Beer Tent ♦ Kids Zone ♦Food Tent                                                                                               |                                                      |
| 09/11/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Taste of Osseo                                                                          | ♦Dicks' Bar / Pour Food Truck ♦Osseo Meat Market<br>♦Olympia Café & Gyros ♦Champ's of Osseo<br>♦Red's Savoy Pizza ♦Painted Turtle<br>♦Osseo Lions Food Tent ♦Two Scoops | 5 PM to 10:30 PM                                     |
| 09/11/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Generation Radio                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                         | 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM                                  |
| 09/12/2026     | Robbinsdale Lions Bistro at the 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<br>♦Beer Tent ♦ Kids Zone ♦Food Tent                                                                                               |                                                      |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-5K Run                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Kidsight Tent                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                         | 11 AM to 3 PM                                        |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Car Show                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                         | 2 PM After the Parade                                |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-DJ Emerson                                                                              | Spinning music in the afternoon                                                                                                                                         | 2PM to 6 PM                                          |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Skitzo Frank                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                         | 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM                                  |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Vendor Pop Up                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                         | 9 AM to 3 PM                                         |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Parade                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                         | Noon (90 minutes)                                    |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Bean Bag Tourney                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Bingo is Back!                                                                          | Under Premier's canopy at the Community Center                                                                                                                          |                                                      |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-Petting Zoo                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |
| 09/12/2026     | Osseo Lions Roar-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                      |
| 09/19/2026     | Brooklyn Park Lions Waffle Breakfast & Silent Auction                                                    | Brooklyn Park Community Center<br>5600 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN                                                                                                    | 7:30 AM to Noon                                      |
| 09/19/2026     | Robbinsdale Lions at Oktoberfest                                                                         | Wicked Wort Brewing<br>4165 West Broadway                                                                                                                               | 1 PM to 6 PM                                         |
| 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             |
| October 2026   |                                                                                                          | Focus is Vision                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |
| 10/02/2026     | Brooklyn Park Lady Lions 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 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                                         |
| 10/16/2026     | RLLI<br>Regional Lions Leadership Institute                                                              | DoubleTree by Hilton<br>Roseville, MN                                                                                                                                   |                                                      |
| 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                                                  |
| 10/26/2026     | Guiding Light Training                                                                                   | City Bella on Lyndale<br>Richfield                                                                                                                                      | 6:30 PM                                              |
| November 2026  |                                                                                                          | Focus is Diabetes                                                                                                                                                       |                                                      |
| 11/07/2026     | Maple Grove Lions Holiday Boutique                                                                       | Maple Grove Community Center<br>12951 Weaver Lake Road                                                                                                                  | 9 AM to 4 PM                                         |

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| 11/11/2026           | Crystal Lions Steak Fry                                       | Crystal VFW<br>5222 Bass Lake Road                                            | 5 PM to 7 PM                                        |
| 11/16/2026           | All Club Meeting                                              | True Friends Camp Eden Wood<br>6350 Indian Chief Rd<br>Eden Prairie, MN 55346 | 5:50 PM Social<br>6:00 PM Dinner<br>6:45 PM Meeting |
| <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 & 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                                     |
| <b>January 2027</b>  |                                                               | <b>Focus is LCIF &amp; Disaster Relief</b>                                    |                                                     |
| <b>February 2027</b> |                                                               | <b>Focus is Youth</b>                                                         |                                                     |
| 02/13/2027           | Week of Service-YOUTH                                         |                                                                               |                                                     |
| 02/16/2027           | 5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series-<br>Train, Prepare, Celebrate! | Zoom: Join Virtually<br>Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131<br>Password: 087451         | 7 PM to 7:45 PM                                     |
| <b>March 2027</b>    |                                                               | <b>Focus is Hunger</b>                                                        |                                                     |
| <b>April 2027</b>    |                                                               | <b>Focus is Vision &amp; Hearing</b>                                          |                                                     |
| 04/15/2027           | ROAR for a Cause-VISION                                       | Kahler Grand Hotel<br>20 2nd Ave SW<br>Rochester, MN 55902                    | more info to come                                   |
| <b>May 2027</b>      |                                                               | <b>Focus is Humanitarian / Mental Health</b>                                  |                                                     |
| 05/10/2027           | 5M5 Officer Training                                          | TBD                                                                           | TBD                                                 |
| 05/29/2027           | Week of Service-ENVIRONMENT                                   |                                                                               |                                                     |
| <b>June 2027</b>     |                                                               | <b>Focus is Environment</b>                                                   |                                                     |
| 06/20/2027           | Camp Sweet Life Camp                                          | Camp Courage<br>Maple Lake, MN                                                |                                                     |
| <b>July 2027</b>     |                                                               | <b>Focus is Vision</b>                                                        |                                                     |
| 07/25/2027           | Camp Sweet Life Camp                                          | Camp Courage<br>Maple Lake, MN                                                |                                                     |
| <b>July 2029</b>     |                                                               |                                                                               |                                                     |
| 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                                             |



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Bruce Strachota



### KEEP THE LIONS WE HAVE!

Keep • Connect • Care • Serve

*“Keep the Lions We Have—Grow the Lions We Need.”*

Fellow Lions of District 5M5,

As your District Governor, one of my priorities this year is **retention**.

Bringing new members into Lions is important—but keeping the Lions we already have is just as important. Every Lion represents friendships, experience, leadership and a commitment to **We Serve**.

#### WHY DO LIONS STAY?

Lions stay when they:

- **FEEL WELCOME.** Every Lion should know they are an important part of the club.
- **FEEL VALUED.** Say “thank you.” Recognize service. Let Lions know their contributions matter.
- **FEEL CONNECTED.** Fellowship builds friendships, and friendships keep people involved.
- **FEEL INVOLVED.** Give every Lion an opportunity to participate—not just the same few people.
- **FEEL PURPOSE.** When Lions see the difference their service makes, they have a reason to stay.

#### RETENTION STARTS WITH THE LITTLE THINGS

- A phone call to a Lion who hasn't attended recently.
- A personal invitation to the next service project.
- A “thank you” after someone volunteers.
- A new member assigned a meaningful activity.
- A fun meeting where Lions enjoy being together.

Our meetings don't have to be all business. Add an icebreaker, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, recognize accomplishments, share a funny story, or occasionally change the meeting format. People want to belong to organizations where they enjoy spending time with others. Service is better when we can think of ourselves as family.

**Small actions can save a membership.**

#### THE FIRST 90 DAYS

- New members deserve special attention.
- Welcome them. Introduce them. Invite them. Involve them. Ask them what they would like to do.
- Most importantly, **don't let a new Lion become a stranger.**
- A new member who develops friendships and gets involved early is much more likely to become a Lion for life.

#### MY CHALLENGE TO EVERY 5M5 CLUB

This month, **KEEP ONE LION.**



**Call** one inactive member.



**Recognize** one member for their service.



**Create** one fun fellowship opportunity.



**Connect** with one Lion.



**Involve** one member in a project.

||: Then do it again next month. :||



## **1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

### **Lion Ken Kumpula**

Greetings fellow Lions,

This one has been written, rewritten, stripped down, stretched, then condensed.

Children's cancer research and every time I hear Lion Gary mention the "vision" of a parent being told their child has cancer it gives me pause. I then wonder if people can relate to the feeling that must bring. The emotions that will rush through a person.

I am going out on a limb and sharing something very few know. A little over two years ago I had an issue that came about that would require surgery to remove something that clearly did not belong. I was told to make the appointments, set up my portals for the surgeon and the hospital, etc.

Two days after the surgery my portal notified me of the biopsy results of what was removed. High grade Carcinoma. I was on the phone immediately trying to reach the surgeon but was told he was not available. I sent a message in the portal to him. No response for two days so I called back and was then told I had to schedule an appointment.

Two weeks out for what she referred to as the Cancer Talk. The mental stress was overwhelming to the point I started planning my own funeral and making sure everything was in order for my kids.

In the end, my surgery did pretty much resolve and remove the cancer with just a few follow up treatments. My hardest part was the emotional wreck I went through. I am hoping by sharing this you can try to understand what a parent would go through. My hope is that the research we fund will help to make that stress never be a thing.

I have already mentioned to a few that Childhood cancer research is where I want to direct my resources.

Lion Gary, I thank you.

In service, Lion Ken.

### Global Extension Team – Unity is Community

Fellow Lions,

As members of the Global Extension Team, our mission is to bring Lionism to communities where there is currently no Lions presence. We reach out to community leaders, organizations, businesses, and residents to identify opportunities to start new clubs and build lasting partnerships. Sometimes that means knocking on doors, attending community events, or simply using Google to find a starting point.

Building a new Lions club is never the work of one person. It takes the entire Extension Team, support from other Lions, and the commitment of our district. The only way we succeed is by helping one another.

**“Unity is Community”** I believe where we find unity, we will find community—and where we find community, we will find our next new Lions club.  
I’m asking for your help.

If you know someone who lives, works, worships, or is actively involved in any of these areas where we currently have little or no Lions presence, let’s connect:

- Fort Snelling
- Lyn-Lake
- Champlin
- Hiawatha

Other underserved areas throughout Minneapolis

Whether it’s a community leader, business owner, educator, nonprofit director, neighborhood association member, or someone who simply loves serving others, your connection could be the key to establishing our next Lions club.

Let’s start a conversation, develop a plan, and work together to strengthen our district through extension.

Unity is Community. Together, we can build the future of Lionism—one community at a time.

Lion Michael Crenshaw  
Global Extension Team  
bplionmichael@gmail.com

# GLT – Did you know? Training!

## Lions on-line learning site

### [Lion Portal](#) (click on the Learn tab)

- Did you know there is a Lions Learning site that you can learn anything and everything you want to know about Lions? Sign into the Lions Portal and click on Learn: LLC Online Learning.
- If you could not make the in-person district Officer's Training in June, sign into Lions Portal and take an officer course at home with your feet up drinking a glass of wine or cup of coffee!

## Lions In-Person Learning courses

- Attend RLLI Regional Lions Leadership Institute Oct 16-18 in Roseville – see flyer in the Informer.
- Attend Guiding Lion training Oct 26 in Richfield – see flyer in the Informer.
- We \*hope\* to plan a Lions Portal training in Spring 2027
  - Partnering with GST
- Officer Training 2027 – May 10, stay tuned!



## September 2026 5M Lions Membership + Service Challenge

## Let's Grow, Serve, and have FUN Together!

## Plan a **September Service Project** and **Every Lion** invites **ONE** guest!

Let's grow our pride through service.

Plan a fun, hands-on service project this September — and **every Lion invites ONE** guest to join in the action. More hands. More heart. More Lions.

Service is our greatest recruitment tool — let's use it.

1. Promote your event on your Lions FB and share Flyers around town, maybe your local newspaper.
2. Invite friends and family to lend a hand in service, everyone welcome!
3. Take photos during your event.
4. Report your service on the Lions portal.
5. Share your photos on your FB page and send [LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com](mailto:LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com) an update on your successful event!

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## September Recruiting Tips

- **Invite with Purpose** — Share *why* you serve and what Lions has meant to you. Passion attracts people.
- **Show the Fun** — Bring guests to hands-on service, not just meetings. Let them *feel* the energy.
- **Ask Directly** — “Would you like to join us?” is still the most effective recruitment tool.

## September Member Retention Tips

- **Celebrate Often** — Recognize big wins, small wins, and everything in between.
- **Connect Personally** — Reach out to members who haven't attended lately. A quick call can save a Lion.
- **Make It Meaningful** — Keep service at the heart of your club. Purpose keeps people engaged.

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| August New Members:     | 6  |
| August Dropped Members: | 7  |
| Net:                    | -1 |

## Help us Stop the Drops!

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Total New Members:     | 13  |
| Total Dropped Members: | -24 |
| Net:                   | -11 |

Yours in Lionism,  
Your 5M-5 Global Membership Team

# 5M Lions Club September Service Challenge

## Four steps to growing membership



1) Market your club through social media before inviting.

2) Make sure your "house" (club) is welcoming for guests, new Lions, and new ideas.

3) Large numbers of soft touch invites greatly increase your probability of success, especially if more than one person from a club invites a prospective Lion.

4) Have a brief, FUN new member meeting with a keynote presenter that uses emotion to maximize your success.

## Fall Membership Drive

Invite someone to a fall service project.  
**Grow membership.**  
**Expand Community Service.**  
Have **fun** while doing it.

## September District Membership & Service Challenge

Invite someone to a fall service project.  
Grow membership.  
Expand Community Service.  
Have fun while doing it.

DG Team, GMTs & GSTs –  
have clubs post events on Facebook with the hashtag:  
**#SeedsofService5M**

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SEPTEMBER 2026

# LIONS QUEST

## Map the territory

Every great quest needs a map—and this month, we begin charting ours. Our focus now shifts to identifying schools and youth organizations that could benefit from Lions Quest. Think about the communities you already serve. Where are the opportunities to deepen your impact?

Potential partners include:

- Elementary, middle, and high schools
- After-school programs
- Youth nonprofits
- Community and Indigenous youth organizations

If Quest is new to you or your club, I would be happy to visit your club, zone, or cabinet meeting. This would be a chance to provide you / your club with specific information about Quest and answer any questions to help start Quest in your area. You can reach out to me with any questions or schedule a visit using the contact information below.



## The Ask....

This month, each district should aim to identify at least 5 potential partners. Use your connections—Lions often already have relationships with educators, administrators, and community leaders.

Contact for more info:

Name: Lion Rob Rand

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

**Lead the Pride.  
Launch the Quest.**

## We need you!

Lions Quest is flexible and adaptable, making it a great fit for a wide range of settings. The key is finding organizations that are open to strengthening their support for youth development.

This is not about perfection. It's about possibility.

Start your list. Share it with your district. And remember: every name you add brings us one step closer to changing a life.

<https://www.lions-quest.org/>



## Service Begins With Us

*Sharing ideas. Sharing hands. Sharing service.*



### 5M-5's September Service Focus is Childhood Cancer

#### **How can your club help children and families living with childhood cancer?**

Start by connecting with a community organization, hospital or family support program. Ask what would be most helpful. Some ideas to consider:

- Provide meals or grocery support.
- Gift gas, grocery or restaurant gift cards.
- Help with errands, transportation, pet care or home maintenance.
- Volunteer with an organization serving children and families.

**Need an idea or connection?** Reach out to 5M-5 MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustees: Lions Gary Stevens (edenprairiegary@gmail.com) and Colleen Patterson (cmp55422@gmail.com).

***Sometimes the best place to start is simply asking, "How can our Lions help?"***

#### **Share your impact!**

Tell the story of your club's September service on Social Media platforms, in Lion Portal and with your community.

### LOOKING AHEAD: VISION

October 8 – 18 • Vision Week of Service  
*Now is the time for club planning.*

**Screen:** Connect with the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation about scheduling or volunteering at screenings.

**Collect:** Collect, sort and donate eyeglasses.

**Connect:** Reach out to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation for ideas and service opportunities. *Start planning now!*

### START THINKING ABOUT NOVEMBER Diabetes Awareness Month

November will bring our focus to Diabetes. What could your club do to raise awareness, support someone living with diabetes, or help your community learn more about diabetes?

***Start talking at your next club meeting.*** Look for a local connection, organization or opportunity where Lions could make a difference.

### SERVE TOGETHER

#### **Looking for a service partner?**

Connect with another Lions club, a Leo club or a community organization. A conversation today could lead to a service partnership tomorrow.

**More ideas. More hands. More service.**

### KINDNESS MATTERS

Have you seen an especially creative service project in your club? Start thinking about nominating your club for a Kindness Matters Service Award. [Click here for Kindness Matters award information.](#)

### SERVICE BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Great service starts with an idea — and grows when Lions and others work together.

Invite friends, family members, neighbors or community partners to lend a hand. They don't have to know all about Lions to volunteer with you. Let them experience what Lions do.

#### **Lion Sara**

5M-5 GST coordinator  
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Dennis & Jacque Heinen, Campaign Managers • [denisemarieforid@gmail.com](mailto:denisemarieforid@gmail.com)

**Denise Marie Laudenbach Announces Candidacy for Lions Clubs International Director**

*Longtime Lions leader and Past Council Chair of MD5M launches “Be the One” campaign for the April 2026 MD5M ballot*

**NISSWA, Minn. — 8/18/2026** — Denise Marie Laudenbach, a member of the Nisswa Lions Club and Immediate Past Council Chair of Multiple District 5M, today announced her candidacy for International Director of Lions Clubs International. She will seek endorsement on the MD5M ballot at the Multiple District Convention in April 2027.

A Lion for more than 16 years, Laudenbach has served at every level of the organization — Club President, Zone Chair, District Secretary, District Governor of District 5M9, and Council Chair of MD5M. She is an LCIP Certified Instructor, RLLI and USA Lions Faculty member, a facilitator and moderator at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and holds a Doctorate from Lions University. She currently serves as Group Leader for First Vice District Governors at the international level and as Secretary of the 2029 LCI Convention Committee.

Laudenbach has personally sponsored 26 new Lions and helped charter multiple new clubs. Her service innovations include Empower Hour, a program connecting nonprofit leaders with Lions clubs; a district-wide food packing event; a diaper drive; and community fundraisers. She is a champion for pediatric vision care, an advocate for survivors of trafficking, and a co-founder of 100+ Women Who Care. Her honors include the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Award, the LCIF Leadership Award, and the International President's Award.

“I became a Lion because someone asked me, and I said yes without even knowing what Lions was,” Laudenbach said. “That one invitation changed my life. My campaign, ‘Be the One,’ is about that power we each carry: one invitation, one act of kindness, one moment of service. One Lion can change the world.”

Laudenbach brings a professional background in enterprise leadership spanning manufacturing, marketing, sales, and distribution, with expertise in strategic and succession planning. Her platform centers on growing Lions through innovation, inclusion, and purpose; strengthening clubs with training and support; expanding impact through service and LCIF; and assuring the long-term sustainability of Lions service worldwide.

Her campaign is managed by Dennis and Jacque Heinen. For more information, contact [denisemarieforid@gmail.com](mailto:denisemarieforid@gmail.com) or follow “Denise Marie Laudenbach for International Director” on Facebook and @denise\_marieforid on Instagram.

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## 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)



# THANK YOU

We couldn't do  
it without you!



We are forever grateful to the Lions!!  
Thank you for supporting us!



Brooklyn Park Lions participating  
at the KidSight Event at CEAP.

Volunteers included Lion Michael, Lion Bill,  
Lion Mike, Lion Jim, Lion Sandy





**Brooklyn Park Lions in action at the final concert in the park event.**



**Photos of the Brooklyn Park Lions and the Brooklyn Center Lions volunteering together at the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.**

**This serves as an example of how clubs unite to support and strengthen the community.  
Unity is Community**





## "Fanfare for the Commons"

### A Night with the Minnesota Orchestra

Excelsior Lions were proud to sponsor and volunteer at this magical, free outdoors concert experience celebrating classical music from the Minnesota Orchestra and local school-aged performers.





### "Christmas in July"

#### *Christmas in Excelsior Sponsor Appreciation Cruise*

We worked hard to create a fun evening to celebrate our 2025 *Christmas in Excelsior* sponsors and kick off our 2026 Christmas in Excelsior fundraising campaign!

Thanks to *Paradise Charter Cruises* for donating the cruise, and to *Old Southern BBQ* for donating the dinner!

"This is How We Roll" –

#### **Excelsior Lions Club Celebrates 10 Years of Service!**

The Excelsior Lions celebrated our 10 Year Anniversary with a bowling party at Country Club Lanes in Excelsior! Thanks to Joey Novas for donating the pizza and brownies. Hilarious costumes, fun prizes, and camaraderie were had by all!





New Hope Lions held their annual Corn Feed on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. We had a great crowd, great weather and wonderful volunteer groups helping us out. Lions KidSight screened 47 with three referrals.



New Hope Lions club collected and donated school supplies to Forest Elementary School on August 25, 2026.



**New Hope Lions served dinner to the New Hope Kids Safety Camp graduates and their families on August 13, 2026 at the New Hope Fire Station.**



**New Hope Lions at Pub 42  
Woofstock 2026 on August 9, 2026.**

**We held a raffle to raise money for Underdog Rescue, The Rescue Network and New Hope Lions Club.**

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**Sarah's Service Dog Keeps Her Steady and Secure**

August 26, 2026

*By Nikki Wallace -*

"You're raising up this dog to be amazing, and then handing it to somebody else who needs it. That's hero-like." This praise comes from Sarah, as she reflects on the volunteers who raised her assistance dog, Frank.

As someone who spent their life caring for others, Sarah knew it was time to take care of herself. After 20 years as a nurse, she developed severe back issues, which led to numerous unsuccessful therapies and treatments. On top of this debilitating pain, her health challenges intensified in 2022 after being diagnosed with gastroparesis, requiring her to use a feeding tube for 12 hours of the day. That was the tipping point. Severe pneumonia wreaked havoc on her internal system, which led to Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS). Unfortunately, cardiac issues weren't the only hardship she had to face as she also developed a pituitary brain tumor.

Simple, mundane tasks and daily life in general became challenging. "I call it dropsies with my fingers just because of the nerve issues ... I was always at risk of tipping forward or having to sit down and then crawl to get back up. Sarah lived in constant fear of falling or not having her phone nearby in case she needed to call for help, "I get adrenaline dumps from my POTS because I have irregular arrhythmias ... the first time I had this, I was ready to call 9-1-1 because I had no idea what it was." Every activity required careful planning, which induced anxiety.

Prior to her health challenges, Sarah was a helping hand to dogs as an experienced foster home. She was also familiar with Can Do Canines, as she had patients who were generous Raisers, a friend whose child had their own assistance dog, and even connected with a Sitter at her local grocery store. She knew it was time for her to take care of herself and applied for a Mobility Assist Dog with Can Do Canines. It's a full-circle moment from her being an aid for dogs, to one becoming of aid to her.



Divine timing was at play when Sarah was finally able to meet Frank. She was planning on receiving a dog from Can Do Canines a year prior to Frank, but her 13-year-old English Bulldog was not too keen on having another furry friend. Once her beloved bully crossed the Rainbow Bridge, she received a call that Frank was ready.

Sarah was a bundle of nerves when it was time to meet Frank, a yellow Labrador Retriever with velvety ears and a bushy dark-tipped "lion's tail." While thrilled at this opportunity, she was nervous about creating that bond, and working with a dog of Frank's stature. "When I first saw him, I'm like 'Oh my gosh, how am I going to handle this dog?'" Sarah and Frank worked with Client Services Coordinator Jessica to ensure they both understood their roles and eased the intimidation. They've mastered working together despite their size differences. She says, "I feel more steady with him. I feel more sense of security with him, and that's helped a lot." But the bond they've created is truly magical. "He is just a goof and the most loving and silly, and helpful. The most amazing thing that I've received in my life, next to my daughter and my grandbaby."

With Frank by her side, Sarah is more confident in taking on everyday tasks without fear or feeling like she has to "bother" someone to help her. Frank is eager to tug open doors and drawers, retrieve dropped items, activate push plates, elevate Sarah's legs, press an emergency button to signal help, and more. "Now this guy is here and brings some fun into it, and some assistance into it, and companionship." Her quality of life has transformed—she's more upbeat and active. Sara visits her daughter more frequently, takes daily walks, and watches a friend's children a few days a week, "Just knowing that he's there ... that help ... gives me more confidence."

Frank will make his Lake Superior debut this summer as Sarah plans on introducing him to her favorite place, Grand Marais. This trip wouldn't be possible without Can Do Canines' trainers, staff, and supporters; Sarah and Frank have profound gratitude for their dedication.

**Thank you to all those who made this partnership possible:**

Whelping Home — Beth and Greg Carlson

Raisers — Beth and Greg Carlson

Special Thanks — Chippewa Valley Correctional Facility, Jackson Correctional Institution, Federal Correctional Institution-Sandstone, University of Minnesota FETCH Program (Sophia Brenton, Allison Dominy, Anna Longhauser)



As summer comes to an end and a new school year begins, September is a time for a fresh start, new opportunities, and new goals. For Leo Clubs, it is also a great time to get back into the spirit of service. While students are busy adjusting to new classes, schedules, and activities, there are various ways Leos can make their schools and communities a little brighter.

One way to accomplish this is to start the year by supporting students and teachers. Leos can organize school-supply drives to help students who may not have all the necessary supplies. Clubs could also put together appreciation activities for teachers and school staff to recognize the people who work hard every day to support the students.

Service does not stop at the schools. September is a great opportunity to organize food drives, community cleanups, clothing collections, and other projects that address needs in the community. Even a small project can make a meaningful difference.

The beginning of the school year is also a chance to welcome new members into your Leo Club. Invite classmates and friends to learn more about Leo Clubs and show them how service can bring people together. A new member could have a great idea for a project that your club has never tried before!

As some lives get busy with school, it is important to remember that service does not have to be complicated. Whether it is collecting school supplies, cleaning a local park, thanking a teacher, or simply helping someone in need, every act of kindness matters. This September, let's start the school year by putting our spirit of helping others into action: back to school, back to service!

District 5M5 Leo Club President  
Audra Houdek



Did you know that KidSight is now an International Program? About a year ago the process started to expand the formerly U.S. based Lions service to the entire world. The website has changed to [lionsclubs.org/Lions-KidSight](https://lionsclubs.org/Lions-KidSight).

Using terminology that translates to many languages is one of the challenges. For example, according to PID Phil Nathan from London, British screeners use the term Child Sight, because kid doesn't mean the same there. It is a term for a young goat, not a child.

But the basic practices are now the same, and children – or kids – in far off places are getting the benefit of free vision screening and early detection of possible vision problems.

Sir Nathan's address was part of the inaugural National Vision Screening Summit, hosted by PlusOptix, manufacturer of one of the screening devices used by KidSight. In 5M-5, we use the Welch Allyn Spot, but other districts as nearby as 5M-6 use the Plus Optix and find it very easy to use and highly accurate.

The highlight of the Summit was being able to meet with KidSight leaders from 27 different states representing their Multiple Districts. Being able to share what works, and talk about what we can do better, made this a worthwhile trip.

Here in our District, we are about to get back into the school screenings. This area has grown dramatically over the past few years and now has the whopping big addition of the Minneapolis Public Schools system. That's 42 elementary and eight middle schools we will be serving beginning in late September and running into early spring next year.

We'll need experienced Lions to help us with this project. This is also a good chance to get some hands-on training. We're still nailing down the details of how we'll work with MPS, and give you updates as they become available.

Anyone interested in participating in an on-going role with this great new opportunity should contact us.

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## One Child. One Family. One Lion.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and it is also the September focus for District 5M5. For Minnesota Lions, however, childhood cancer is more than a month on the calendar. **It is a commitment we carry throughout the year.**

Behind every childhood cancer statistic is a child—a child who should be thinking about school, friends, sports and what they want to be when they grow up, not chemotherapy, surgeries and hospital stays. And behind every child is a family whose life can change in an instant.

**That is where Lions can make a difference.** The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation was created because Minnesota Lions believed we could do more to help children and families facing childhood cancer. Through the Foundation, Minnesota Lions support the Childhood Cancer Survivor Program at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, Kamp KACE, and families through the Lions Match Program.

In 2026, the Foundation reached an incredible **\$1 million milestone in support of childhood cancer programs.**

But a million dollars isn't really about the number.

**It's about what that number represents.** It represents children who received support. Families who knew they weren't alone. Survivors who received help as they moved beyond treatment. And thousands of Minnesota Lions who decided that they could make a difference.

## Lions in Action: The Hamel Rodeo

One of the best examples of Lions coming together for childhood cancer was our partnership with the **Hamel Rodeo.**

Thursday night was designated **Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Night**, with the Hamel Rodeo donating \$2 from every Thursday night ticket sold to the Foundation. The night was a sellout—the first in the history of the Hamel Rodeo.

But the rodeo was about much more than raising money.

One of the highlights 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.

Moments like this remind us why we do what we do.

**Lions service is about 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.**

## What Can Your Club Do?

This September, consider making childhood cancer part of your club's service:

- **Share a childhood cancer story** at a club meeting or on social media.
- **Invite us to speak to your club.**
- **Make a donation or hold a fundraiser** for childhood cancer.
- **Learn about the Lions Match Program** and how your club can help a family in your community.

One Lion can make a difference.

One Lions Club can make a difference.

And when Minnesota Lions work together, **we can make an enormous difference.**

This September, let's remember the children who are fighting, celebrate the survivors, honor those we have lost, and stand beside the families continuing the journey.

**Childhood cancer may have a month on the calendar, but for Minnesota Lions, it is a commitment all year long.**

**One Child. One Family. One Lion.  
Together, we can make a difference.**

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## Thanksgiving for Vision

Every fall, Lions, corneal recipients, and special guests observe Thanksgiving for Vision, an event that celebrates the miracle of restored vision.

Thanksgiving for Vision begins with an educational symposium that focuses on research and clinical work taking place at the University. An inspirational luncheon program follows the symposium. This program features a corneal recipient or parents of a recipient who speak about how their lives have been affected by the sight-saving work of the Minnesota Lions. A donor family member tells of their experience working with Lions Gift of Sight.

The Lions of Minnesota have invested millions in the University of Minnesota sight programs. Thanksgiving for Vision emphasizes the crucial role that Lions play in Lions Gift of Sight, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the support of research, the MAC Center, and more. It would be impossible to estimate the number of people the Lions have reached through these amazing programs!



# SEPTEMBER 2026 LIONS QUEST

## Map the territory

Every great quest needs a map—and this month, we begin charting ours. Our focus now shifts to identifying schools and youth organizations that could benefit from Lions Quest. Think about the communities you already serve. Where are the opportunities to deepen your impact?

### Potential partners include:

- Elementary, middle, and high schools
- After-school programs
- Youth nonprofits
- Community and Indigenous youth organizations

If Quest is new to you or your club, I would be happy to visit your club, zone, or cabinet meeting. This would be a chance to provide you / your club with specific information about Quest and answer any questions to help start Quest in your area. You can reach out to me with any questions or schedule a visit using the contact information below.



## The Ask...

This month, each district should aim to identify at least 5 potential partners. Use your connections—Lions often already have relationships with educators, administrators, and community leaders.

### Contact for more info:

Name: Lion Rob Rand

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

**Lead the Pride.  
Launch the Quest.**

## We need you!

Lions Quest is flexible and adaptable, making it a great fit for a wide range of settings. The key is finding organizations that are open to strengthening their support for youth development.

This is not about perfection. It's about possibility.

Start your list. Share it with your district. And remember: every name you add brings us one step closer to changing a life.

<https://www.lions-quest.org/>



## Together Everyone Achieves More

Lions of 5M5,

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

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

**PLEASE Consider Submitting a Grant Application by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The application can also be found on the District Website at: <https://lions5m5.org/team-sheehan>

As your district representative, I am here to answer any questions that you may have as you complete your grant request. Please contact me at [robrandmn@gmail.com](mailto:robrandmn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lion Rob Rand  
District 5M-5 TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Director



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

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

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

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

Project Description:

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

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

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

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

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

Income and Expenses

Requested TSCF Funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expenses: Item #1: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other expenses: Item #2: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Application Endorsement

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

Signature Endorsement:

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

Club President Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Chairperson Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Chairperson Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

District and Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Type your name)

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

Questions regarding donations, submit to TSCF Treasurer at [athmannmarty@hotmail.com](mailto:athmannmarty@hotmail.com)

## EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or Event information to:

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PRESENTS TO YOU:

# Steak Dinner



ONLY  
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7-8 oz Steak, Coleslaw, Baked Potato and Garlic Bread

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Let us cook for you! Come down and enjoy a delicious steak!

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Daren Johnson  
@Daren-Johnson-25



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00-7:00 P.M.

CRYSTAL VFW

5222 Bass Lake Rd, Crystal, MN 55429

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# Save the Date!

Friday, September 11



Timber Creek Golf Club

**Excelsior Lions Club Golf Classic**

September 11, 2026

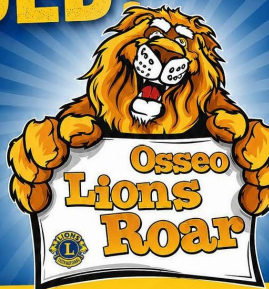
9 AM : Shotgun Start

Have you registered yet? [www.excelsiorlions.org](http://www.excelsiorlions.org)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Osseo Lions Roar doesn't happen overnight. It takes months of planning and coordination, and hours of dedicated volunteer time.

*Many hands make light work!*



If you're interested in volunteering time during this year's Lions Roar community celebration, we would love to have you join our team.

**OSSEO LIONS ROAR DAYS**

**★ SEPT 11 & 12, 2026 ★**

**BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

- ✓ Help create a fun, safe, and unforgettable experience for thousands of attendees
- ✓ Serve your local community AND earn Volunteer Hours!
- ✓ Meet new people and enjoy the excitement of Roar Days!

*Your time. Their smiles. Our community.*  
**THAT'S THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING!**

LEARN MORE AT  
[www.osseolions.org/osseo-lions-roar](http://www.osseolions.org/osseo-lions-roar)

**SCAN TO REGISTER!**



**Osseo Lions**  
WE SERVE

**It's a Celebration!**  
**September 11 & 12**  
★ 50 YEARS OF THE ROAR & AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY! ★

**Osseo Lions Roar**

| ★ FRIDAY NIGHT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ★ SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p>SEPTEMBER 11 • 5:00 PM - 10:30 PM</p> <p><b>NEW Taste of Osseo!</b><br/>AMAZING LOCAL FOOD VENUES COMING OUT TO THE STREETS!<br/><small>(weather permitting, while supplies last)</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DICK'S BAR / FOUR FOOD TRUCK</b><br/>Smash burgers, cheese cards &amp; fries</li> <li><b>OLYMPIA CAFE &amp; CYPROS</b><br/>Serving gyros</li> <li><b>RED'S SAVOY PIZZA</b><br/>Serving pizza</li> <li><b>OSSEO LIONS FOOD TENT</b><br/>Hot dogs, chili dogs &amp; nachos</li> <li><b>OSSED MEAT MARKET</b><br/>Meat sticks and snacks</li> <li><b>CHAMPS OF OSSED</b><br/>Loaded teas</li> <li><b>PAINTED TURTLE</b><br/>Fruitfuls, caramel apples &amp; treats</li> <li><b>TWO SCOOPS</b><br/>Ice cream</li> </ul> <p>★ FRIDAY NIGHT HEADLINER ★<br/><b>GENERATION RADIO</b><br/>6:30 PM - 10:30 PM</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 12 • 11:00 AM - 10:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5K RUN</b><br/>Non-competitive 5k run</li> <li><b>CAR SHOW</b><br/>After the parade</li> <li><b>RAPTOR CENTER</b><br/>Presentation</li> <li><b>BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT</b></li> <li><b>DJ EMERSON</b><br/>Spinning music in the afternoon</li> <li><b>PARADE</b><br/>Non-competitive 5k run</li> <li><b>VENDOR POP-UP</b><br/>9 AM - 3 PM</li> <li><b>PETTING ZOO</b></li> <li><b>KIDSIGHT TENT</b><br/>11 AM - 3 PM</li> <li><b>BINGO IS BACK!</b><br/>Under Premier's canopy &amp; at the Community Center</li> </ul> <p>Find a Full Line-up of Activities &amp; Events at <a href="http://OsseoLionsRoar.com">OsseoLionsRoar.com</a></p> <p>★ SATURDAY NIGHT HEADLINER ★<br/><b>SKITZO FONIX</b><br/>6:30 PM - 10:30 PM</p> |
| <p><b>SPECIAL RAFFLE</b><br/>NOW THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</p> <p><b>PRIZES:</b> TOP, ATV, eBIKE</p> <p>★ 6 Cash Prize Giveaways at \$250 Each! ★</p> <p><b>TICKETS: \$10 - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST</b></p> <p>Winners announced on their Stage Saturday evening</p> <p>Consult Jan Olson, Lions President, for what the Lions Fall Tea Booth at Duffy's</p> <p><small>Must be 18+ to enter or participate unless otherwise noted</small></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>★ BOTH FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY ★</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ELECTRONIC HORSE RACING</b></li> <li><b>BEER TENT</b></li> <li><b>KIDS ZONE</b></li> <li><b>LIVE MUSIC</b></li> <li><b>FOOD TENT</b></li> </ul> <p>Join the Parade   Become a Sponsor   Become a Vendor</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

MORE INFORMATION, EVENT DETAILS, ACTIVITIES & REGISTRATIONS AT  
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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.

# EVENT SCHEDULE

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## ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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| <b>JUN 24</b>  | <b>Sawyer's Dream 6-8:30PM</b> Sawyer's Dream is an established original 70s vibe band, uniquely cross-blending Americana, Pop, Rock and Soul.                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>JUL 8</b>   | <b>The Music of Sinatra 6-8:30PM</b><br>Step into a scene straight from the golden age of swing with Todd Anderson's suave tribute to Frank Sinatra.                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>JUL 22</b>  | <b>Hollywood Blvd 6-8:30PM</b><br>The Twin Cities premier Rock and Roll Party Machine! Complete with stratospheric vocals, searing guitar solos, and loads of Classic Rock!                                                                                                                 |
| <b>AUG 5</b>   | <b>Taylor's Version 6-8:30PM</b><br>A high-energy tribute act dedicated to the music and magic of Taylor Swift.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>AUG 19</b>  | <b>Shane Martin 6-8:30PM</b><br>Shane's concerts are a high energy good time with a unique blend of modern country rock.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SEPT 12</b> | <b>Oktoberfest</b><br><b>Troy Flemming 1-3:30PM</b><br>Troy is a master finger-style guitarist, yodeler, vocalist, songwriter, jokester, and storyteller.<br><b>Radio Nation 5-9PM</b><br>Radio Nation is a Top 40 Rock/Pop/Country band known for their high energy shows and great music! |

All concerts are held at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank Event Center rain or shine.

## 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**



**LIVE MUSIC • BEER • FOOD**

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

**CENTRAL PARK • MAPLE GROVE**



A BOMASTIC CELEBRATION OF ARENA ROCK

Paul Peterson and  
the Minneapolis Funk All Stars



**RIVAL 5**



**LOOKOUT  
BAR AND GRILL**

**EXPERIENCE  
MAPLE GROVE**



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 • daytonmnions.org

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## 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



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1968 - 1969



2008 - 2009



2010 - 2011



2012 - 2013



2014 - 2015



2016 - 2017



2018 - 2019



2020 - 2021



2022 - 2023

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.



2023 - 2024



2024 - 2025



2007 - 2008



2009 - 2010



2011 - 2012



2013 - 2014



2015 - 2016



2017 - 2018



2019 - 2020



2021 - 2022



2025 - 2026

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL** *Lead Today. SERVE TOMORROW.*  
LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD.

**RLLI**  
REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**OCTOBER 16-18, 2026**  
DoubleTree by Hilton Roseville  
Roseville, Minnesota

*Stronger Leaders. Stronger Communities.*



RLLI is an inspiring weekend of leadership development, teamwork, and personal growth designed to equip Lions to lead with confidence and make an even greater impact.

#### BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

- Develop Your Leadership Skills**  
Strengthen communication, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities.
- Build Lasting Connections**  
Network with Lions from across the region and build lifelong friendships.
- Gain New Ideas & Inspiration**  
Discover fresh approaches to serve your club and community.
- Grow in Confidence**  
Step out of your comfort zone and discover your leadership potential.
- Make a Greater Impact**  
Return to your club energized and ready to lead with purpose.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- ✓ All Lions club members, Lions and Leos
- ✓ New members and experienced leaders alike
- ✓ Anyone with a desire to grow, serve, and lead

#### INVEST IN YOUR LEADERSHIP!

**COST: \$150**

- ✓ Registration includes all training materials, meals, and Saturday evening banquet.
- ❗ Cost does not cover hotel fees.



SCAN TO REGISTER!



*Take the Next Step  
IN YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY!*

*Learn. Lead. Connect. Serve.*

**REGISTER TODAY! SPACES ARE LIMITED!**



TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

SERVICE



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DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE



INTEGRITY

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DIVERSITY

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**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  
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**10-20-2026**  
**7:00 - 7:45 PM**

**Zoom: Join Virtually**  
**Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131**  
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**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

**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

## Lions Clubs International

### Guiding Lion Training 5M5

**October 26, 2026 6:30 pm**  
**City Bella on Lyndale, Richfield**

#### Become a Guiding Lion!

- Learn tools to assist new clubs
- Develop your Lions know how
- Practice tools for successful club management
- Enhance your leadership skills

• RSVP to Jennifer Gilbert  
[winn0004@gmail.com](mailto:winn0004@gmail.com)  
651-226-0205

**Empowerment is the  
key to success!**





Made by Lions  
 Brought to you by:  
 Maple Grove Lions Club &  
 Maple Grove Seniors Craft Committee

## Holiday Craft Boutique

Maple Grove Community Center    Saturday Nov 7, 2026    9am-4pm

## 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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**> 2026 - 2027**

# PEACE POSTER CONTEST

*Harmony in Humanity*



For young  
people  
ages 11 to 13

**SUBMIT BY  
15 November  
> 2026 <**

**District 5M5**

## **ALL CLUB MEETING**

**Monday, November 16th**

**Don't need to purchase a meal to attend -  
but you still need to register**

**EVERYONE WELCOME - BRING A FRIEND**

**RSVP by Sunday November 8th**

**NO REFUNDS**

**No Ticket Sales at the Door**

Scan or Click  
QR Code

**\$22 per person**

**5:30 PM Social / 6:00PM DINNER / 6:45PM MEETING**

**Boursin Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Salad Bar,  
Vegetable Medley, Dinner Roll & butter  
Dessert Lemon Bars**

**New Location  
True Friends Camp Eden Wood  
6350 Indian Chief Rd,  
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# ROAR for a CAUSE Vision



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

**Thursday, April 15, 2027**

**Kahler Grand Hotel**

20 2nd Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902

## SAVE THE DATE!

- Great speakers
- Games and Silent Auctions
- Meet the International President
- More information is coming

Contact Lion Anna Wickenhauser for more information • [lionannaw@gmail.com](mailto:lionannaw@gmail.com)

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*Sweet Life*  
Adventures

**2027 JUNE SUMMER CAMP**  
**June 20th - June 24th**  
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For more information:  
Website: [campsweetlife.org](http://campsweetlife.org) Email: [info@campsweetlife.org](mailto:info@campsweetlife.org)  
Phone: 507-934-9352  
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