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Service with a Song in your Heart

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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
Annie McBurney	Cheryl Hillman	Robbinsdale Lions
Avery Jeanne Schmidt	Amanda Dobbs	Camden Lions
Collis Barber	Heidi Russell	Robbinsdale Lions
Elle Alexander	Heidi Russell	Robbinsdale Lions
Frank Brickfield	Cheryl Hillman	Robbinsdale Lions
Hina Graves	Michael Crenshaw	Brooklyn Park Lions
Lynn Mueller	Ann Bartunek	Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Mary Bagwell	Sue Kumpula	Rogers Lions
Robert Hanson	Glenn Iseri	Dayton Lions
Robert Thelen	Sue Kumpula	Rogers Lions
Sagal Dirir	Andrew McGlory	Mpls. Northside Roaring Lions



New Members:

Cue the confetti cannons!



These fresh faces didn't just join — they leapt into Lionism like it was the world's best block party.

- **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



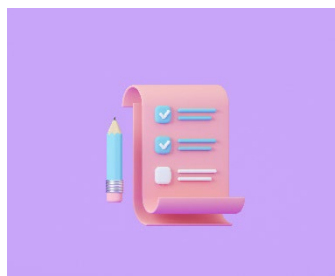
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Submit events to: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

October 2026		Focus is Vision	
10/02/26	Brooklyn Park Lady Lions Tenderloin Steak Fry	Palmer Lake VFW 2817 Brookdale Drive	5:30 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner
10/02/26	Robbinsdale Lions at the Robbinsdale Boo Bash	Sanborn Park Robbinsdale, MN	4 PM to 7 PM
10/02/26	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Good Earth Village Spring Valley, MN	
10/08/26	Week of Service-VISION		
10/10/26	Robbinsdale Lions Bingo & Meat Raffle	Wicked Wort Brewery 4165 West Broadway, Robbinsdale	3 PM
10/10/26	Brooklyn Park Lions Global Food Competition	Embassy Suites 6300 Earle Brown Drive Brooklyn Center	4 PM to 8 PM
10/14/26	PDG Steak Fry (Crystal Lions)	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
10/16/26	RLLI Regional Lions Leadership Institute	DoubleTree by Hilton Roseville, MN	
10/17/26	St. Louis Park Lions Casino Bus Trip	Depart from: Sprit of Christ Community Church	Depart at 10 AM Return by 4 PM
10/20/26	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Chart the Course	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM
10/24/26	Thanksgiving for Vision	Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud, MN	TBD
10/26/26	Guiding Light Training	City Bella on Lyndale Richfield	6:30 PM
November 2026		Focus is Diabetes	
11/02/26	5M5 District Cabinet Meeting (2)	Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant 12650 Elm Creek Blvd. Maple Grove	6 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner 7 PM Meeting
11/07/26	Maple Grove Lions Holiday Boutique	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	9 AM to 4 PM
11/07/26	Can Do Canines Open House	Can Do Canines 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope	Noon to 2 PM
11/11/26	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
11/16/26	All Club Meeting	True Friends Camp Eden Wood 6350 Indian Chief Rd Eden Prairie, MN 55346	5:50 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner 6:45 PM Meeting
December 2026		Focus is Humanitarian	
12/04/26	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Faith Haven Camp Battle Lake, MN	
12/04/26	Robbinsdale Lions Reindeer Games & Pub Crawl	Save the Date	6 PM to 11:30 PM
12/05/26	Maple Grove Lions Breakfast & Lunch with Santa	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	8 AM to 1 PM
12/09/26	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
12/15/26	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Build the Partnership	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM

12/28/26	2027 MWC Awards, Tickets Due	Click here to visit the website for more information	
January 2027		Focus is LCIF & Disaster Relief	
01/08/27	2027 Mid-Winter Convention Day 01	Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel 12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka,	Registration & Check Ins begin at:
01/09/27	2027 Mid-Winter Convention Day 02 -- Luncheon -- Service Project -- Dinner & Awards	Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel 12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka, -- times coming soon	
01/10/27	2027 Mid-Winter Convention Day 03 -- Breakfast -- Tail Twisting, Fines & Fun -- Auction District Items	Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel 12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka, -- times coming soon	
February 2027		Focus is Youth	
02/13/27	Week of Service-YOUTH		
02/16/27	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Train, Prepare, Celebrate!	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM
March 2027		Focus is Hunger	
April 2027		Focus is Vision & Hearing	
04/15/27	ROAR for a Cause-VISION	Kahler Grand Hotel 20 2nd Ave SW Rochester, MN 55902	more info to come
May 2027		Focus is Humanitarian / Mental Health	
05/10/27	5M5 Officer Training	TBD	TBD
05/29/27	Week of Service-ENVIRONMENT		
June 2027		Focus is Environment	
06/19/27	Minnesota Diabetes Grandma's Marathon	https://raceroster.com/events/2027/140398/2027-grandmas-marathon-weekend-races	
06/20/27	Camp Sweet Life Camp	Camp Courage Maple Lake, MN	
July 2027		Focus is Vision	
07/25/2027	Camp Sweet Life Camp	Camp Courage Maple Lake, MN	
July 2029			
06/29/2029	LCI Convention Day 1	Minneapolis, MN	Various
06/30/2029	LCI Convention Day 2	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/01/2029	LCI Convention Day 3	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/02/2029	LCI Convention Day 4	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/03/2029	LCI Convention Day 5	Minneapolis, MN	Various

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Bruce Strachota



Service with a Song in Your Heart: Keeping the Lions We Have & Grow the Lions We Need

Lions of District 5M5,

As we move forward into our 2026–2027 Lions year, I am filled with immense pride for everything our clubs have accomplished. However, our communities need us now more than ever, and to answer that call, we must continue to be deeply inspired by the passion, joy, and dedication echoing through every corner of our district. Our theme this year is ‘Service with a Song in Your Heart’, and nothing makes our collective song sound sweeter than a chorus of engaged, proud, and active members. We must focus on Membership, Retention, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Membership and Retention: Keep the Lions We Have!

Bringing new members into our den is wonderful—it breathes fresh energy and new hands into our global membership initiative, [Mission 1.5](#). New members truly mean more service! However, keeping the Lions, we already have is just as critical. Every single Lion represents a history of friendships, leadership, experience, and a profound commitment to our motto ‘We Serve’!

Why do Lions stay? They stay when they feel welcome, feel valued, and feel connected.

I challenge every club leadership team to look at retention not as a spreadsheet of numbers, but as a commitment to hearts. Flip the script from simply managing rosters to actively renewing engagement. Say thank you, celebrate milestones, and ensure every voice is included in planning your service activities.

Empowering Global Impact Through LCIF

While we serve with passion locally, our reach extends globally through the [Lions Clubs International Foundation \(LCIF\)](#). When disaster strikes or major humanitarian needs arise, LCIF provides the grants that back our efforts.

I strongly encourage every Lion to consider making a personal donation to LCIF, and for clubs to build LCIF support into their annual budgets. Remember, 100% of your personal donations go directly toward funding Lions grants and programs. Every dollar counts toward changing a life, whether it is down the street or across the ocean.

Invite the DG: Schedule Your Official Club Visit

Connecting with each of your clubs is my highest priority this year. I want to celebrate your milestones, assist with your goal planning, and hear the unique ‘song’ your club sings in the community.

Please coordinate with your leadership team and submit your official date requests via the District 5M5 DG Club Visit Request Form. Early bookings help ensure we can get your preferred meeting dates locked in the calendar!

Upcoming Important Dates & District Events

Mark your calendars, step up your club involvement, and join us for these upcoming dates:

October 8-18, 2026: LCI Vision Week of Service

October 16-18, 2026: Regional Lions Leadership Institute

October 26, 2026: Guiding Lion Training

Thank you for everything you do to keep your clubs vibrant, welcoming, and dedicated to local and global service. Let’s keep singing our song of service loud and clear!

Yours in Lionism

DG Bruce Strachota





1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Lion Ken Kumpula

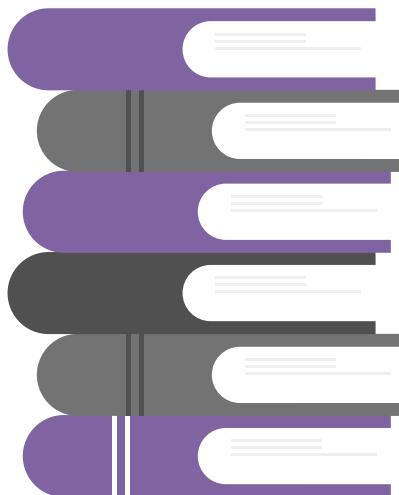
Greetings fellow Lions,

At the last All Club Meeting I jokingly referred to any Past President who has never taken on the role as a Zone Chair as cowards. I was assured by several people present that there were no cowards in the room. So, I was very surprised when no one reached out to take this opportunity. I am assuming you all just did not know how to get started with this. You can email me at mglionken@gmail.com.

The role of the Zone chair is critical to our district. Helping keep the clubs connected and sharing ideas about what works and what does not. Also helping to be a pipeline to the Cabinet for concerns or needs of a club and passing information about event or needs across the entire District. We have an immediate spot right now in zone 6 and there will be two that will be open next year.

I often wonder what tools and equipment we have across our district that get used once a year for that one event. My club has a crap ton of fatigue mats that we use twice a year. A few weeks back I helped out at the Osseo Roar, passing canned adult beverages out while standing on asphalt.... I am thinking of a small rental fee back to our club's admin account... thoughts on this topic?

In service, Lion Ken.



Lions of District 5M,

Let me start by saying that your Global Extension Team (GET) is working hard to help bring a new Lions club to our district!

We are looking at different communities, exploring different approaches, and trying different ways to get Lions involved. Our goal is not simply to start a club—we want to find communities where Lions can make a meaningful difference. We are looking at the needs of each community and asking some important questions:

- **What does this community need?**
- **Where can Lions make a difference?**
- **Who are the community leaders and organizations we can work with?**
- **How can we introduce Lions and spark an interest in service?**

Building a successful Lions club starts with understanding the community. We want to listen first, learn what the community needs, and then build a Lions presence around those needs.

But the GET team cannot do this alone.

We need you!

If you would like to be part of the team, please reach out to Lion Michael. Maybe you have insight into a community we should be looking at. Maybe you know someone who lives or works in an area without a Lions club. Perhaps you know a community leader, business owner, organization, or group that could help us make connections.

Whatever your connection or idea may be, we want to hear from you.

The GET team meets once a month by Zoom on Sunday evening. There are also times when we communicate through email rather than holding a formal meeting. We are continuing to research communities, identify opportunities, make connections, and find ways to bring Lions service to areas that currently do not have a Lions club.

Our district has not chartered a new club since 2016. We believe it is time to change that.

This will take all of us—not just the GET team. Every Lion has connections, experiences, ideas, and knowledge that could help us open the door to a new community.

- One conversation could lead to one connection.
- One connection could lead to a community meeting.
- One community meeting could lead to a new Lions club.

Let's work together to grow Lions, expand our service, and bring the spirit of "We Serve" to communities that need us.

Thank you for supporting your Global Extension Team and for everything you do for Lions and the communities we serve.

In Lionism,

Global Extension Team Coordinator

Lion Michael

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LIONS QUEST

CHART THE COURSE

With your map in hand, it's time to chart the course forward. Not every opportunity will move at the same pace, and that's okay. This month is about identifying your best potential partners—those most ready and aligned with Lions Quest. Ask:

- Which organizations serve the greatest need?
- Where do we already have relationships?
- Who is most open to conversation?

Lions Quest is not just a program—it's a partnership. Schools and organizations will appreciate a thoughtful, relationship-focused approach.

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....

From your earlier list, narrow down to your top 3 prospects and begin planning your approach. Decide who will reach out and how.

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Lead the Pride.
Launch the Quest.

WE NEED YOU!

Remember, we are not "selling" something. We are offering support, collaboration, and a shared commitment to youth success.

A clear path leads to confident steps.
This month, choose your direction—
and prepare to move forward.

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



Childhood
Cancer

Diabetes

Disaster

Environment

Humanitarian

Hunger

Vision

Youth

Service Begins With Us

Sharing ideas. Sharing hands. Sharing service.



5M-5's October Service Focus is Vision

Vision is one of the ways Lions have been serving communities for generations. This month, consider what your club can do to help people see — and live — better.

- Connect with MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation about scheduling or volunteering with vision screening.
- Collect and sort used eyeglasses and give them new life donating through Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.
- Look around and ask if there are vision related needs within your community.

Need an idea? Connect with 5M-5 Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Trustee: Lion David Danielson (DavidDanielson2@gmail.com)

5M-5 SERVICE FOCUS

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

Diabetes Awareness Month

November is coming up quickly. What diabetes-related need do you see in your community?

Start making plans now.

- Invite 5M-5's Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MLDF) trustees to speak at your club meeting.
- Conduct a food drive for your local food shelf that collects foods and beverages needed by people living with diabetes.
- Raise awareness about diabetes and offer screening.

Connect with 5M-5's Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation trustees for ideas and resources.

Lion Marcia Plaschko (plaschkoma@aol.com)

Lion Paul Newman (newmanpe@spacestar.net)

TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CLUB

What is one service project your club could do if you had another 10 pairs of hands? Where would the hands come from?

- Another Lions club? A Leo club?
- A community organization / business?
- Friends or family members?

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

What needs exist in your community that Lions could help address?

Who in your community could help your club see a need you might otherwise miss?

Sometimes the best place to start service is by simply asking, "How can our Lions help?" Ask your community leaders, neighbors and others for info about community needs. Consider partnerships to expand service.

SERVICE BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Lion Sara

5M-5 GST coordinator

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Dear Lion,

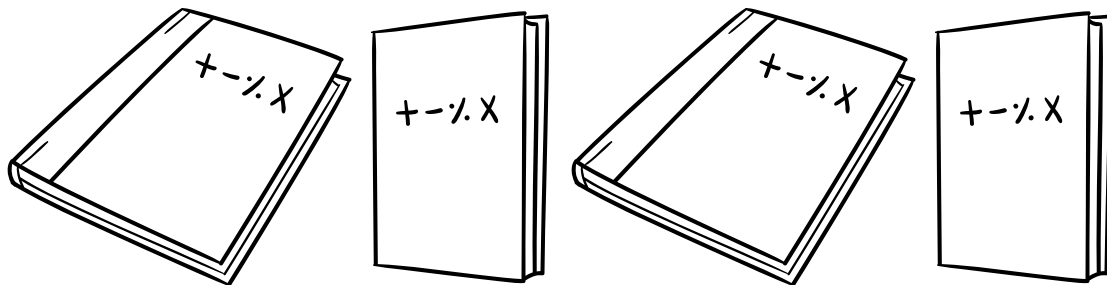
Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised that this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

[Annual Tax Filing Information](#) ▶

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Kindest regards,
Legal Division
Lions Clubs International





PRESS RELEASE

October 1, 2026

Judy Zewers Announces Campaign for Lions International Director

“The Power of We” campaign focuses on engagement, inclusion, inspiration and service

SHOREVIEW, Minn. — Judy Zewers, an experienced Lions leader, educator and longtime community volunteer, has announced her candidacy for Lions International Director, launching a campaign centered on a simple but powerful belief: Lions accomplish more when they work together.

With the campaign theme “The Power of We — Together in Service, Together in Leadership,” Zewers is emphasizing the collective strength of Lions and the importance of bringing together clubs, districts, generations and members from different backgrounds around a shared commitment to service and membership growth. She is seeking the endorsement at the MD5M multiple convention, April 17, 2027.

“One Lion can make a difference, but together, as a team, we can make an even greater impact,” said Zewers. “The Power of We is about listening to one another, valuing what each person brings to the table and moving forward together.”

Zewers’ campaign is built around four key pillars: Engagement, Inclusion, Inspiration and Service. Her priorities include giving Lions a voice at all levels of the organization, creating meaningful and flexible opportunities for involvement, encouraging emerging and younger leaders, strengthening mentorship and leadership development, and sharing the stories that demonstrate the impact Lions make in their communities.

A lifelong member of a Lions family, Zewers has served in numerous leadership positions within District 5M6 and Multiple District 5M, including Global Membership Chair, Global Service Chair, Zone Chair, Vice District Governor, Qualified Faculty Development Instructor, District Governor and Council Chair. She has also served as a Guiding Lion, assisted with chartering the Lions Club in Arden Hills/Shoreview and helped establish a Leo Club in partnership with local schools. Judy is currently a Trustee of the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. She was also on the planning committee of the 2026 Summer Special Olympics. She will be a Co-Chair for the 2029 Lions International Convention, which will be held Minneapolis.

Zewers has received numerous honors for her service and leadership, including the Melvin Jones Fellowship, Helen Keller Hearing Research Fellowship, International President’s Award, International Leadership Award, three LCIF President’s Awards and the LCIF Chairperson’s Award.

At the heart of Zewers’ campaign is a commitment to listen—to Lions of different ages, backgrounds, experience levels, clubs and districts—and use those perspectives to strengthen the organization.

“When Lions feel heard, included and inspired, they become more engaged,” Zewers said. “And when more people bring their ideas, skills and energy to the table, we are better equipped to do what Lions do best: serve.”

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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 or follow “Denise Marie Laudenbach for International Director” on Facebook and @denise_marieforid on Instagram.

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Your **Zone Chairs are hard at work!**

Zone Chairs play an important role in keeping our clubs connected and informed.

Being a Zone Chair is also a really rewarding experience. It gives us the opportunity to visit other Lions clubs, see how different clubs operate and learn from the great things they are doing. More importantly, it allows us to build connections and friendships with Lions throughout our district.

What Does a Zone Chair Do?

As Zone Chairs, we are here to support our clubs and our fellow Lions in many different ways. We can help answer questions, provide support when clubs need it, and bring concerns or ideas from our clubs back to the district. We like to visit our zone's club meetings at least once a year.

Some of the things Zone Chairs do include:

- Checking in with our clubs to see how things are going.
- Providing updates at Cabinet Meetings about what our clubs are doing.
- Submitting summary reports following club visits.
- Sharing important district information with our clubs so every Lion has the opportunity to stay informed.
- Providing support during the Mid-Winter Convention.
- Encouraging clubs to connect with their neighboring Lions clubs and find ways to support one another.

But being a Zone Chair is about much more than completing reports and attending meetings.

It is about building relationships.

We want to see clubs talking with their neighboring clubs, sharing ideas, working together, and helping one another succeed. Sometimes one club may have an idea, resource, or experience that could make a difference for another club. The Zone Chair can help create those connections.

In many ways, **we are the bridge between the clubs and the district.** We bring information from the district to the clubs, but we also bring the voices, ideas, questions, and concerns of our clubs back to the district. And just as we support our clubs, Zone Chairs support one another. We check in with each other, share experiences, and help new Zone Chairs learn what the position is all about.

Thinking About Becoming a Zone Chair?

If you have served as your club's president and are thinking about becoming a Zone Chair, **ask a current Zone Chair about the experience.**

We would be more than happy to talk with you about what we do, what we have learned, and what it is like to serve in this position.

Being a Zone Chair is an opportunity to learn, serve, connect, and build relationships throughout Lions.

Together, we can make our clubs stronger, our zones stronger, and our district stronger.

In Lionism, Zone Chairs

REGION CHAIR (term ends 2028)[Vickie Parks](#)vickieparks@gmail.com**ZONE 1 CHAIR** (term ends 2027)[Laurie Carlson](#)lcarlson@candocanines.org*Hopkins Noontime Lions (now meets evenings and name changing soon)**Loretto Lions**Mpls. Can Do Canines Lions**New Hope Lions**Wayzata Lions***ZONE 2 CHAIR** (term ends 2027)[Regina Aiken](#)Raiken1950@gmail.com*Eden Prairie Lioness Lions**Eden Prairie Lions**Hopkins Lions**Northwest Tonka Lions**Orono Lions**Saint Bonifacius Lions***ZONE 3 CHAIR** (term ends 2027)[Shari Thurston](#)seethurston@comcast.net*Edina Lions**Mpls Ambassadors Lions**Mpls Next Generation Downtown Lions**Mpls Northside Roaring Lions**Richfield Lions**St. Louis Park Lions***ZONE 4 CHAIR** (term ends 2027)[Sherrie Buda](#)sher0704@gmail.com*Bloomington Lions**Camden Lions**Excelsior Lions**Mpls Northeast Lions**Mpls Southwest Lions**Mpls Special Olympics MN Lions***ZONE 5 CHAIR** (term ends 2027)[Michael Crenshaw](#)bplionmichael@gmail.com*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)[Vickie Parks](#)vickieparks@gmail.com*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:*

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Lego drop off.

District 5M5 collected 180 Lego kits for M Health Children's Hospital.

US/Canada Leadership Forum



US/Canada Leadership Forum



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US/Canada Leadership Forum pictures

**Lion Terry P. got his Bachelor's Degree,
Lion Grant H. got his Bachelor's & Masters Degree,
Lion Michael C. got his Master's Degree**



**Brooklyn Park Lions helping at Osseo Roar.
Lions working together.**



Brooklyn Park Lions Waffle Breakfast

ICA Food Drive
Excelsior Lions along with other community businesses raised funds and collected food for ICA Food Shelf.



Excelsior Lions Club Golf Classic 2026
Excelsior Lions put the "fun" in fundraising with our annual Golf Classic at Timber Creek Golf Course!





The Grief Club Healing Hearts Soiree
Excelsior Lions sponsored and volunteered at this event. The Grief Club provides free counseling to grieving MN families and children.



Excelsior Lions promote their "Christmas in Excelsior 2026" fundraiser at Apple Days in Excelsior.



There are moments in every Lion's journey when a story comes along that touches the heart, changes their perspective, and creates a desire to do more. For one Lion, that moment came through a very personal connection.

We all know someone who has battled cancer in some form. Before joining Lions, this Lion experienced the heartbreak of losing someone very close to him — his aunt. She battled an aggressive cancer that resulted in more than 13 tumors being removed from her brain. Eventually, she lost the use of the right side of her body. There was nothing he, or anyone else, could do to change what was happening to her.

That experience never truly left him.

Then he met Charlie, a 16-year-old young lady who is battling a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer. Once again, those emotions came rushing back. It brought a simple but powerful question to mind: **What more can we do?**

How can we make a difference? How can we let Charlie know that she is not alone? How can we help her family and siblings know that their Lions family is standing beside them?

Sometimes, making a difference doesn't require something huge. Sometimes, it starts with one simple idea.

Someone came up with the idea of a district-wide LEGO drive to help bring some joy and support to young people and families facing something no family should have to endure. To some, a LEGO set might not seem like a big thing. But to a young person battling cancer, or to a brother or sister watching their family go through it, that simple gift can mean so much more. It can provide a moment of happiness, a distraction, something to look forward to, and most importantly, a reminder that **they are not alone.**

As Lions, we are called to serve.

Many Lions feel a personal connection to certain causes. Sometimes we know exactly why something touches our hearts. Other times, we may not even be able to explain it. We simply feel compelled to do something—to help, to give, to make someone's day a little better.

Every Lion has a story. Every Lion has experiences that have shaped who they are and why they serve. Those personal stories often become the reason we care so deeply about making a difference in the lives of others.

And that is exactly what happened with this LEGO drive.

Seeing Lions from across the district come together and collect **180 LEGO sets** was more than just counting boxes. It was seeing the power of Lions working together. One club, one Lion, or one donation might seem small by itself. But when Lions come together, those small acts become something much bigger.

The 180 LEGO sets represented 180 reminders that someone cares. They represented hope, kindness, compassion, and the willingness of Lions to step up when someone needs them.

That is the power of Lions.

We may not be able to change someone's diagnosis. We may not be able to take away their pain. But we can stand beside them. We can let them know they are not forgotten. We can bring a smile to a young person's face during one of the hardest times of their life.



**That is why we are Lions.
That is why We Serve!**



On The Trail Again

September 23, 2026

By Beth Billstrom -

"I live near a beautiful bike trail that winds throughout the community. I love to walk the trail and spend time outdoors," Mary shares as she looks at Patsy, her Can Do Canines Hearing Assist Dog. "But once my hearing really started to degrade, those walks became filled with anxiety and fear. The bikes whiz by so fast! It's startling! My hearing devices don't pick up sounds from behind, so I couldn't hear the riders approaching, even if they called out to me. Sadly, I stopped doing what I love. I stopped walking the trails." Patsy looks up at Mary as though she understands her person has suddenly become sad.

Mary began losing her hearing years ago. It started slowly. She wasn't too surprised because members of her family also have hearing loss. She used to be very active and ran a resort on a beautiful lake. When that ended, Mary began pet-sitting dogs and cats. She often would stay overnight while the owners were away. "I loved my clients! I didn't have pets of my own, so I really enjoyed my time with the animals. It felt so restorative."

However, her hearing continued to degrade, and she needed to wear devices in both ears. "I really wanted to continue pet-sitting. But, without my devices, I just couldn't hear anything. I was worried that something would go wrong when I wasn't wearing them, and I wouldn't hear it. It wasn't safe for me, the animals, or the owners. I had to stop pet-sitting, too."

Mary's hearing loss continued to negatively impact her life. Her world became smaller and far more difficult to navigate. As a result, Mary could sense she was withdrawing. "Finally, a friend told me about this wonderful organization, Can Do Canines! What a life-changer. I contacted them and a year later, here's Patsy! She is such a blessing!"

Although Mary was excited about getting her own Can-Do Canine, apprehension surfaced. "I was a little concerned if I could handle my own dog. I also wondered if Kallista, my cat, would be okay with a dog around full-time. Worries. They can get you! But it's really working out fine. Patsy and Kallista are very entertaining together. They play throughout the day. They make me laugh! Between laughs, I do have to work on being a leader to Patsy, though. She's so sweet, and she does love her treats!"

Mary and Patsy now spend their days together walking the trails, enjoying the fresh air and the changing seasons. Mary is once again a relaxed and confident walker, since Patsy naturally reacts to surrounding sounds. Patsy also accompanies Mary to the library and around town and loves to let Mary know when visitors are at the door or the phone is ringing.

Looking into Patsy's coal-black eyes, Mary says, "I can just get lost in those eyes! They are so expressive. Patsy is trained to be my Hearing Assist Dog, but she gives me so much emotional support. I don't know where I would be without her."

Mary can't say enough about the wonderful relationship she and Patsy are developing. "The more we're together, the more attuned we become to each other. Patsy truly is a special dog. My life is so much more fulfilling now. Words are inadequate to thank each and every person at Can Do Canines for their contribution in growing this beautiful miracle. Your love, time, and dedication shine through Patsy in every breath she takes. I mean that sincerely. You've brought out the very best in her. Endless thanks!"

Thank you to all those who made this partnership possible:

Whelping Home — Mark and Kim Diekmann

Raisers — The Elkins Family, Nathan and Amy Thome

Special Thanks — Federal Prison Camp-Duluth, Federal Correctional Institution-Sandstone

Name-A-Puppy Donor — Kelley and Tom Gunkel



As members of District 5M5, service is a big part of what we do. We usually think of service as things like cleaning up parks, helping with food drives, or volunteering in our communities. But there's another important way we can serve this season: staying informed about the upcoming state, local, and federal elections.

For many of us in the Leo Club, voting is still a few years away. Regardless, the decisions made in these elections can affect our schools, communities, and future. Things like funding for youth programs, education, and other policies can have an impact on our everyday lives.

Just because we are under 18 doesn't mean we cannot get involved. Being a good citizen starts with paying attention and learning about what's happening around us. We can talk with our friends, families, and neighbors, research the candidates, learn about local referendums, and understand some of the issues Minnesota is facing. Getting involved now can help us to become informed voters in the future.

There are also ways to participate in elections before we can vote. There are local polling places that have opportunities for students to volunteer or serve as election judges. These are great ways to get a better understanding of how elections actually work. We can also encourage the eligible adults in our lives to register to vote and take part in the election.

The Leo motto is Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. Staying informed and involved in our communities is one way we can put that motto into action. This election season, take some time to listen, learn, and get involved. We may not all be able to vote yet, but we can still play a part in shaping the future, we want.

District 5M5 Leo Club President
Audra Houdek





Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Reaches \$1 Million Milestone

It's about the kids.

That simple phrase has been at the heart of the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF) from the beginning—and it was especially meaningful on September 22 when we celebrated a major milestone at Masonic Children's Hospital.

The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation has now provided **more than \$1 million in cumulative support to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital's Childhood Cancer Survivor Program.**

Standing in the hospital lobby and seeing **"MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation"** on the donor wall was a proud moment for all of us. But this accomplishment belongs to far more people than those of us who serve on the MLCCF board.

It belongs to **Lions clubs throughout District 5M-5 and across the entire MD5M Lions family.**

Over the years, clubs have held fundraisers, made donations, sponsored events and found countless creative ways to support children and families affected by childhood cancer. Every golf tournament, rodeo, community fundraiser, Believe Award and individual contribution has helped bring us to this moment.

Thank you to every Lions club, Lion and supporter who has helped make this possible.

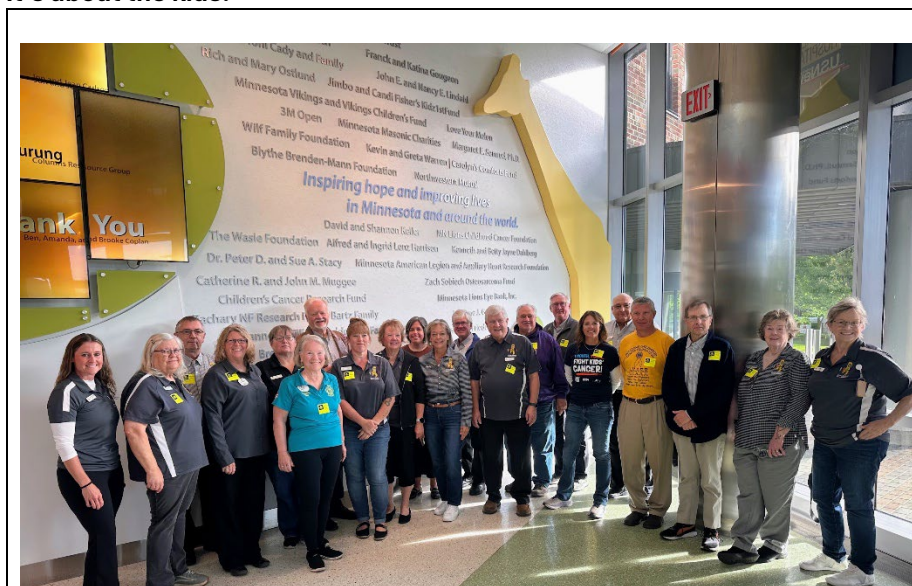
Our partnership with Masonic Children's Hospital supports important work in childhood cancer survivorship and research. The generosity of Minnesota Lions is helping researchers and medical professionals continue their efforts to improve the lives of children who have battled cancer and the families who walk beside them.

As we celebrated the \$1 million milestone, we were reminded that this isn't simply about a number on a wall. **It's about the children behind that number—and about giving them better opportunities for healthier futures.**

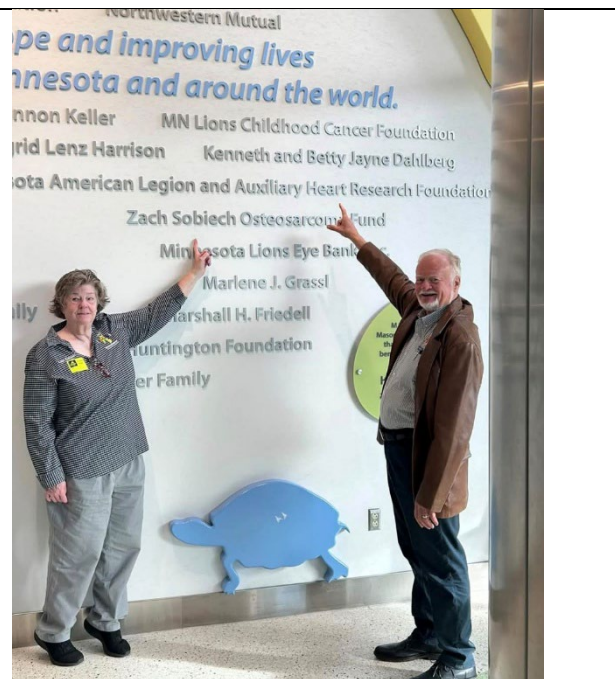
From all of us at the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, **thank you, Minnesota Lions.**

We couldn't have reached this milestone without you.

It's about the kids.



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612.867.7249
edenprairiegary@gmail.com



Colleen Patterson, MLCCF Secretary
612.275.7785
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**MLDF Named 2027 Grandma's Marathon Charity Partner
Run for a Cause: Supporting a Future Without Diabetes**

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MLDF) is proud to announce that it has been selected as an official 2027 Grandma's Marathon Charity Partner!

This exciting partnership brings together two organizations with a shared commitment to community, healthy lifestyles, and making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Grandma's Marathon will take place on **Saturday, June 19, 2027**, with the scenic 26.2-mile course running from Two Harbors to Duluth along the beautiful shores of Lake Superior.

For MLDF, this opportunity is about much more than running a race. It is a chance to raise awareness of diabetes, bring people together around an important cause, and generate financial support for programs that make a difference.

Run for Diabetes Awareness

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation was established by Lions who share a longstanding commitment to improving the lives of people affected by diabetes. MLDF raises funds to support diabetes research, education, screening, and prevention programs, with the goal of helping find a cure.

Lions, please share this information with family and friends. Race registration starts on October 1 and typically fills up very quickly. After this, the partnership opportunity begins. The Diabetes Foundation will have race bibs for sale. Registration fee will go to Grandma's; the rest will go to the diabetes foundation.

Join Team MLDF

For more information Look at the website:

<https://grandmasmarathon.com/the-marathon/programs/>

Scroll down to Charity Partner's and Click on Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

**Lace up. Raise awareness. Raise funds. Run for the future without diabetes.
Catch the Dream — A World Without Diabetes.**

Marcia Plaschko
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Osseo, MN 55369
763-486-5064
plaschkoma@aol.com

Jim Webb
5950 Birchwood St.
Shoreview, MN 55126
612-916-6955
jimdbba-u@hotmail.com

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!

Thanksgiving For Vision Silent auction items needed, please contact Lion David ASAP.

Lion David Danielson
612.327.5872
daviddanielson2@gmail.com



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

**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 1st.

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 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

Email your Flyer or Event information to:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



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Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN



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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**Brooklyn Park Lions Club
Presents**



Bring your best
A global competition
Saturday, October 10th
4pm to 8pm



Come out and enjoy a friendly competition while enjoying food from around the globe. Bring your friends and family and vote for which signature dish you think is the best. Come, join the Lions for our first global food competition.



Adults Tickets: **\$20** (Red)
Youth Tickets 6-17: **\$10** (Yellow)
Additional Voting Tickets:
\$10 (Blue)



Embassy Suites
6300 Earle Brown Dr,
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430




Robbinsdale
Lions

BINGO
AND MEAT
RAFFLE

Add a little bit of body
text

Enjoy a fun afternoon of games,
prizes, and good company.

OCTOBER 10 AT 3 PM, WICKED WORT BREW HOUSE
4165 WEST BROADWAY, ROBBINSDALE
FOOD, BEER AND COCKTAILS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

\$20 per pack
Extra sheets \$2
Meat Raffle between
games. \$2 and \$5
rounds.
Profits after payout
will go to a local
charity



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THREE WEEKS. THREE POWERFUL CAUSES.

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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.



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. TOGETHER, WE LEAD.

- SERVICE
- DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE
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- COLLABORATION
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- INNOVATION

\$35.00 PER PERSON

ST LOUIS PARK LIONS CLUB

CASINO BUS TRIP

TREASURE ISLAND CASINO
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026

BUS WILL LEAVE FROM SPIRIT OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH AT 10 AM AND WILL RETURN BY 4 PM. ALL GUESTS WILL RECEIVE \$20 PLAY CARD AND \$5 VOUCHER TOWARD FOOD. TO REGISTER FOLLOW LINK BELOW

<https://tinyurl.com/slplionsbustrip>

OCTOBER 2026

LIONS QUEST

CHART THE COURSE

With your map in hand, it's time to chart the course forward. Not every opportunity will move at the same pace, and that's okay. This month is about identifying your best potential partners—those most ready and aligned with Lions Quest. Ask:

- Which organizations serve the greatest need?
- Where do we already have relationships?
- Who is most open to conversation?

Lions Quest is not just a program—it's a partnership. Schools and organizations will appreciate a thoughtful, relationship-focused approach.

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....

From your earlier list, narrow down to your top 3 prospects and begin planning your approach. Decide who will reach out and how.

WE NEED YOU!

Remember, we are not "selling" something. We are offering support, collaboration, and a shared commitment to youth success.

A clear path leads to confident steps. This month, choose your direction—and prepare to move forward.

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

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO:

Name:

Rob Rand, robrandmn@gmail.com
Daren Johnson, liondaren5m5@gmail.com

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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!

ChatG



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
651-226-0205



Empowerment is the
key to success!



SECOND 5M-5 CABINET MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

6pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant
12650 Elm Creek Blvd.
Maple Grove

Cabinet Members Non-Cabinet Members

Free \$20

All Beverages: Cash Bar

RSVP no later than **October 25th**
Email: rjmackenzie64@gmail.com



Holiday Craft Boutique

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



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



Can Do Canines Open House Saturday, November 7, from noon to 2 p.m. 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN

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

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

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

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

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

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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December 5th Maple Grove Lions Breakfast & Lunch with Santa



Crystal Lions Steak Fry



December 9, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

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Lions Clubs International Foundation presents...



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

2027 JUNE SUMMER CAMP

June 20th - June 24th

at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN

For more information:
Website: campsweetlife.org Email: info@campsweetlife.org
Phone: 507-934-9352
Financial Assistance Available

Run for Diabetes

Run for a cure.

Run for Hope: A Cure for Type 1 Diabetes

Minnesota Lionns Diabetes Foundation is partnering with Grandma's Marathon as one of 27 participating charities.

Registration starts 10/1

For registration visit us at:
<https://raceroster.com/events/2027/140398/2027-grandmas-marathon-weekend-races>

Race is June 19, 2027 in Duluth MN

2027 JULY SUMMER CAMP

July 25th - July 29th

at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, MN

For more information:
Website: campsweetlife.org Email: info@campsweetlife.org
Phone: 507-934-9352
Financial Assistance Available