



*Together we are Changing the World*

*October 2023*

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**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Eden Prairie Lions**  
October 17, 1960

**Minneapolis Riverview Lions**  
October 17, 1962

**Hamel Lions**  
October 16, 1977



**New MD5M Privacy Policy**

A new privacy policy was approved at the May MD5M Council of Governors' meeting. Effective July 1, 2023, MD5M implemented an "opt-put" process for member information. The opt-out form allows MD5M Lions members to select the information they want to opt out of sharing. Click on above title to learn more and access an "Opt" Out form.

**Peace Poster / Essay Contest Deadline**

October 1 is the postmark deadline for ordering Peace Poster / Essay contest kits from Lions Clubs International. The contest provides children an opportunity to creatively express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art or written word. Click on above title to learn more, or contact Amy Sunstrom 5M5 Peace Poster / Essay Contest coordinator.

**SCAM ALERT**

There is a scam going on concerning my email. If you receive an email request to purchase gift cards from Amazon or another place, to give out as awards from me, DG Dick, DO NOT PURCHASE!! Please call me if you receive this request  
DG Lion Dick



We change the world by enriching lives through service. We change the world by transforming our communities. We change the world by working together.

Dr. Patti Hill  
2023-2024  
Lions Clubs  
International  
President



# DISTRICT INFORMATION

## [Calendar of Events and Activities](#)

District 5M5's calendar is your key source for information on what is happening at the club, District, Multiple, and International levels. The 5M5's District website calendar is updated throughout the month at [Lions5M5.org](http://Lions5M5.org)

## [5M5 District Website Update](#)

5M5's website has a new look! Check out the website for information, resources and calendar. Click on above title to learn more.

## [Email Your Photos](#)

Please email photos of your Lions in action - club, district and beyond.

## [Share Your Club Service and Activities on Facebook](#)

District Facebook pages also have frequent postings.

[District 5M5 - Lions Service](#) Facebook email to [Lion Bernie Braegelmann](#)

[District 5M5 Lions](#) Facebook email to [Lion Kristine Morin](#).

## [Informer Deadline](#)

Do you have info to share?

The deadline to submit information for the next month is 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.





Fellow Lions,

A big thank you to PDG Rob Hed for heading up support from 5M5 and other districts within our multiple for funds to offset LCIF grants. These donations have greater flexibility and less restrictions and can be used to fill in the gaps left by LCIF funds. To all clubs who donated a huge thank you for your donations to the Hawaii Relief Disaster fund.



**Kindness Matters Service Award** is headed up by Chair GST Global Service Team PDG Bernie this is time sensitive by the end of October 31. All clubs are encouraged to participate please contact PDG Bernie Braegelmann email ([bernixie@gmail.com](mailto:bernixie@gmail.com)) for application forms.

Hopefully all interested lions have completed the application form for RLLI Oct. 13-15 Bemidji and made the September 22, deadline.

All clubs working on membership growth Pump up the Pride is still out there and active. Those who are receiving Stars and Dongles keep up the Lions work in recruiting and thank you.

Coming up January 5-7, 2024, Mid-Winter Convention, clear your calendars for a great weekend information will be forthcoming on the webpage and Informer. A great time to visit and see each other after a year or more of not seeing each other network and marketing.

DG Club Visit Request Form is located on 5M5 web site. It would be a pleasure to visit you and your clubs.

In trying to keep up to date with email addresses for the Informer and members contact information, this is a request for all club secretaries, as time allows, to go through their roster and send any changes or the updated roster to the Informer at ([liondistrict5m5@gmail.com](mailto:liondistrict5m5@gmail.com)) Thank you.

Minnesota State Fair Activities Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, to all Lions Clubs and members who put in time and effort doing the Lions work throughout the grounds. Selling tickets, working booths, KidSight Screening at the KARE 11 Health Building, screened over 3,000 kids 350 referrals best year yet at State Fair. I visited throughout the district, Excelsior, Maple Grove, Bloomington, new members initiated into all three clubs. That's huge! More to come. Thank you all for improving membership.

I greatly appreciate everybody's time and effort to serve their communities, meeting the needs as only Lions can. Your continued service projects and fundraising events old and new are huge. With new members being initiated into clubs there are new ideas for fundraising and service projects which they can head up with the help of experienced members to guide and support the new events. I look forward to meeting with the Lions Clubs of District 5M-5 throughout the year.

Take Care. Yours in Lionism,

DG Dick Kentzelman

## FUTURE LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES



Hello, my name is Lion Bruce Strachota, and I am running for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor for Lion year 2024-2025. I have been a member of the St. Louis Park Lions Club since 1999. In those many years I have been President, Vice-President, Secretary, Tail Twister and Board member. I have chaired many events over the years. In the district I have held the office of zone chair (2014-2015) and Region Chair (2015-2016). I have also served on the 5M5 cabinet as USA Canada Forum Chair. I have attended Regional Leadership training and am a Certified Guiding Lion. I have received the following awards: Lion of the Year (twice), Pancake Award (twice), Club Chaplain Award (twice), Everyday Hero Award, as well as the Melvin Jones Award. I am currently serving as Club Secretary and Zone Chair for Zone 1. I am also a certified KidSight screener.

What caught my attention and continues to capture my attention are the stories that recipients of cornea transplants and cochlear implants have to tell about how the Lions have effected their lives so dramatically. I really feel the impact of being a Lion when I hear these stories firsthand. I have attended many conventions including Midwinter (continuously from 1999 on), Multiple, International and USA Canada Forum (4 times). I would be humbled to have the opportunity to serve as 2 nd Vice District Governor and will always do my best to serve people to the best of my ability.

Outside of Lions I am very active in my church. Currently, I am council president of my congregation and have also served as musical director of the Sunday school choir and have directed many Christmas pageants. I currently am a member of ESA (Epsilon Sigma Alpha-a non-collegiate sorority that raises money for St Jude among many other organizations). I served as president of my chapter for 2 years and have been on the planning committee for the state convention. I have also served as Chaplain for MN ESA. I am employed by Edina Realty and have been with them for over 20 years.



## DID YOU KNOW.....

....that the clubs in 5M5 are always adding new members? In fact, last year 5M5 finished the year in positive membership with a net growth of 22 members. And this year you have already added a total of 30 new members to your clubs. That's outstanding!

But what does that have to do with leadership and the Global Leadership Team (GLT)? With all those new members, there is also a need for orientation for your new members and your club members in general. And that's where the GLT comes in. Among other responsibilities the GLT is here to help with orientation for your clubs.

Looking for resources for orientation? Click the following two links:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/member-orientation>

[New Member Orientation PowerPoint \(ME-13b\)](#)

If your club would like a member of the GLT give an orientation presentation, please contact any of the GLT members listed below. We would be happy to help you.

Your Global Leadership Team,

Lion Jennifer Gilbert, District GLT Coordinator  
Lion Kristine Morin  
Lion Bob Jechorek  
IPDG Jennifer Marshall

DG Dick Kentzelman  
2VDG Sara McFee  
Lion Robert Vokes



# GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)



District 5M5 Membership:	1,301 (As Of 9/27/23)
To Date Added Members:	31
To Date Dropped Members:	38
Net Gain/Loss:	-7

## Welcome New Lions Members!

### Brooklyn Park Lions Club

Jacob H Willis	Joined: 07/10/2023	Sponsor: Michael Crenshaw
Dalphine Willis	Joined: 07/21/2023	Sponsor: Michael Crenshaw
Terri L Edstrom	Joined: 08/14/2023	Sponsor: Richard Post

### Dayton Lions Club

Marcus Gilliam	Joined: 07/01/2023	Sponsor: Huy Nguyen
Roy N Nguyen	Joined: 07/01/2023	Sponsor: Huy Nguyen

### Eden Prairie Lioness Lions Club

Sharon Groven	Joined: 08/24/2023	Sponsor: Harriet Johnson
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### Eden Prairie Lions Club

Bruce Bykowski	Joined: 06/09/2023	Sponsor: Sponsor: Gary Stevens
Robert D Bowes	Joined: 07/17/2023	Sponsor: Curtis Conrad

### Excelsior Lions Club

Cheryl Holds	Joined: 08/03/2023	Sponsor: Josh Radziej
Jessica Smaagaard	Joined: 08/06/2023	Sponsor: Josh Radziej

### Hopkins Lions Club

Julie Swensen	Joined: 09/18/2023	Sponsor: Bernie Braegelmann
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### Hopkins Noontime Lions Club

Connor Price	Joined: 07/15/2023	Sponsor: Rebecca Boge
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### Maple Grove Lions Club

Jennifer L Laitinen	Joined: 09/05/2023	Sponsor: John Zenanko
Michael J Student	Joined: 09/19/2023	Sponsor: Kevan Lindley

### Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions Club

Megin Solie	Joined: 07/19/2023	Sponsor: Mike Wincek
Bonnie L. Warhol	Joined: 08/30/2023	Sponsor: Lea Dahl

### Minneapolis Northeast Lions Club

Priscilla K. Baker	Joined: 07/11/2023	Sponsor: Bernie Kunza
Rob Hunt	Joined: 07/01/2023	Sponsor: Sherrie Buda
Kelli Potratz	Joined: 07/01/2023	Sponsor: Sherrie Buda

### New Hope Lions Club

Jennifer Bakkom-Gatzke	Joined: 09/07/2023	Sponsor: Andrew Geier
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### Northwest Tonka Lions Club

Karen L Dolorenzo	Joined: 06/28/2023	Sponsor: Eric Deadwyler
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## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) continued

### Osseo Lions Club

Heidi J Hill

Joined: 06/08/2023

Sponsor: Debra Edison

Christa J Wagner

Joined: 06/08/2023

Sponsor: Robin Kaehler

### Plymouth Lions Club

Ms. Brenda L. Hunter

Joined: 07/11/2023

Sponsor: Jim Bremer

### Robbinsdale Lions Club

Ian Mcintosh

Joined: 08/01/2023

### Rogers Lions Club

David Schreiber

Joined: 08/17/2023

Sponsor: Jeffrey Nadeau

### St Bonifacius Lions Club

Emily Raml

Joined: 06/29/2023

Sponsor: Wayne Gregg

Erik Raml

Joined: 06/29/2023

Sponsor: Wayne Gregg

### St Louis Park Lions Club

Roy H Erikson

Joined: 07/01/2023

Sponsor: Shari Thurston

Hannah M Maxwell

Joined: 07/01/2023

Sponsor: Shari Thurston

Jill K Erikson

Joined: 07/01/2023

Sponsor: Shari Thurston

Darlene Helmer

Joined: 07/01/2023

Sponsor: Shari Thurston

**“Together We Can” make this an amazing year for membership in District 5M5!**

District 5M5 GMT is here to support you.

Please contact me if you need any assistance.

### PCC Rob Rand

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

Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator

# GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)



By Lion Bernie Braegelmann & Lion Jodi Altenhofen

Here is the current report showing all the service that has been submitted on MyLion for our District:



This includes reports from 30 of our clubs with 7 of our 37 Lions clubs not reporting yet. Also, 1 of our 7 Leos Clubs have submitted reports, but the school year has just started so I am sure we will be seeing a lot more from them very soon.

Lions International asks that all clubs submit service reports each month. If you need help, reach out to us.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Special Feature Note:

If the Date (Month, Day) is blue and underlined, that is a link to more info, a flyer, an email or a website.

If the Date (Month, Day) is black and not underlined, there is no link or further information at this time.

**Submit articles and photos by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. to make the next issue.**

## October 2023

- [October 1](#) Mpls. Can Do Canines, Holiday Cards
- [October 1](#) Mpls. DT Next Gen, Seasonal Nuts Project
- [October 1](#) Postmark Deadline for ordering Peace Poster/Essay Contest kits from Lions International
- [October 5](#) Maple Grove Lions, Community Tribute to Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- [October 13-15](#) Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) in Bemidji
- [October 18](#) Coon Rapids Lions, Gerding Family Fundraiser
- [October 18](#) KidSight Training & Information, sponsored by Bloomington Lions
- October 21 Council of Governors meeting
- [October 22](#) Maple Grove Lions, Waffle Breakfast
- [October 27](#) Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation EyeBall
- [October 28](#) Downtown Next Generation Lions Club 2023 Annual Stair Climb
- [October 30](#) 5M5 Cabinet Meeting, RSVP to Lion Robert Vokes

## November 2023

- [November 13](#) All-Club Meeting, Crystal VFW, RSVP your name, club & meal choice.

## December 2023

- [December 1](#) John Lutter Memorial Award nominations due
- December 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

## January 2024

- [January 5-7](#) 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
- January 6 5M5 Cabinet Meeting (at Mid-Winter Convention)
- January 12-14 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), Vancouver, BC, Canada

## February 2024

## March 2024

- March 9 Council of Governors meeting
- March 18 5M5 Cabinet Meeting

## April 2024

- April 1 All-Club Meeting
- April 14 Eden Prairie Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM to 12 Noon
- [April 19-21](#) MD5M Multiple Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

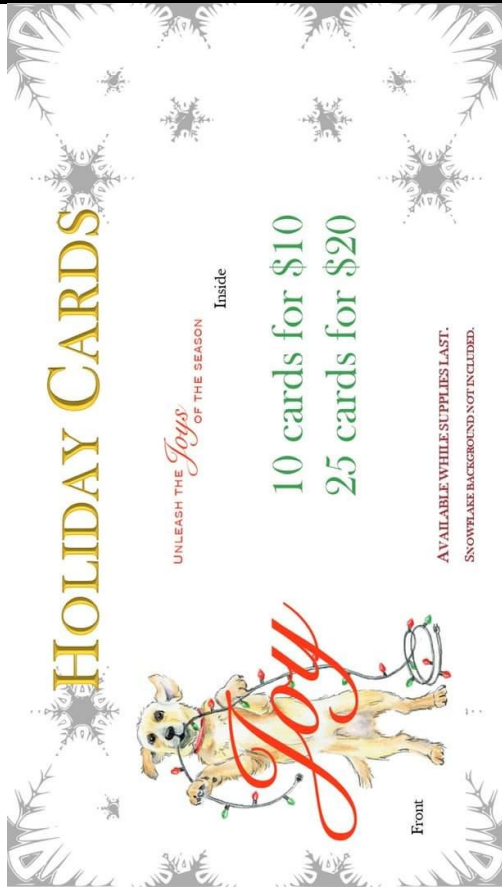
## May 2024

May 13 Club Officer Training

## June 2024

June 3 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk

- June 21-25 Lions Clubs International convention in Melbourne, Australia



**Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions Club Seasonal Nuts Project**

*A PERFECT GIFT THIS SEASON*



**DELUXE MIXED NUTS**  
The classic mix of fresh nuts  
NO peanut filler!



**JUMBO CASHEWS**  
True to tradition carefully selected & fresh roasted



**CHOCOLATE ALMONDS**  
Tasty almonds covered in dark chocolate



COMBO INCLUDES ALL 3

Freshly packed in one pound tins

**\$20**

Order NOW from your favorite Lion



Thanks for your generous nut purchase. 100% of the proceeds support a variety of charities we serve in our own community.

**Save the Date**  
**Community Tribute to Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
Dedicated to DV Prevention through Safe Communities

**Thursday, Oct 5, 2023**

5pm - 6pm arrival & check-in

6pm - 7pm program

music, speakers, candlelight vigil, Rain or shine

**Maple Grove Town Green Amphitheater**

7992 Main St. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369

More information to follow.



Mania's Voice

5M-5 PDG Fellowship

**\$13**



**STEAK DINNER**  
"All money raised will go towards district approved projects"



See a PDG for tickets

**Wednesday October 11th**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner**

**Crystal VFW #494**

**5222 Bass Lake Rd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429**





2023 MD5M Regional Lions' Leadership Institute (RLLI)

*RLLI prepares you for leadership roles within your club, district and multiple district.*

RLLI participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

You qualify for RLLI training if you:

- are a current member in good standing
- have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.
- meeting other Lions and sharing ideas
- have not attended RLLI in the past five years.
- like having FUN!!!!

RLLI Participants are required to:

- Attend all sessions of the three-day institute.
- You may commute to RLLI if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.
- Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of RLLI.
- Pay \$150 participation fee.
- Participants who complete all sessions and required assignments will receive a \$100 rebate upon completion of RLLI.

RLLI will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Bemidji, MN

October 13 - 15, 2023.

Room rate is \$119 plus tax

Completed applications, must be submitted to Your District Governor by September 22, 2023.

For more information about RLLI and the application process, contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor.



# RAISE SOME DOUGH

*Help support us!*

20% of sales will benefit the John Gerding family

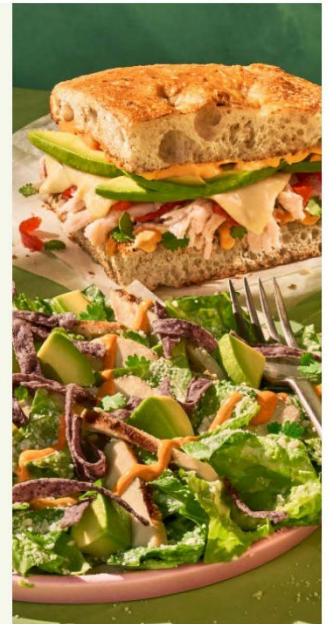
Coon Rapids Lions Foundation & the Coon Rapids Lions Club

October 18, 2023

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CST  
3540 River Rapids Drive

In Cafe Drive-Thru  
Pick-Up Delivery

Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.



Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.



Join us for....

## KIDSIGHT TRAINING & INFORMATION NIGHT

When:

Wednesday  
October 18th  
@ 6:30pm

Where

The Green Mill Bloomington  
Hyland Room  
1201 West 94th St  
Bloomington, MN 55431

What to Expect:

Learn about Kidsight and how to get started with vision screening. Practice on the Vision Scanners! Snacks are also provided

RSVP:

DebraRigel@gmail.com  
By 10/17

Contact:

Questions about  
Kidsight contact Lion  
Shari:  
SeeThurston@comcast.net  
612-790-0507



Community Eye Screening For Children

Sponsored By the  
Bloomington Lions



## BROOKLYN CENTER LADY LIONS SPAGHETTI DINNER & BAKE SALE

OCTOBER 22, 2023

3:00-6:00 PM

OSSEO AMERICAN LEGION  
(4<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE & HWY. 81)

\$10

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY & LIONS PROJECTS!

# Maple Grove Lions

SUNDAY , OCTOBER 22 , 2023

## Waffle Breakfast

8:00am - 1:00pm at the Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove MN

Enjoy delicious waffles, sausage links, hot and cold beverages and your choice of syrup.

All proceeds benefit the local community, visit us at [www.maplegrovelions.org](http://www.maplegrovelions.org)



MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

# EYE Ball

October 27, 2023 7:00pm-9:30pm

## Featuring The Jammers

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb Bialke at [liondeb@liondeb@gmail.com](mailto:liondeb@liondeb@gmail.com)

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

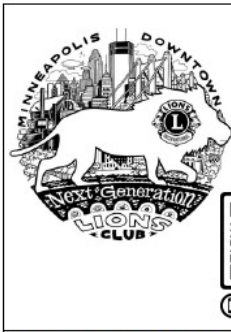
6155 Earle Brown Dr,

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Can your club donate wine for our wine cork pull?  
Contact Lion Deb Bialke at [liondeb@liondeb@gmail.com](mailto:liondeb@liondeb@gmail.com)

## Mpls Downtown Next Generation Lions Club 2023 Annual Stair Climb



Join us for this family friendly event!  
Saturday, Oct 28, 2023 10 a.m.

Climb up to 35 levels of the AT&T Tower:  
901 S Marquette Ave Mpls. 55402  
corner of Marquette Avenue and 9th St South

All ages and abilities welcome.

Costumes Encouraged!!

Check in/Registration begins 9:30 a.m.  
Climb begins 10:00 a.m.

Untimed Event. Climb at your own pace as many or few levels as you choose. Climb in person or virtually.

Participation: \$25 per person / \$75 group of 4



Scan to Register

Register at: <https://forms.gle/7anepspVcFc5xtsMA> and through our Facebook events page 'Next Gen Lions Annual Stair Climb.'

Stair Climb T-Shirts guaranteed to those who register by 10/15/2023. T-Shirts available for registrations received after the 15th on a first-come, first-serve basis, while supply lasts.

100% of net proceeds devoted to supporting community and/or Lions foundations and projects.

### Become a Sponsor for this event!

Sponsors are recognized on the main floor by registration, on the stair flights as participants climb and on social media. All sponsors receive t-shirts and registration for the climb. Sponsors may choose to set up a table in the lobby for giveaways or to talk with participants.

Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum \$500 Gold \$300 Silver \$100

If you have any questions about the event or becoming a sponsor please reach out to [ukharris31@gmail.com](mailto:ukharris31@gmail.com)



## District 5M-5



### Second Cabinet Meeting

Monday, October 30, 2023

Green Mill Restaurant & Bar  
1201 94<sup>th</sup> STREET, BLOOMINGTON

6:00 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Dinner: Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo Buffet

**Cabinet member must RSVP  
by October 23rd!!**

E-mail Robert Vokes  
[hisfootness@comcast.net](mailto:hisfootness@comcast.net)

All Lions are welcome: non-Cabinet Members must also RSVP and pay \$20 for dinner.





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A Continent of Volunteers.  
A World of Service.



# 5M-5 ALL CLUB MEETING

NOVEMBER  
13TH

▶ 5:30 PM Social  
6:00 PM Dinner

▶ Bring a Friend & Join Us For

- > Fun and Comraderie
- > Service Project Ideas
- > Recruiting Tips
- > Upcoming Events & Training Opportunities
- > Prize Drawings
- > Awards

CRYSTAL VFW Post 494  
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal  
55429

RSVP by Sunday November 5th  
with your Name, Club Name and  
Meal Choice to  
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com

\$20. Per Person  
Checks made Payable to the  
Crystal VFW  
Grilled Chicken or Pork Loin  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Dessert Sales



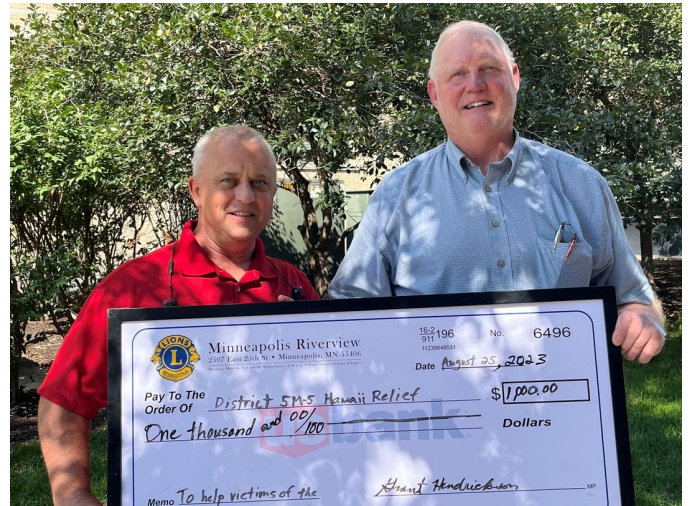
# LIONS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING



Maple Grove Lions helping with KidSight Screening at the Osseo Lions Roar



Lions from 5M5 vision screening for KidSight at the State Fair!





# LIONS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING





Minneapolis Can Do Canines Lions Club is selling holiday greeting cards.  
Please contact Lion Pat Heffernan at [heff00@gmail.com](mailto:heff00@gmail.com), or call/text at 651-497-1563.

The advertisement is framed by a decorative border of snowflakes and pine branches. At the top center, the words "HOLIDAY CARDS" are written in a large, gold, serif font. Below this, on the left, is an illustration of a golden retriever standing and holding a string of colorful Christmas lights. The word "Joy" is written in a large, red, cursive font across the dog's body. To the right of the dog, the text "UNLEASH THE Joys OF THE SEASON" is written in a mix of red and black fonts, with "Joys" in red cursive. Below that, the word "Inside" is written in a small black font. Further down, the pricing is listed: "10 cards for \$10" and "25 cards for \$20" in a green, serif font. At the bottom left, the word "Front" is written in a small black font. At the bottom center, the text "AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST." and "SNOWFLAKE BACKGROUND NOT INCLUDED." is written in a small black font.



# CHILDHOOD CANCER



The Hamel World Championship Rodeo presented a check for \$15,000 to the Foundation!  
What a great, generous group!  
Next Childhood Cancer Day at the Rodeo is July 11, 2024 - mark your calendars!!!



Foundation Director Gary Stevens accepting the check from the Rodeo.



The Minnesota State Fair is now history and our 5th year at the Health Fair 11 building has concluded. It was the hottest and dirtiest, driest state fair on record. We screened 3,104 kids, with 350 referrals for an 11% referral rate. We surpassed our prior best year, 2019, by 102 kids. Many thanks to the Lions and friends who gave of their time and put up with the heat and dust to get this done. We had Lions from the St Louis Park, Hamel, Maple Grove, Hopkins, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Downtown Next Generation, Minneapolis Ambassadors, Edina, Osseo, Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions, and Minneapolis

Southwest Clubs participate in screenings. Thank you!!

Lions from Edina, Maple Grove, Robbinsdale and St Louis Park participated in a screening event for the MN Vision Health Task Force which is focusing on vision health in the Indigenous population. We spent a day at Baby's Space preschool and childcare located in Little Earth Early Learning Center. We screened 47 kids with 17 referrals which is a little higher referral percentage. Thanks to Lions John Leroy, Tim Conaway, Coleen and Kenn Patterson for participating in this event.

Great news – From PDG Dennis Kelly, MD5M KidSight Chair: “It is with great pleasure and pride that I am informing you that MD5M finished in the top 10 Multiple Districts in this year’s KidSight USA contest “Project See Clearly 2022”. Congratulations to you and all of your dedicated Lions that made this happen. You are truly the best!!!!”



KidSight USA has announced the top 3 clubs in each multiple districts for the 2022-23 contest. Congratulations to the following clubs for their outstanding performance supporting the MD5M Lions KidSight Program.

- Spring Lake Park, 5M7
- Grand Rapids Cap Baker, 5M10
- Princeton, 5M8

Each club will be receiving a banner patch to recognize this achievement. Wouldn't it be great if a club in 5M5 could be in the top 3 next year???

We've been busy screening at city events this summer. It was HOT at “Schooner Days” in Eden Prairie, but we still screened 89 kids with 5 referrals. We competed with the “Teddy Bear Band” at “Rockin Rogers” and we screened 40 kiddos with 1 referral. St Louis Park’s “Parktacular” tallied 71 screens with 3 referrals. We had great fun screening at the Farmers Markets in Bloomington, another first, screening 89 kids with 5 referrals and 52 kids with 11 referrals at the second market.

## KIDSIGHT (continued)

We were at the Maple Grove Days (82 screened, 21 referrals), Mpls. NE Clubs Village Fest in St Anthony (45 screened, 0 referrals), the Brooklyn Center Community Health Fair (25 screened, 5 referrals), Robbinsdale Public Works Open House (88 screened 11 referrals) Richfield Unity In the Community (82 screened, 21 referrals), Brooklyn Park Back to School BBQ (80 screened 16 referrals), Osseo Lions Roar (48 screened 0 referrals), Brooklyn Park Waffle Breakfast (26 Screened 5 referrals) the Northside Lions Open Street event(56 screened, 12 referrals), and St Louis Park Fire Dept. Open House where we screened 87 Kiddos, 5 referrals in just 2 hours. Add some preschools to make it a VERY busy summer. Thank you to all the Lions that made this possible.

Stats for the last Lions year, from July 1 to June 30, showed we screened **3927** kids, doubling last year's total with **369** referrals. Amazing! 369 kids that we found possible abnormalities.... and will get help to see clearly,

Remember to put KidSight on your planning calendar. There are so many children that we haven't reached in our district and in your clubs' area. We can and need to give every child the opportunity to see clearly. Get involved, learn to screen, help with events and at schools, and encourage your club to participate. We're here to help you.

Contact us!

Thank you to the Lions that support KidSight in so many ways. We and all the children appreciate it.

Lion Bill Thurston  
[withurston@comcast.net](mailto:withurston@comcast.net)  
612-790-7367

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**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

This year, we are beginning the process of aligning the global causes of Lions Clubs International with the focus areas of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

As the process moves forward, you will begin to see references to the eight causes Lions International supports:

Childhood Cancer

Diabetes

Disaster Relief

Environment

Humanitarian

Hunger

Vision

Youth



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# MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

## MID WINTER CONVENTION 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER & LINKS TO THE FORMS

	Sleeping Room-use this link:
10-31-2023	<a href="#">Hospitality Room – Large; form and check due</a>
10-31-2023	<a href="#">Hospitality Room – Small; form and check due</a>
12-01-2023	<a href="#">Award, Al Jensen Leadership Award Nomination</a>
12-01-2023	<a href="#">Award, John Lutter</a>
12-29-2023	<a href="#">Meal Tickets; request and payment due</a>
12-29-2023	<a href="#">Memorial Requests; forms due</a>
01-01-2024	Award, Everyday Hero; form, additional meal request form and payment due (FORM IS PENDING)
01-05 to 07, 2024	Convention Dates
01-06-2024	Meeting



**Melbourne 2024**  
106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



## 2024 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, MN

January 5-7, 2024

### Large Hospitality Room Reservation Form - two night \$580 total

Lions Club:	<input type="text"/>	
Lion Checking In/Picking up Key:	<input type="text"/>	
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	
City:	<input type="text"/>	
ST:	<input type="text"/>	Zip Code: <input type="text"/>

### Large Club Hospitality Room - two nights \$580

The only acceptable form of payment for a large hospitality room is by check.  
A credit card will be required at check-in to cover incidentals.

Form AND Check for payment must be received by October 31, 2023  
There is no advantage to a club that submits their form and payment earlier.

Large rooms are assigned by lottery only.  
There are four large rooms, two on the 1st floor and two on the 2nd floor.  
Clubs may not request a 1st floor room. They are assigned by lottery only.

If not chosen for a large room, the payment will be applied to a small room.  
Refund of the difference will be sent to the club.

### To pay by check, make check payable to: **5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention**

Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group  
300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
[lions5M5conv@aol.com](mailto:lions5M5conv@aol.com)

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2024 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention  
Hilton DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, MN  
January 5 - 7, 2024

Small Hospitality Room Reservation Form

Lions Club:

Name of Person Checking In/Picking up Key:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

City:

ST:

Zip Code:

Large Club Hospitality Room - two nights \$460 - Total \$460.00

The only acceptable form of payment for a small hospitality room is by check.

Form AND Check for payment must be received to reserve a small hospitality room.

*A credit card will be required at check-in to cover incidentals.*

If a club wants two adjoining rooms, total is \$850.

*Please pay for two rooms and request adjoining on this form.*

*The club must contact the hotel directly prior to check-in, to have beds removed or for other special requests.*

*The club is responsible and must pay for these requests.*

To pay by check, make check payable to: 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Mail this form and your check to:

Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group  
300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

email: [lions5m5conv@aol.com](mailto:lions5m5conv@aol.com)

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**Appendix 26.0**  
**LION AL JENSEN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Selection Criteria**

**Selection Process:**

1. One or two awards may be presented annually to Lions who have been members for five years or more.
2. The candidates' selection must be based only on contributions at a District or Multiple level.
3. Each District Governor shall annually nominate no more than one Lion to receive the award.
4. The nomination must be on the official nomination form, signed by the District Governor and submitted to the Council Chair each year no later than March 1.
5. Final selection of the award recipients shall be made by a committee of the seated Council Chair and the two previous Council Chairs.

**Selection Criteria:** -The award shall be presented to the most qualified Lions nominated for the award, based on the following criteria:

**Leadership Characteristics:**

1. **Vision...** The ability to see or seek out new ideas and new ways to advance the humanitarian service of Lionism.
2. **Creativity...** Can see new ways to solve problems and to provide humanitarian service. Willingly solicits new ideas from others and helps implement the ideas without worrying about who shall get credit.
3. **Courage...** Follows through on commitments or a project no matter how difficult it may be. Openly accepts feedback, both complementary and critical, and is able to use the feedback to improve the overall success of the work.
4. **Initiative...** Willing to step up and make things happen. Accepts assignments when asked and volunteers where needed. Makes things happen and gets things done.
5. **Unselfishness...** Contributes without expecting something in return. Is most interested in the success of the work and the recognition of those who contributed to the success. Finds satisfaction in the success of the work and the people served, not in the power base that may be gained.
6. **Teamwork...** Success in organizing a team, delegating work within the team, assuring that all members of the team are informed and committed, and follows through to make sure that the work of the team is successful. Also the ability to listen, take suggestions or directions, communicate, and work successfully as a member of a team.
7. **Effectiveness in leading others...** Motivates others to be part of a project/ piece of work, gives them clearly defined recognition when the project/work is completed.
8. **Best exemplifies the leadership qualities of Lion Al Jensen.**

**Possible Areas of Leadership Accomplishments:**

1. Leading and/or performing leadership development activities.
2. Projects
3. New clubs started
  - a. Lions
  - b. Leo
4. Membership growth
5. Saving or strengthening of weak Lions Clubs

# Lion Al Jensen Leadership Award Nomination

*Candidate must have been a Lion for at least 5 years prior to nomination*

**Nomination Due Date March 1, 2023**

*(Please type or print)*

**NAME:**

**DATE JOINED LIONS:** *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

**DISTRICT:**

**CLUB:**

**OFFICES HELD:** *(Club, District, Multiple District, please list all)*

**How does this candidate qualify for the Lion Al Jensen Leadership Award?**

*(Please refer to the MDSM Policy Manual Appendix 26.0 for criteria)*

Signed by: District Governor

Submitted to: Council Chair

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**THIS FORM IS PENDING AND NOT THE OFFICIAL FORM**

**District 5M5 Everyday Hero Nomination Form**

*Every club has members who can always be counted on, always there to help with the next project. Every year at the 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention we celebrate the Lions who truly make a difference. Those Lions who embrace the vision of Lions International. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple:*

*We serve. It's something that unites Lions around the world.*

*It's unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes.*

*Lions help wherever, whenever and however we can.*

*Nominate "those" Lions...*

Name of Nominating Club:	<input type="text"/>
Club Address:	<input type="text"/>
Nominated Lion's Name:	<input type="text"/>
Short Bio and Reason for Nomination:	<input type="text"/>

**Please include a picture of nominee.**

Please include a check for \$65.00.

A nicely framed certificate and one (1) meal ticket is included.

**\*\*\* Payment must accompany the application for the Everyday Hero \*\*\***

Please use Convention Hospitality Meal Form.

Additional tickets for the banquet can be purchased separately, so family and other club members can attend.

Include \$45.00 each, for additional meal(s)

Deadline for nominations is January 1st, 2024

Award will be presented on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Mid-Winter Convention

Submitted By:	<input type="text"/>
Extra meal tickets:	<input type="text"/>
Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>

Send application, picture and check to: **name**  
**address**  
**city, st zip**

Email:

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# 2024 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, MN

January 5, 2024

## Memorial Questionnaire Form

This form is to notify the Memorial Service Committee of the death of a Lion in 2023 and ensure that he/she is remembered in the upcoming service.

1. Mail or email a high quality color photo. Digital photos should be 300 dpi/ppi in size. *If a group shot, please identify the departed member in the photo.*
2. Include 3 or 4 bullet points about the departed member.
3. Designate someone from your club or a family member to participate in the candle lighting ceremony. *The person must meet us 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the service for instructions.*

### Information about Departed Member

<b>Name</b>					
<b>Title</b> <i>(circle all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion	<input type="checkbox"/> Lioness	<input type="checkbox"/> PDG	<input type="checkbox"/> PCC	<input type="checkbox"/> PID
<b>Club Name</b>					
<b>Comment about their:</b> <i>Number of years as a Lions Charter or regular member</i>					
<b>Comment about their:</b> <i>Club/Lions offices and awards</i>					
<b>Comment about their:</b> <i>Favorite projects or notable accomplishments</i>					
<b>Comment about their:</b> <i>Why member was special to your club</i>					

### Contact Info of Person Filling Out This Form

<b>Name &amp; Office</b>			
<b>Club Name</b>			
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	

### Contact Info of Person Who Will Be Lighting Candle at the Service

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Relationship</b>			
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	

**Please complete this form and return it to:**

Lion Jennifer Marshall, Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club

1000 Westgate Drive - Suite 260 St. Paul, MN 55114

Phone: 612-626-6081

Fax: 612-625-4265

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

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## Lions Clubs International

### Lions Abbreviations and Terms

This is a helpful reference, but not a complete list.

<b>ALLI</b>	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	<b>MC</b>	Membership Chair
<b>CBL</b>	Constitutions and By-Laws	<b>MD</b>	Multiple District
<b>CC</b>	Council Chair	<b>MJF</b>	Melvin Jones Fellow
<b>CEP</b>	Club Excellence Process	<b>MMR</b>	LCI monthly membership report
<b>CGL</b>	Certified Guiding Lion	<b>MyLCI</b>	LCI electronic membership database
<b>COG</b>	Council of Governors	<b>MyLion</b>	LCI app for connecting members, setting up and promoting activities, etc.
<b>CP</b>	Club President		
<b>CS</b>	Cabinet Secretary (District)	<b>NPLF</b>	Northern Pride Lions Forum
<b>CT</b>	Cabinet Treasurer (District)		
<b>CSC</b>	Club Service Chair	<b>PCC</b>	Past Council Chair
		<b>PDG</b>	Past District Governor
<b>DA</b>	District Administrator	<b>PID</b>	Past International Director
<b>DG</b>	District Governor	<b>PinS</b>	Partner in Service
<b>DGE</b>	District Governor-Elect	<b>PIP</b>	Past International President
		<b>PMJF</b>	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
<b>ELLI</b>	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	<b>PU-101</b>	Club Officer Reporting Form
<b>FDI</b>	Faculty Development Institute		
		<b>RC</b>	Region Zone Chair
<b>GAT</b>	Global Action Team	<b>RLLI</b>	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
<b>GLT</b>	Global Leadership Team		
<b>GMA</b>	Global Membership Approach	<b>STRIDES</b>	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
<b>GMT</b>	Global Membership Team		
<b>GST</b>	Global Service Team	<b>TT</b>	TailTwister
<b>ID</b>	International Director	<b>VDG</b>	Vice District Governor
<b>IP</b>	International President	<b>1VDG</b>	First Vice District Governor
<b>IPCC</b>	Immediate Past Council Chair	<b>2VDG</b>	Second Vice District Governor
<b>IPDG</b>	Immediate Past District Governor	<b>VDGE</b>	Vice District Governor-Elect
<b>IPID</b>	Immediate Past International Director	<b>1VDGE</b>	First Vice District Governor-Elect
<b>IPIP</b>	Immediate Past International President	<b>2VDGE</b>	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
<b>IVP</b>	International Vice President		
		<b>WCD</b>	White Cane Day
<b>LCI</b>	Lions Club International	<b>WSD</b>	World Sight Day
<b>LCICon</b>	Lions International Convention		
<b>LCIF</b>	Lions Clubs International Foundation	<b>YE</b>	Youth Exchange
<b>LEHP</b>	Lions Eye Health Program	<b>ZC</b>	Zone Chair
<b>LEO</b>	Leadership Experience Opportunity		
<b>LERC</b>	Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center		
<b>LIONS</b>	Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations' Safety		
<b>LT</b>	LionTamer		

## WEB SITES & LINKS

Lions Clubs International	<a href="http://lionsclubs.org">http://lionsclubs.org</a>
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	<a href="http://lionsmd5m.org">http://lionsmd5m.org</a>
District 5M-5	<a href="http://lions5m-5.org">http://lions5m-5.org</a>
Can-Do-Canines	<a href="https://candocanines.org">https://candocanines.org</a>
Leader Dogs for the Blind	<a href="http://leaderdog.org">http://leaderdog.org</a>
Lions Clubs International Foundation	<a href="http://lcif.org">http://lcif.org</a>
Lions KidSight MD5M	<a href="http://kidsightmd5m.org">http://kidsightmd5m.org</a>
Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation	<a href="http://5mhf.org">http://5mhf.org</a>
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	<a href="http://mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org">http://mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org</a>
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation	<a href="http://mnlionsdiabetes.org">http://mnlionsdiabetes.org</a>
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation	<a href="http://5mhf.org/">http://5mhf.org/</a>
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation	<a href="http://mnlionsvisionfoundation.org">http://mnlionsvisionfoundation.org</a>
Project New Hope	<a href="http://projectnewhope.net/">http://projectnewhope.net/</a>
Special Olympics Minnesota	<a href="http://specialolympicsminnesota.org">http://specialolympicsminnesota.org</a>



# ZONE CHAIRS

## **ZONE 1 CHAIR – Term ends 2026**

### **Bruce Strachota**

Corcoran Lions  
Dayton Lions  
Hamel Lions  
Loretto Lions  
St. Louis Park  
Wayzata Lions

## **ZONE 4 CHAIR – Term ends 2024**

### **Heidi Zaworski**

Bloomington Lions  
Mpls Northeast Lions  
Mpls Riverview Lions  
Mpls Southwest Lions  
Mpls Special Olympics Minn. Lions  
Richfield Lions

## **ZONE 2 CHAIR – Term ends 2024**

### **David Danielson**

Edina Lions  
Eden Prairie Lions  
Eden Prairie Lioness Lions  
Northwest Tonka Lions  
Orono Lions  
Saint Bonifacius Lions

## **ZONE 5 CHAIR – Term ends 2025**

### **Judy Rue**

Camden Lions  
Crystal Lions  
Hopkins Noontime Lions  
New Hope Lions  
Osseo Lions  
Plymouth Lions  
Robbinsdale Lions

## **ZONE 3 CHAIR – Term ends 2024**

### **Daren Johnson**

Excelsior Lions  
Hopkins Lions  
Mpls Ambassadors Lions  
Mpls Can Do Canines Lions  
Mpls Downtown Next Gen Lions  
Mpls Northside Roaring Lions

## **ZONE 6 CHAIR – Term ends 2026**

### **Vickie Parks**

Brooklyn Center Lions  
Brooklyn Center Lady Lions  
Brooklyn Park Lions  
Brooklyn Park Lady Lions  
Maple Grove Lions  
Rogers Lions