

Together we are Changing the World

November 2023



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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Hopkins Lions
November 28, 1938

New Hope Lions
November 19, 1953

Plymouth Lions
November 11, 1959

Rogers Lions
November 4, 1976

Brooklyn Center Lioness
November 18, 2020

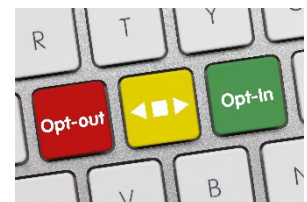
New MD5M Privacy Policy

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.



LIONS UPDATES

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention January 5 – 7

Here's the link to the info you need for 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention: www.lions5m5.org/mwc-links
From hospitality rooms, meals, and the convention schedule to awards and hotel information, the most up-to-date info will be on the 5M5 website.



Lions License Plates for your cars

After January 1, 2024, you will be able to purchase special Lions plates for your vehicles! Minnesota lawmakers approved a Lions Club special plate for use on passenger automobiles, non-commercial one-ton pickup trucks, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. Ask to purchase the Lions plates at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicles office. The plate includes the Lions logo.

New Reporting Software Launches in January

Lions International has announced January 2024 will begin a gradual launch of the new Salesforce software that will be used for reporting service, fundraising, and update member records and more.

Now is a good time to make sure your club and member information is accurate in MyLion (check spelling, addresses, starting dates, etc.) so the information can be transitioned into the new software. 5M-5 will provide training the new program.

2024 MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Information and registration form for the April 19 – 21 MD5M Multiple Convention is available at www.lionsmd5m.org/2023-md5m-convention Keep scrolling to reach the registration form. Encourage your club members to attend!



2024 Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia

Connect with and celebrate service with Lions from around the world at the 2024 Lions International Convention June 21 – 25. Registration and info available at www.lionscon.lionsclubs.org

LCI's Eight Global Causes

While LCI's website is still being updated, it is true that Lions Clubs International's Eight Global Causes now include Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision, and Youth. This is great info to share with your club, potential members, and your community!



2029 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis

Volunteers will be needed before, after and following Lions International's annual convention in Minneapolis. From planning to hosting to help with airport arrivals and departures, there will be opportunities to welcome and connect with Lions from around the world. Watch for updates. (The last Lions International convention was in Minneapolis in 2019.)



Fellow Lions,



Here we are October already leaves are changing along with the temperature cooling off, just an indication of things to come. With that in mind keep in your thoughts attending the Mid-Winter this coming January 5-7. Information forthcoming 5M5 website and Informer, Lion Clubs Presidents now is the time to start looking at your Lion's Everyday Hero's within your club who are deserving recognition for their time and effort put forth over the years. One other important award John Lutter Memorial Award look within your clubs for a deserving Lion. Also looking at Room Reservations, Meal Tickets. Do not forget Crock Pot Challenge Friday Night and Desert Challenge on Saturday Night -Hospitality Rooms. What better way to top of Lions Awards Dinner than with a variety of deserts homemade treats. Sunday Morning Breakfast is always a good time for food and a Parade of 5M5 clubs contributing to the approved foundations. There are opportunities to join another club to share a Hospitality Room Friday and Saturday during the convention.

There is a position open on Project New Hope. Project New Hope is for providing help and family retreats to Veterans and their families. Lion Kevin Harris is the chair, so if interested please contact, email ukharris31@gmail.com or 612-581-7056. Further information email: projectnewhope.net. A huge thank you and congratulations to Champlin Park and Patrick Henry Leos for working at the Minnesota State Fair selling tickets on the Midway earning money for your clubs to be used with in your clubs and communities. Looking forward to having the Leo's at Mid-Winter Friday afternoon and evening doing your service projects.

I attended Monthly District Governors meeting there was discussion on activities out in the other districts of our Multiple. GLT meeting for our district working on Leadership Training and Future Leaders Succession Training for 5M5. Going Green, Environment, I had the opportunity to do highway clean up October 14th. St. Boni Lions I had the opportunity to visit and recognize a few Lions members with awards given out.

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 and skill set's 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

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT



Hello 5M5 Lions,

I hope you have all been enjoying the beautiful Minnesota fall weather! Fall is a great time for service projects such as road clean ups, raking, Halloween related events, food drives and so much more! I know many clubs have sponsored recent fundraisers and/or have done service for your communities.

I attended Leader Dogs for the Blind annual First Vice District Governor visits this fall. It was a great weekend meeting the staff at Leader Dog, touring the facility and meeting Lions from other multiple districts. We experienced walking a leader dog while blindfolded, walking with a white cane and dining in the dark - eating while blindfolded! It was a fun and educational weekend.

I also went to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, NV. This forum is packed with great speakers and seminars. It is a great learning opportunity and I encourage all Lions to attend the forum next year in Louisville, KY.

I attended First Vice District Governor training in Brainerd October 19 and 20th. I learned a lot of important information to help prepare me for next year as District Governor. I also attended the Council of Governors Meeting on October 21st where i was able to see the current District Governors in action making decisions for the Multiple District.

The Mid-Winter Convention is just around the corner! Please watch for updates in this and the next few issues of the Informer for information. I love the Mid-Winter and hope to see you there!

Thank you all for all you do for your community! Enjoy these last few days of fall!

Yours in Lionism,

Kim Schommer
First Vice District Governor



First Vice District Governor Kim presenting check to Patrick Henry Leos, for earnings from State Fair Midway Ticket sales.



Greetings Lions,

Much cooler temps and snow are in the forecast, but the most important (and accurate) prediction is that 5M5 Lions will be serving and making plans for more service and fundraising during the winter months and beyond!

Since July 1, based on what has been reported on Lions International's MyLion, we've served well over 109,000 people and donated more than \$291,000.

We've volunteered as individual Lions, with our clubs, alongside other Lions Clubs and at all levels of Lionism.

I've been attending club meetings and participating in service activities, was a co-presenter at the September Certified Guiding Lion training and participated in 2nd Vice District Governor training during October.

October's Council of Governors (COG)'s meeting was a great opportunity to catch up on news from around MD5M and LCI. From Lions custom Minnesota vehicle license plates to the new reporting tool launch on Lions International and the eight Lions Global Causes you can learn more in the November Informer!

Invite others to join with you in service. An invitation to help is a great way to gain new members for your club.

Together We are Changing the World! Roar about your Lionism!

Lion Sara

Sara McFee
5M5 Second Vice District Governor

Chair & 5M5 Co-Trustee
5M5 Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com



DID YOU KNOW.....

....that Robert's Rules of Order do not require that a vote to approve minutes from a club meeting?

It can be suggested to ask if there are any changes to the minutes and if none are brought forward, it can be said that the minutes are approved as distributed.

....that a vote for approval of the treasurer's report is not required. If an audit is completed for the treasury of a club, a vote should be taken.

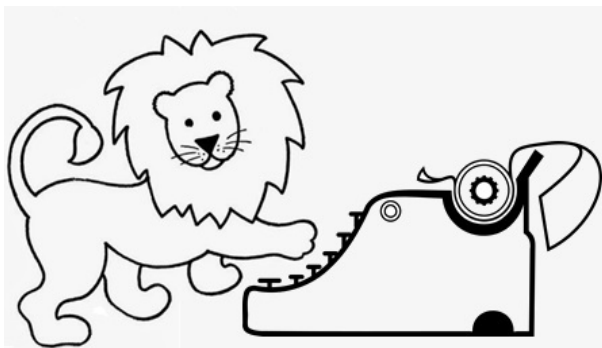
...that the name of the person who seconds a motion does not need to be recorded in the minutes.

Rather than the Robert's Rules overview sheet, the below could be included.
What do you think?



Minutes should include:

1. Name, date and location of meeting
2. List of attendees (note presence of a quorum)
3. Time meeting was called to order
4. Conflict of Interest & Antitrust Avoidance Affirmation
5. Approval of previous meeting minutes
6. Motion text and name of maker
7. Status/results of motions
8. Time meeting was adjourned



Minutes do not include:

- Discussion
- Personal opinion
- Name of seconder of a motion is not necessary
- Motions withdrawn
- Entire reports (rather attach to minutes)

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

District 5M5 Membership: 1,311 (As Of 10/29/23)

To Date Added Members: 50

To Date Dropped Members: 47

Net Gain/Loss: +3

Welcome New Lions Members!

Bloomington Lions Club

Michael P Fischer	Joined: 09/27/2023	Sponsor: Debra Rigel-Bell
Deverell D Gutierrez	Joined: 09/27/2023	Sponsor: Mario Gutierrez
John David Kjenstad	Joined: 09/27/2023	Sponsor: Harry Lanenberg
Jamie Lindman	Joined: 10/25/2023	
Thomas E O'Hehir-Johnson	Joined: 10/25/2023	Sponsor: Timothy Maguire

Brooklyn Park Lions Club

Ernest Juan	Joined: 09/29/2023	Sponsor: Michael Crenshaw
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Dayton Lions Club

Becky M Astrup	Joined: 10/18/2023	Sponsor: Huy Nguyen
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Eden Prairie Lioness Lions Club

Mary Beth Czeck	Joined: 10/30/2023	Sponsor: Patricia Czech
Cindy Thompson	Joined: 10/30/2023	

Excelsior Lions Club

Jennifer L Becker	Joined: 08/21/2023	Sponsor: Karen Flattum
Brena Klassen	Joined: 08/08/2023	Sponsor: James Flattum

Hamel Lions Club

Cole Fox	Joined: 10/26/2023	Sponsor: Tom Fox
Alan Peterson	Joined: 10/26/2023	Sponsor: Rob Hed
Ryan Wilson	Joined: 10/26/2023	Sponsor: Greg Devos

Maple Grove Lions Club

Cheryl A Kozicky	Joined: 10/03/2023	Sponsor: Julie Hamilton
Michelle M Tomlinson	Joined: 10/17/2023	Sponsor: Dan Little
Stephanie J Tomlinson	Joined: 10/17/2023	Sponsor: Dan Little

Osseo Lions Club

Gerald M McDougale Jr	Joined: 10/12/2023	Sponsor: Thomas Strommen
Jim Miller	Joined: 10/12/2023	Sponsor: Leon Miller
Ava M Neumann	Joined: 10/12/2023	Sponsor: Bruce Neumann Jr
Jennifer Schultz (Joined: 10/12/2023	Sponsor: Nate Strand

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

District 5M-5 GMT is here to support you. Please contact if you need any assistance.

PCC Rob Rand Robrandmn@Gmail.Com
Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)



Lion Jodi Altenhofen & Lion Bernie Braegelmann

"Stay committed to changing the world, volunteering, and creating the good." – Germany Kent

District Governor Dick Kentzelman has challenged our district to complete 800 service projects this year and the Lions in 5M5 are taking that call very seriously. Many clubs posted photos on social media of their effort for World Service Day (October 8, 2023). One such club was the Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions, who gathered on October 15th on the University of Minnesota transitway between the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses and cleaned up trash. Hopkins Lions did the same on highway 169, as did the trio of Brooklyn Park Lions, Brooklyn Park Lady Lions, and Champlin Leos.

Whatever your club chose to do, we salute you! Please remember to record your service in MyLion, and always remember to take photos of you and your fellow Lions and submit them to Lion Jodi Altenhofen (magnu007@umn.edu) or Lion Bernie Braegelmann (bernxieo@gmail.com) for posting on the District Service Facebook page.

Follow us on Facebook at: District 5M5 - Lions Service

Here is link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090867921838>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING 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.

November 2023

- November 5 Robbinsdale Lions French Toast Breakfast.
- November 10 Rogers Lions, Veterans Pancake Breakfast.
- [November 11](#) Can Do Canines Open House
- [November 13](#) All-Club Meeting, Crystal VFW, RSVP your name, club & meal choice.
- [November 20](#) Deadline to submit information and photos for December Informer

December 2023

- [December 1](#) John Lutter Memorial Award nominations due
- [December 2](#) Eden Prairie Lioness Lions Club Art & Craft Fair
- [December 2](#) Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- [December 9](#) Brooklyn Park Lions Waffle Breakfast
- [December 20](#) Deadline to submit information and photos for January Informer
- [December 26](#) Everyday Hero Award Nominations Due

January 2024

- [January 5-7](#) 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
- [January 5](#) 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention, Crock Pot Challenge
- January 6 5M5 Cabinet Meeting (at Mid-Winter Convention)
- [January 6](#) 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention, Dessert Challenge
- January 12-14 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), Vancouver, BC, Canada
- [January 20](#) Deadline to submit information and photos for February Informer

February 2024

- [February 20](#) Deadline to submit information and photos for March Informer

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

EVENT FLYERS

The holidays are coming fast,
now is the time to get your
greeting cards!



Holiday cards are available from
Lion Pat Heffernan at heff00@gmail.com or
call/text at 651-497-1563

You may also obtain cards at our
new online store by visiting
<https://mcdc-lions.square.site/>



ROBBINSDALE LIONS

FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

(Includes 2 pieces of French toast, 2 sausage links,
side of scrambled eggs, beverage)

SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

8 AM TO NOON

Adults: \$10.00

Children under 12: \$5.00

Sacred Heart Activity Building
4087 West Broadway
Robbinsdale, MN

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world every day because they share a core belief - to serve their community. By supporting the Robbinsdale Lions, you are supporting our local community. All proceeds are donated locally, including (Sacred Heart Fun Fest, Spring Gala & School), local food shelves and other charitable causes.

ROGERS LIONS CLUB
VETERANS DAY

*Pancake
Breakfast*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 7-10AM
ROGERS COMMUNITY ROOM

**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 Comradere
- > 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



EDEN PRAIRIE LION'S 50th WILD GAME DINNER (\$30.00)

DECEMBER 4th, 2023, 6pm
Social with Smoked Salmon and other appetizers

Immanuel Lutheran Church
16516 Luther Way
Eden Prairie, MN. 55346

Our famous wild game chef **Ron Rodenwald** will be tickling your tastebuds with savory Venison, Goose, Duck, Pheasant and other assorted items along with a great dessert.

WCCO'S Sports Director **Mike Max** will be our MC

LION MIKE GRANT, EP FOOTBALL COACH
will be our speaker:
"Stories from 60 Years of Hunting and Fishing with My Dad (BUD GRANT)"

THE NIGHT WILL END WITH A FANTASTIC RAFFLE with 100% of the proceeds donated to charities supporting the sheltering and adoption of animals, giving them a second chance

(ITEMS ARE DONATED FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS)



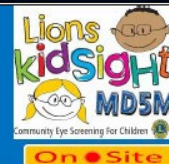
RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY
NOV 28
Gary Watkins 952-934-8816
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Santa is Here!
Take your Picture



Brooklyn Park Lions
All You Can Eat



Waffle Breakfast with Santa



\$10 - Adults

\$9 - Vets & Seniors 62+

\$6 - Children 3-7



Santa's Crafty Elves Shoppe



Lady Lion's Baked Goods

Come have a great Breakfast with friends and family. Get your picture taken with Santa and kids can shop in the Santa's Crafty Elves Room. Lions KidSight will be available to screen kids from 6mos-16 yrs.

December 9th 7:30 to Noon

Brooklyn Park Community Center

5600 85th Avenue North Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

8th Annual Crock-Pot Challenge Friday Night January 5, 2024



The clubs of 5M-5 have been invited to participate in
The Friday Night CROCK-POT CHALLENGE!

To participate we need you to make your most yummy crock-pot dish to share at the convention.
The theme for 2024 is Australia!

We will judge the dishes and the winner will be presented with the traveling trophy and bragging rights till next years challenge.

This will be going on during the Hospitality Room fun and our Friday night events.



District 5M-5 MidWinter Convention Changing the World!

District 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention 3rd Annual Fabulous Dessert Challenge Saturday Night January 6, 2024

Which club of 5M-5 will make the best Australia Themed Dessert of the convention?
To participate we need you to make your most Fabulous Dessert to share.

The Lions of 5M-5 will judge the desserts and the winner will be announced at the Sunday Morning breakfast.

A traveling trophy has been created and will be displayed at the convention
Help us make Saturday night a great event

LIONS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING

Maple Grove Lions Jeanne Kling and Mike Peach with the bi-monthly collection of sorted glasses, hearing aids and plastic film. Collected on October 4 and 6 we collected approximately 3000 pairs of glasses from our 23 donation sites plus one box full of hearing aids. The plastic from this collection is added to our plastic recycling program chaired by Lion Lee Newman. Under his tutelage we have collected over 4000 pounds of plastic film and have donated 5 benches to the city from the Trex program. Lion Mike Peach



Richfield Lions' Model Club
Campaign 100



Donation check to Jericho Road Food Shelf





KidSight Screening at Orono Elementary & Intermediate Schools.

Lions from St. Louis Park, Edina, Maple Grove & Orono.

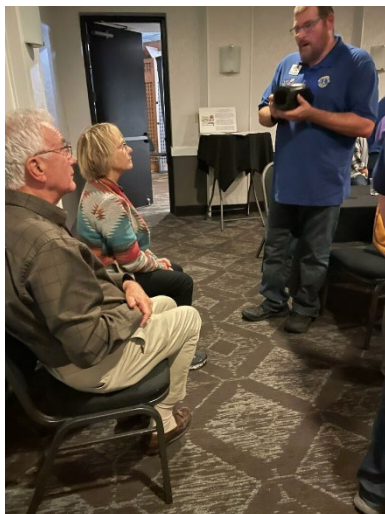


Mpls Riverview Lions donation check to the Salvation Army (Temple Corps) for bell ringing supplies, hats, gloves, hand warmers Santa hats and beards.



The Plymouth Lions Club was recognized as 2023 Platinum Sponsors by the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department during a recent City Council meeting.

Their financial and in-kind support helped sponsor more than a dozen free programs and community events throughout the year.



KidSight training at Bloomington Lions



Woofaroo Photos



More Photo's available at:

<https://candocanines.org/get-involved/woofaroo/>



Thank you!

We have much to celebrate about the 2023 Can Do Woofaroo! The weather cooperated with us, those who raised funds worked incredibly hard and brought in some impressive totals, an army of volunteers stepped up with time and talent, and the dog costumes were a huge hit ... just to name a few.

So far, we have raised over \$90,000, but we are still a bit shy of our overall financial goal for this important event.

Prize Winners

Top fundraisers

1st Place: Maja & Andi Nord - \$5,049

2nd Place: Mike Ferber - \$3,857

3rd Place: Alan Petit - \$1,268

Top fundraising team Dogs R Us: \$8,357

Dog Costume Contest Winners The dog costume contest featured 19 extremely creative contestants.

1st Place: Phylcia Petit with Fern dressed as Big Bird

2nd Place: Chrisie Jennings with Remy dressed as a Tough Guy in a Tiny Package

3rd Place: Roger & Laurie McBride with Hermione dressed as Wonder Woman



Thank you to our event photographers and videographer for capturing the many moments from the day. They include C-Inspirations Photography, Beth Billstrom, Dorothy Grinolds, Harlow McPherson, and Vivek Saikia.

Many thanks to our wonderful emcee, KARE 11 Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos, for her incredible support. A huge thank you to all our sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor—the Lions Clubs of Minnesota. And, a big shout out to the New Hope Lions Club for donating and serving the Can Do Woofaroo food.

<u>Presenting Sponsor</u>	
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<u>Gold Sponsor</u>	 Northwest Tonka Lions
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<u>Silver Sponsors</u>		 Bloomington Lions
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<u>Bronze Sponsors</u>			 <small>People, Products, and Our Planet</small>
 Champlin Lions	 Clear Lake Lions	 Clearwater Lions	 Hanover Lions
 Grey Eagle Burtrum Lions	 Maple Grove Lions	 Minneapolis Downtown Next Gen. Lions	 Monticello Lions
 Ostrander Lions	 Rush City Lions	 St. Joseph Y2K Lions	 Stewartville Morning Lions



Thank you!



Thank you!



Thank you!

CHILDHOOD CANCER



A chance to cross an item off your bucket list!

When you were growing up did you ever want to be a cowboy or cowgirl?

Or did you sometimes wish to be in the rodeo?

This July you will get the chance!

The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation is now an official part of the [Hamel Rodeo](#).

This is the largest rodeo in Minnesota.

We will be looking for Lions July 11-14 who know how to take tickets and serve food.

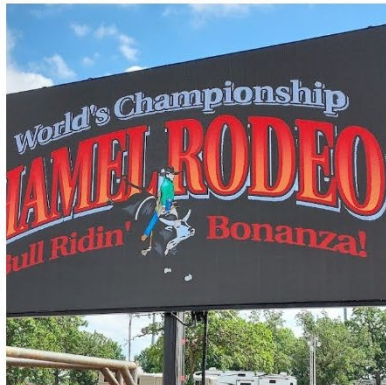
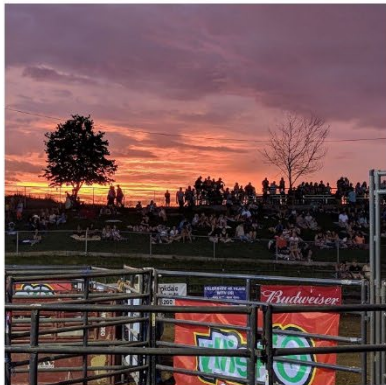
More information to come in future Informers.

In the meantime, if you want to discuss what our foundation is doing, please reach out to either one of us trustees.

In Lionism,

[Lion Jeannine McDonald](#) & [Lion Gary Stevens](#)

5M5 Directors MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation



DIABETES



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Update

November is Diabetes Month – November 14 is World Diabetes Day

November – and any month – is a great time to perform diabetes service projects. Share the message about diabetes.

Perform a club Diabetes Service project by sharing the Diabetes Screening Test.

Ask club members to share the screening link with family, friends, neighbors, etc.

Or share our brochure that includes the screening test. Have club members track how many people they shared the test with and how much time was spent sharing and report that information to your club service coordinator for recording on MyLion.



Offer diabetes screening opportunities by sharing MLDF's brochure or share a link for online screening Take Diabetes Screening Test at cdc.gov/diabetes/takethetest/.

- More than 37 million Americans have diabetes (1 in 5 don't know they are diabetic).
- More than 358,000 Minnesota adults live with diabetes (8.4 % of Minnesota adults).
- An additional 118,000 Minnesotans have diabetes and do not know they are diabetic.
- More than 96 million Americans aged 18 & older are pre-diabetic (1 in 3 don't know they are).
- Nearly 1.4 million Minnesota adults are pre-diabetic (nearly 34% of Minnesota adults).
- More than 1.5 million Americans are newly diagnosed with diabetes every year.
- More than 23,000 Minnesotans are newly diagnosed with diabetes every year.
- More than 14 million Americans aged 65 and older are diabetic (26 % of people age 65 plus).

Physical Activity Challenge

- Our 3rd annual STRIDES Physical Activity Challenge is being planned. Watch for information in January. Physical activity, as well as healthy food and drink choices, help prevent diabetes and help maintain and restore health. The Physical Activity Challenge encourages participants to be active indoors or outdoors at least 15 miles each month. Participants choose time, location, and activity.

Diabetes Research Update – Mark Your Calendar!

MLDF will hold its Annual Diabetes Research Update March 16. Details and registration will be distributed in January.

Your Support is Appreciated

Your contributions to Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MLDF) helps us support research, education, screening, and other programs and services related to diabetes. Your support is helping to:

- Increase awareness about diabetes
- improve quality of life for people who live with diabetes as research is being done on human islet transplantation, and how to stop the body's immune system from attacking pancreas islet cells
- generate organs for transplant, and develop a vaccine that will eliminate the need for life-long anti-rejection drugs following organ transplants
- support research to find a cure for diabetes

Thank you for your support! Please contact us to learn more about diabetes and diabetes service projects, and to schedule your club visit (in-person, or virtual).

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November 2023

KidSight does many screenings with lots of kids. It's fun and rewarding. The best rewards are when we get a return visit from a parent telling us of the outcome of a child we screened. A year ago, we screened a little one who was behind in his milestones and not talking. He was a referral, saw an eye care professional and started wearing glasses. His grandmother reported at this year's event that he was doing well, a different child. That is why we do what we do!

October has been a busy month with visits to many elementary schools, preschools, and the Hopkins Fire Department Open House. We've screened 1,311 kiddos with 137 referrals in the month of October alone. The largest number was 578 at Orono Schools and smallest was 31 at a preschool. November looks busy as well with screenings planned at big enrollments at Brooklyn Center and Edina schools. We will also be assisting Special Olympics at their Opening Eyes Health Fair.

We need to give a huge thank you to the Bloomington Lions Club for an \$8300 donation to purchase a new scanner and printer. They also sponsored a KidSight Training session to train members of their club but opened it up to all clubs. It was a good turnout with pizza offered as well. Nice to have them active in KidSight!

At the Thanksgiving for Vision event PDG Lion Dennis Kelly, Chair of the KidSight Board of Directors, presented the first KidSight Sight Saver Partner Award to the Lions Vision Foundation and was accepted by PDG Rob Hed, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Vision Foundation. This is a new award given to an organization or individual going above and beyond in promoting and assisting with the KidSight Foundation. The Vision Foundation was instrumental in getting KidSight started.

We know the ability to see clearly affects all aspects of a child's development. It is so important to reach as many kiddos as we can to detect eye disorders. Give the children in your club's area a chance to do just that. We can and need to give every child the opportunity to see clearly. There is always the possibility of joining a screening team. Get involved, learn to screen, help with events and at schools, and encourage your club to participate. Contact us!

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Pictures from Hopkins Fire Department Open House on October 14, 2023

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUBS FOUNDATION (LCIF)



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Hello, Lions of 5M5!

A quick introduction: I am IPDG Lion Jennifer Marshall, and our amazing governor, Lion Dick Kentzelman, has asked me to be the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) coordinator for all of you. I am honored.

I wanted to alert you to the exciting fact that we have two LCIF grants at work in our district at the moment! The **Hopkins, Hopkins Noon, and Excelsior Lions** banded together to benefit their communities with a \$11,250 District and Club Community Impact Grant. This grant will establish a market kitchen that will provide nutrition education for kids and families. Also benefiting from an LCIF grant is **the Bloomington Lions** club. They have received a \$15,000 LCIF grant to work with the City of Bloomington on improvements to Dred Scott Park.

These are two examples of how your donations help those in need around the world while helping those in your own back yard.

Please remember Lions Clubs International Foundation in your Parade of Green this year. Individual donations are also welcomed. I am available if you have questions, want a speaker, need help with a Melvin Jones Fellowship application, or wish to have me present a MJF award. I am here to serve!

In Lionism,

Lion Jennifer
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MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

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DATES TO REMEMBER & LINKS TO THE FORMS

	Sleeping Room- CLICK HERE
10-31-2023	Hospitality Room – Large; form and check due
10-31-2023	Hospitality Room – Small; form and check due
12-01-2023	Award, Al Jensen Leadership Award Nomination
12-01-2023	Award, John Lutter
12-29-2023	Meal Tickets; request and payment due
12-29-2023	Memorial Requests: forms due
01-01-2024	Award, Everyday Hero; form, additional meal request form and payment due
01-05 to 07, 2024	Convention Dates
01-05-2024	Crock Pot Challenge
01-06-2024	Cabinet Meeting
01-06-2024	Dessert Challenge
01-07-2024	Parade of Green



Melbourne 2024
106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Parade of Green / Approved Projects

Lions District 5M5 Approved Projects

This time of year, we cabinet members and zone chairs get a lot of questions about whom the clubs can write checks for the Mid Winter Convention Parade of Checks. We've put together this partial list of activities sponsored by our district and the name and phone number of the Cabinet Chairperson.

If your club is using Gambling Funds, we have noted the 501(c)3 organizations.

Any check made out to 5M5 cannot be paid with gambling funds as 5M5 has no tax status.

Name	501c3	Description		
Can Do Canines	Yes	The Lions have been supporting this program to provide 5 types of specially trained assistance dogs: - Hearing Assist - Diabetes Assist - Seizure Assist - Mobility Assist - Autism Assist	Cabinet Chair: Susan Halgrimson 24053 Rivers Edge Road Rogers, MN 55374 C: 612-209-6794 E: schefsue@live.com	Can Do Canines 9440 Science Center Drive New Hope, MN 55428 B: 763-331-3000 F: 763-331-3009
Confidence Learning Center	Yes	Also known as Camp Confidence, it is an outdoor center for persons with developmental disabilities. The program at Camp Confidence is aimed at promoting self-confidence and self-esteem and the necessary skills to become contributing members of society.	Cabinet Chair: Not Assigned	Contact: PID Ross Thorfinson 952-944-1589 rthorf@aol.com
LCIF	Yes	Lions Clubs International Foundation provides money and services throughout the world such as fighting river blindness in remote regions of the world, providing seed money for Diabetes programs, relief for natural disasters, and for national emergencies such as the World Trade Center attack.	Cabinet Chair Jennifer Gilbert 2459 Albert St N Roseville, MN 55113 C: 651-226-0205 E: winn0004@gmail.com	LCIF Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 The Melvin Jones Fellow Award is given for contributions of \$1,000.
Leader Dogs for the Blind	Yes	Located in Rochester, Michigan this Lions sponsored service trains dogs for the visually impaired. The dog recipient attends Leader Dog, receiving his/her dog and training at no personal cost.	Cabinet Chair: Kim Schommer 13413 Knox Drive Burnsville, MN 55337 C: 612-716-0936 E: schox3@comcast.net	Leader Dogs for the Blind PO Box 5000 Rochester, MI 48308 248-651-9011 www.leaderdog.org
Leos	No	Our Leos program has some ancillary costs associated with creating new clubs, start-up money, officer training, etc. Make checks payable to: District 5M5 with a memo to "Lions Leos"	Cabinet Chair: James H. Rouillard 14925 Crow River Drive Rogers, MN 55374 C: 612-723-1600 E: jrouillard@mac.com	Currently, the district asks to hold donations to Lions Quest, but donate to LEOs or Youth Exchange instead.

Name	501c3	Description		
MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation	Yes	Send your checks to: Shari & Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Shari Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 H: 952-920-4320 C: 612-790-0507 E: seethurston@comcast.net	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 H: 952-920-4320 C: 612-790-7367 E: withurston@comcast.net
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	Yes	Mail checks to: MN Childhood Cancer Foundation % Tom McCarthy 23535 735 th Avenue Dassel, MN 55425 To provide services and resources for survivors of childhood cancer and their families. To support research by providing funds to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital. <i>The University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center or such other organizations that engage in research and/or treatment or care of childhood cancer as the board of directors may from time to time approve.</i> To provide service for the support of families of childhood cancer patients. <i>Clubs can receive up to \$500 for a family in their district.</i> Online at: mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org/donate-1	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Lion Gary Stevens 18320 Cascade Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55347 C: 612-867-7249 E: edenprairiegary@gmail.com	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Lion Jeannine McDonald 3239 Chowen Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422 C: 612-281-3506 E:
MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc	Yes	Make checks payable to: MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. Mail checks to:	Cabinet Co-Chairs: David Thoen 10930 Yukon Ave S Bloomington, MN 55438 H: 952-942-5936 E: dthoen@deloitte.com	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Sara McFee (Mike) 2101 Inca Lane New Brighton, MN 55112 C: 612-269-8709 E: mcfee004@gmail.com
MN Lions Vision Foundation	Yes	Make checks payable to: MN Lions Vision Foundation, Inc. Designate in the memo line where your gift should be applied.	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Rob Hed 17440 45 th Ave N Plymouth, MN 55446 C: 763-300-9454 E: hedrob22@yahoo.com	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Robert Rand 6600 Lyndale Ave. S. #600 Richfield, MN 55423 C: 612-715-6055 E: robrandmn@gmail.com
Project New Hope	Yes	The mission is to provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime services. They do this by offering retreats for the whole family.	Cabinet Chair: Kevin Harris 4911 Vincent Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-581-7056 E: ukharris31@gmail.com	Make checks payable to: Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN, Inc. http://projectnewhope.net

Name	501c3	Description		
Special Olympics Minnesota	Yes	The 5M-5 Lions have been helping Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the state Competitions of the University of MN. We incur some miscellaneous expense that are not in the District's budget.	Cabinet Co-Chairs: James Cain 5151 Russell Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 H: 612-521-1903 C: 763-232-0790 E: jhcain2@gmail.com	Cabinet Co-Chairs: Ray Moonen 6143 Brookview Ave S Edina, MN 55424 H: 952-926-3166 C: 952-201-7031 E: moonen@myinfmail.com
		Checks can be made to: Special Olympics Minnesota 100 Washington Ave S., Suite 550 Minneapolis, MN 55401	B: 612-333-0999 or 800-783-7732 F: 612-333-8732	www.specialolympicsminnesota.org
TEAM Sheenan Charitable Foundation	Yes	Named after 2021 2022 International President and Minnesota Lion Brian Sheehan, the T.E.A.M. Sheehan Charitable Foundation was established to raise funds and support the global causes of Lions Clubs International; Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision, and Childhood Cancer. The foundation is governed by trustees appointed by the District Governors in each of the districts in MD5M.	Contributions to the foundation should be sent to:	Mail checks to: PDG Marth Athmann Treasurer P.O. Box337 Bird Island, MN 55310
True Friends	Yes	True Friends is the umbrella organization which includes: - Camp Courage - Camp Friendship - Camp Eden Wood - Camp Courage North Each camp provided a great experience for persons with physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities. Make checks payable to: True Friends- A specific camp can be designated by putting its name in the memo portion.	Cabinet Chair: Not Assigned	Contact: PID Ross Thorfinson 952-944-1589 rthorf@aol.com
Youth Exchange	No	This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa. The district recommends that all checks go to 5M5 with Youth Exchange in the memo.	Cabinet Chair: Grant Hendrickson 9025 Telford Crossing Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 H: 763-391-7628 C: 612-508-9461 B: 612-721-1696 E: grant@southsideservies.org	

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Project New Hope hosted a retreat Sept 29 to Oct 1.

The retreat was full and the families that attended were very grateful.

Project New Hope is unique in that it focuses not only the Veteran but their family as well.



In order to reach more veterans and their families, I could use a co-chair. Please reach out and let's strategize!

[Lion Kevin Harris](#)


Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday which honors people who have served in our armed services. These men and women are known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. Veterans Day is a day set aside that helps us remember the anniversary of the end of world war I. World War I battles were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. We celebrate Veterans Day each year as a time to be dedicated to the cause of world peace. We thank all our veterans for serving and giving to make our country free, peaceful, and strong.

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have.



"Veterans Day" is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.



TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation



Dear Lions of 5M-5,

I write on behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation as I am your District 5M5 member of the Board of Directors. The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was incorporated in February 2022 and was granted 501c3 status by the IRS in June 2022.

“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.”

Since its beginning, the Foundation has raised over \$50,000 in donations. Our Board has prepared a Grant Application form for up to \$3,000 USD of matching grants and plans to start accepting Grant applications beginning with the 2024-25 Lions year. To do that, the Foundation hopes to have \$100,000 in assets. We hope your club will help us achieve that goal.

Awards of a Foundation pin for a \$100.00 donation and medal for a \$1,000 donation have been approved and we are in the process of selecting a vendor. We believe they will be available for presentation at the upcoming slate of District conventions.

For those of you who have attended the International Convention in Boston, remember how proud you were when we were able to show the attendees the check for over \$52,000.00 which was displayed as the MD5M gift to the Foundation.

As our district representative to the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I would be honored to visit your club and answer any questions you may have. The Foundation would appreciate any donation, however small, your club could make to the Foundation during its Parade of Checks.

On behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I thank you and your club so much for sharing this with your club, your time and consideration.

In Lionism,

Lion Rob Rand
5M5 Director
Team Sheehan Foundation

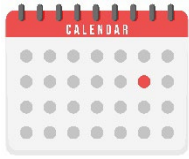


PDG Dennis Kelly presenting
Vision Foundation KidSight Save Award



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

[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 Braegelman](#)

[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 20th of this month.



Lions Clubs International

Lions Abbreviations and Terms

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

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

WEB SITES & LINKS

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



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



We Serve

