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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

[Submit article](#), news, photo for the next issue by the 25th of this month.

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.

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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 10](#) Brooklyn Center Lions, Steak Fry at Crystal VFW
- [January 12-14](#) Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), Vancouver, BC, Canada
Effective July 1, 2024, the ALLI will no longer be offered and will be replaced with the new Second Vice District Governor Training Program. Learn more about the new program in the [Vice District Training Program Updates FAQ](#).
- [January 21](#) Robbinsdale Lions, 1st Annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

February 2024

- [February 1](#) STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness
- [February 3](#) Orono Lions, 37th Annual Snowball Open
- [February 10](#) Minneapolis Can Do Canines, Pose Your Paws, Pet Portraits
- [February 23](#) ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) Application Due
- [February 24](#) Wayzata Lions Waffle Breakfast

March 2024

- [March 1](#) STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness
- March 9 Council of Governors meeting
- [March 15-17](#) ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)
- March 18 5M5 Cabinet Meeting
- [March 25](#) Due Date for MD5M 2024 Convention Silent Auction prizes.
(Benefiting Lions KidSight)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 2024

- [April 1](#) STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness
- April 1 All-Club Meeting
- April 14 Eden Prairie Lions, Pancake Breakfast, 8 AM to 12 Noon
- April 14 LCIF Gala,
- [April 19-21](#) MD5M Multiple Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- April 24, 25, 26 Brooklyn Park Lions, Smelt Fry

May 2024

- May 13 Club Officer Training at Can Do Canines in New Hope.

June 2024

- June 3 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk
- [June 21-25](#) Lions Clubs International convention in Melbourne, Australia





DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Dick Kentzelman



Fellow Lions,

The end of November and first part of December we are enjoying decent temperatures being able to be outdoors shirt or light jacket, it's going to change just a matter of time. A correction from my last month's newsletter, Mpls Can Do Canines are not selling calendars as was done in the past. They are selling Holiday Cards for a fundraiser; I apologize for any inconvenience.

I attended Corcoran Lions meeting discussion of club activities past and ongoing all is well for Service and fundraising meeting the communities need. Brooklyn Park Lions December meeting was well attended. New members were in attendance discussion on service and fundraising activities and fellowship filled the evening.

MD5M District Governors Meeting I attended is working on district business and MD5M convention Winnipeg Manitoba April 19th -21st 2024. The Silent Auction for this year will benefit MD5M KidSight.

Hopkins Lions Club 85th Anniversary Dinner December 5th was well attended by Lions members and Lions Clubs from the District. PID Bruce Beck was talking and presented Awards. Keynote Speaker Chris Egert, KSTP Chanel 5 News talked about Type 1 Diabetes within his family and how they lived with it and are now succeeding going forward. Great evening a lot of laughs, stories, and history.

Dayton Lions Club held there monthly meeting well attended, membership is increased by four with a few more in the wings signing the paperwork to join in Lions activities with the Dayton Club.

Minneapolis Riverview club meeting, recognizing Charitable Gambling workers were recognized for a year of work and commitment to raising funds to support their community. Congratulations to Riverview Club on the addition of three new members and one more coming on board shortly.

The support of clubs in 5M5 for the Mid-Winter is huge to the success and continuation of the Great Get Back Together event January 5-7, 2024. The coming together of Lions Friends and old friends, the talk of what clubs are doing for Service and Fundraising projects throughout the year. The delegates and Lions through the weekend are networking and marketing bring back thoughts and possible events their clubs might be able to use in the future. Thank you all for what you are doing for your communities your impact is huge. See you at the Mid-Winter take care.

I look forward to meeting with the Lions Clubs of District 5M5 throughout the year.

Take Care. Yours in Lionism,

DG Dick Kentzelman

Scholarship Information

Professor Ken Pengally of Minnesota State University (Mankato Campus) and a Maple Grove Lion has shared some important information regarding college scholarships. For clubs with scholarship program this is great info. For the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of college bound youth this is also great information!

Greetings All Lions Clubs:

Here is the site explaining the North Star Promise Scholarship program.

<https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/northstarpromise.cfm>

This is a significant program for all Lions Club to know about because it affects the awarding of scholarships.

The key point is: **family income**.

If a student's family income is below \$80,000, and, if the student is attending a Minnesota state college or university, then that student qualifies for full tuition and fees. If that student seeks a 4 year degree, the student is awarded money for 120 credits. If that qualifying student seeks a 2 year degree, the award is for 60 credits. The student must demonstrate progress each semester and re-qualifies each time. (see guidelines cited above)

Minnesota State University, Mankato, has annual tuition cost of approximately \$9500 for the year. That means a qualifying student would receive a total scholarship of \$38,000 over those 4 years (120 credits total). A student wanting a 2 year degree (AA) would receive half that amount for 2 years.

You can read the guidelines as to how other scholarships are handled: they are deducted from the amount the student qualifies for. You will note that the funding will apply to students currently enrolled in a Minnesota state college or university for this fall.

However, on-campus housing costs are not covered by this Promise scholarship. At Mankato housing costs would be \$10,000 a year. I have asked Minnesota State University, Mankato, for clarity on the housing scholarship option I've pointed out. I have several endowed scholarships funded and the Promise may affect how monies are awarded.

I would suggest that the Scholarship Committee discuss the awarding of the annual scholarships. If a student who applies to the Lions Club for a scholarship qualifies for the Promise, the scholarship could be a "housing scholarship" at a state college or university. My reading of the guidelines suggests that this money would then not be discounted from the student's Promise award.

If the qualifying Minnesota student plans to attend a private college or one out of state, then they don't qualify for this Promise Scholarship. They are forfeiting \$38,000 in monies for a 4 year, in-state degree.

The North Star Promise scholarship program is addressing the skyrocketing costs of higher education. Minnesota is trying to educate its labor pool for the next generation by offering students with family income limitations an opportunity for higher education. I believe we should celebrate this effort to help a significant number of Minnesota families.

Old Lion Ken
Maple Grove Lions



1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Lion Kim Schommer

Hello Lions of 5M5!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and were able to spend some quality time with your family and friends. I know that many of the clubs in 5M5 had a very busy December with food drives, toy drives, bell ringing, breakfasts, holiday parties and other activities. I was able to attend several district events this month. I wish I could've attended everyone's events but was unable to due to scheduling conflicts.

I can't believe it is 2024 already! 2023 just flew by. It seems like the older I get the faster the years go by. The Mid-Winter convention is just a few short days away! I look forward to seeing my Lions friends and meeting those Lions I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet. I always like to see the decorated hospitality rooms and participate in the crock pot and dessert challenges. The Lions of 5M5 are always so creative with the foods and make such yummy food!

Please remember that the Mid-Winter Convention is a great opportunity for you to introduce your friends and family to Lions! Bring them along, let them see how much fun we have and then ask them if they'd like to join in on the fun and be a Lion!

All my best for a happy and healthy new year!

In Lionism,

Lion Kim Schommer
5M5 First Vice District Governor

MD5M GLT Multiple District Coordinator

MD5M GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The position of Global Leadership Team Multiple District Coordinator is open beginning July 1, 2024.



Attributes of a GLT Corrdinator

Passion for Lions

Effective Communicator

Leads by Example

Ability to Mentor Others

Motivator

Recommended graduate of FDI, LCIP Certified or a participant of an ALLI

Encourages Diversity

Recruitment Period
January 1 - 31, 2024

Send a Resume and Letter of Recommendation to:
executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org

For more information please visit the LCI website for the GLT Coordinator roles and responsibilities at: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_YL1xSzh4U8n5.jpg.pdf?v=1



2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Lion Sara McFee

Greetings Lions,

5M-5's Mid-Winter Convention begins Friday, January 5!

While 5M-5 Lions have been serving and fundraising, throughout 2023, at our Mid-Winter we gather as a District to remember our friends – our Lions – who died, conduct some business, learn from each other, honor Lions for their service and celebrate!

Our Mid-Winter is a great time to connect and reconnect. It is a wonderful time to introduce our club members and new Lions who have not previously attended to our Mid-Winter. It is a time to bring friends and family who are not Lions to introduce them to clubs and Lions service and fun.

Meet our Leos who will be performing service Friday afternoon. You may help sort eyeglasses, and sock and coat donations late Friday afternoon. Attend our Memorial Program, Business Meeting, two free seminars Saturday afternoon, and more.

Hospitality rooms are free!

The rooms are open Friday evening beginning at 5 p.m. and Saturday evening, following the awards dinner. Friday night features the Crock-Pot Challenge and hospitality room judging. Saturday night the Dessert Challenge in hospital rooms.

Click here for [Mid-Winter Agenda](#).

Thank you for your service and support of your communities and beyond during 2023. Our service makes a difference. Together We are Changing the World!

Lion Sara

Sara McFee
5M-5 Second Vice District Governor
Chair & 5M-5 Co-Trustee
5M-5 Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com

5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Agenda-Schedule

Friday, January 5th

2:00 PM		Hospitality Room Check-in	Front Desk
3:00 PM -	5:00 PM	Credentials (Voting Cards)	Garden Court
3:00 PM -	6:00 PM	Pick-up Meal Tickets and First Timer's Materials	Garden Court
3:45 PM -	4:15 PM	Leo Meeting	Veranda Ballroom
4:15 PM -	6:30 PM	Leo Service Projects	Garden Court
	5:00 PM	Sorting of Eyeglasses, Socks, and Coats	Garden Court
	5:00 PM	Hospitality Rooms Open	Hospitality Rooms
5:00 PM -	9:00 PM	Crock-Pot Challenge	Hospitality Rooms
6:30 PM -	9:00 PM	Hospitality Room Judging	

Saturday, January 6th

8:00 AM -	9:00 AM	Cabinet Meeting (All Lions invited)	Bloomington Room
9:00 AM -	10:00 AM	Memorial Service	Veranda Ballroom
10:00 AM -	11:15 AM	Credentials (Voting Cards) & Meal Tickets	Outside Veranda Ballroom
11:15 AM -	1:15 PM	Lions Presentations and Luncheon	Veranda Ballroom
		<i>Doors open at 11:15 AM</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Keynote Speaker: International Director John A. Lawrence</i> • <i>Peace Poster Presentation</i> • <i>Can Do Canine's</i> • <i>Super-Secret Surprise!</i> 	
12:45 PM -	1:15 PM	Credentials (Voting Cards)	Outside Bloomington Room
	1:30 PM	Business Meeting & Voting (All Lions invited)	Bloomington Room
-		Informational Seminar	Bloomington Room
-		Motivational Seminar	Bloomington Room
6:00 PM -	8:00 PM	Lions Awards Dinner	Veranda Ballroom
		<i>Doors open at 5:30 PM</i>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Every Day Hero Awards</i> • <i>John Lutter Memorial Award</i> • <i>International Awards</i> 	
8:00 PM -	9:30 PM	Dessert Challenge	Hospitality Rooms
11:00 PM		First Timers Contest Ends	Mpls. Downtown Next Gen Lions & Mpls Ambassadors Lions

Sunday, January 7th

Veranda Ballroom

7:45 AM -	8:45 AM	Past District Governors Fellowship Meeting	
8:00 AM -	9:00 AM	Club Presidents Meet with ID John A. Lawrence	
9:00 AM		Lions Celebration Breakfast	<i>Doors open at 8:30 AM</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tail-Twisting, Parade of Checks</i> • <i>Auction of Lions: Gong (Bell), Boom Box, and Framed Code of Ethics (Proceeds to LCIF, Lions Clubs International Foundation)</i> 	

As with any schedule there may be changes! We will try our best to keep information current.

5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Eco-Friendly Hospitality Room Ideas



Plan an Eco-Friendly Hospitality Room



- Offer and serve food and beverages in reusable, recyclable or biodegradable plates, bowls, cups, serving platters and bowls.
- Use items that are made from recycled materials and are free from bleach and harmful chemicals.
- Shop bulk for food that can be refilled in reusable serving platters / bowls.
- Setup accessible composting and recycling bins.
- Borrow or repurpose décor from family, friends, neighbors (think DIY or thrifting).
- Use biodegradable décor.
- Limit food waste by carefully planning amounts.
- Avoid single-serving items such as canned or bottled beverages.
- If possible, prepare your Australian-themed Crock-Pot and Dessert Challenge entries using locally sourced fresh food.



5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

First Time Attendee's

If you are attending 5M5's Mid-Winter Convention for the first time, this competition is for you!

Stop in the Garden Court between 3 PM and 6 PM on Friday to pick up your First Timer materials.

The competition is fun, and First Timer Award will be presented Sunday morning at the Celebration Breakfast.

As more information becomes available, we will post in future editions of The Informer and the website and watch Facebook!

5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Hotel Room, Discounted Rate

[**CLICK HERE TO BOOK**](#)



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Lions International District 5M

Hello there!

We're glad you can join us for Lions International District 5M-5 Mid Winter 2024

We have a room block reserved at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington - Minneapolis South for January 5, 2024 through January 7, 2024. Booking your room is simple, just select "Book a Room" to receive your group's preferred rate.

We're looking forward to seeing you in January! We hope you enjoy your stay and your group's event!

Book Your Room

Event dates: January 5, 2024 - January 7, 2024

Book by: December 22, 2023



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Bloomington - Minneapolis South

7800 Normandale Boulevard,
Minneapolis, MN 55439
USA

+1 952-835-7800

Rooms & Rates

1 King Bed - **\$96.00**

2 Doubles - Oversized Room - **\$96.00**

1 King - Sofa Bed - Oversized - **\$96.00**

**THIS DEAL IS ONLY VALID WITH THE LINK PROVIDED.
DO NOT CALL HOTEL**

5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Lion Memorial Program Form

[\(click here for form\)](#)

2024 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, MN

January 06, 2024

Memorial Service Program Form

This form is to notify the Memorial Service Program 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

Name _____

Title **Lion** **Lioness** **PDG** **PCC** **PID**
(circle all that apply) _____

Club Name _____

Comments about their:
*Charter or regular member
and number of years a Lion* _____

Comments about their:
Club/Lions offices and awards _____

Comments about their:
*Favorite projects or notable
accomplishments* _____

Comments about their:
*Why member was special to
your club* _____

Contact Info of Person Filling Out This Form

Name & Office _____

Club Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

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

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

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

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5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Service Project for Allen Law

Providing for the poor, disadvantaged, vulnerable and homeless.



Bring donations of **socks** and **cold-weather hats, mittens / gloves, jackets** for youth and adults to the Garden Court level.

Since 1967, Allan has delivered a message of hope, driving the inner-city streets of the Twin Cities between 9 PM and 10 AM, to help those most in need.

Allen also responds to calls for help 24/7 Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc.

(LoveOneAnother363.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Who is Allen Law?

Allan was a teacher in the Inner-City Minneapolis Public School System for 32 years, and founded Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc. 1967. Since its founding the **Mission of MRD has been: "Love One Another" and the Guiding Principle: "Judge our society by how we care for our children and the disadvantaged."**

In 1996 Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc. was granted 501(c) (3) Nonprofit Status which has helped offset the increasing needs in the community and ongoing expenses. MRD is an all-volunteer non-profit with no salaries serving the homeless, poor, vulnerable, disadvantaged youth, and their families in the Twin Cities every day with food assistance, and a variety of other emergency needs through Three Core Programs.

All donations are used for general operating expenses, or program specific funding. MRD does not have an office but is based out of Alan's apartment where he maintains 10 freezers to store sandwiches, and other program items. Additional sandwich storage freezers are located at a few volunteer drop sites in the Twin Cities.

5M5 MID-WINTER CONVENTION 2024

Parade of Green / 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 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.

CAN DO CANINES ASSISTANCE DOGS			
Yes-501c3	The Lions have been supporting this program to provide 5 types of specially trained assistance dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hearing Assist - Diabetes Assist - Seizure Assist - Mobility Assist - Autism Assist 	Cabinet Chair: Daren Johnson 4910 Washburn Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-720-0271 E: Daren.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us	Can Do Canines 9440 Science Center Dr. New Hope, MN 55428 B: 763-331-3000 F: 763-331-3009
CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER			
Yes-501c3	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 612-819-1743 rthorf@aol.com
LCIF, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION			
Yes-501c3	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 Marshall (Matt Haines) Lions Gift of Sight 1000 Westgate Dr. – Suite 260 St. Paul, MN 55114 B: 612-626-6081 C: 612-554-8328 E: LionJenniferMarshall@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-501c3	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	<p>Our Leos program has some ancillary costs associated with creating new clubs, start-up money, officer training, etc.</p> <p>Make checks payable to: District 5M5 with a memo to "Lions Leos"</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: James H. Rouillard 14925 Crow River Drive Rogers, MN 55374 C: 612-723-1600 E: jrouillard@mac.com</p>	<p>Currently, the district asks to hold donations to Lions Quest, but donate to LEOs or Youth Exchange instead.</p>
MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION			
Yes-501c3	<p>Send your checks to: Shari & Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 H: 952-920-4320</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Shari Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 C: 612-790-0507 E: seethurston@comcast.net</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 C: 612-790-7367 E: wjthurston@comcast.net</p>
MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION			
Yes-501c3	<p>Provides services and resources for survivors of childhood cancer and their families. Such as Camp KACE (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere).</p> <p>Supports research by providing funds to 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.</p> <p>Provides service for the support of families of childhood cancer patients. <i>Clubs can receive matching grants up to \$500 for a family in their district.</i></p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Lion Gary Stevens 18320 Cascade Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55347 C: 612-867-7249 E: edenprairiegary@gmail.com</p> <p>Mail checks to: MN Childhood Cancer Foundation % Tom McCarthy 23535 735th Avenue Dassel, MN 55425</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Lion Jeannine McDonald 3239 Chowen Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422 C: 612-281-3506 E: jiner9@comcast.net</p> <p>Pay Online at: www.mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org/donate-1</p>
MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION			
Yes-501c3	<p>Raises funds to support research for a cure for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, and treatments for diabetes. Provides funding for education, health screening and programs, services and activities related to diabetes.</p> <p>www.MNLionsDiabetes.org</p> <p>Make checks payable to: MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Sara McFee (Mike) 2101 Inca Lane New Brighton, MN 55112 C: 612-269-8709 E: LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com</p> <p>Mail checks to: Lion Mike Edwards 11070 16th Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Paul Newman 20006 Texas Ave Prior Lake, MN 55372 C: 612-799-4165 E: NewmanPE@spacestar.net</p>

MN LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION, INC

<p>Yes-501c3</p>	<p>The MN Lions Hearing Foundation - Lions 5M International Hearing Center, Lions Children’s Hearing Center, Lions Voice Clinic; Cochlear implants, hearing tests, infant hearing testing, hearing aids, and research are among the many important works of the Lions Hearing Foundation.</p> <p>Children’s Hearing Center - You may also designate in the memo line that you wish your contribution to be used for the Children’s Hearing Center.</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Cheryl Jechorek (Bob) 5400 Morgan Ave N Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 H: 763-560-1132 C: 763-300-6749 E: cjechorek28@gmail.com</p> <p>Send checks to Cheryl or Kevin</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Kevin Walsh 2005 E 122nd St; Apt A10 Burnsville, MN 55337 C: 612-810-6075 E: kwalsh75@live.com</p>
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MN LIONS VISION FOUNDATION, INC

<p>Yes-501c3</p>	<p>Make checks payable to: MN Lions Vision Foundation, Inc.</p> <p>Lions Gift of Sight, dedicated to recovering, processing, and distributing donated eye tissue for use in sight- saving corneal transplants, vision-enhancing surgery, research, and education. Lions Gift of Sight is one of the most successful eye banks in the country, and more than 29,000 people have received the gift of sight with donated eye tissue provided through the eye bank</p> <p>Children’s Eye Clinic, established in 1969, where more than 8,000 children are seen every year. The clinic is the second largest and best–staffed clinic of its kind in the country.</p> <p>MAC Center, Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC), established in 1998, researches and treats macular degeneration, a disease that affects the central vision. Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. The MAC brings together the expertise of physicians, the research of various departments around the University, and the knowledge of those in the medical technology industry. It is a powerful collaboration of resources dedicated to fighting macular degeneration.</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Rob Hed (Rhonna) 17440 45th Ave N Plymouth, MN 55446 C: 763-300-9454 E: hedrob22@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Kristin Morin (Phil) 3401 Louisiana Ave N Crystal, MN 55427 C: 646-808-9441 E: krisbrooklyn@yahoo.com</p>
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PROJECT NEW HOPE

<p>Yes-501c3</p>	<p>The mission is to provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime services.</p> <p>They do this by offering retreats for the whole family.</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: Kevin Harris (Alissa) 4911 Vincent Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-581-7056 E: ukharris31@gmail.com</p>	<p>Make checks payable to: Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN, Inc.</p> <p>www.projectnewhope.net</p>
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SPECIAL OLYMICS-MINNESOTA

Yes-501c3	<p>The 5M-5 Lions have been helping Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the state Competitions of the University of MN.</p> <p>We incur some miscellaneous expense that are not in the District's budget.</p> <p>Checks can be made to: Special Olympics Minnesota 100 Washington Ave S., Suite 550 Minneapolis, MN 55401</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: James Cain 5151 Russell Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 H: 612-521-1903 C: 763-232-0790 E: jhcain2@gmail.com</p> <p>B: 612-333-0999 or 800-783-7732 F: 612-333-8732</p>	<p>Cabinet Co-Chair: Ray Moonen 6143 Brookview Ave S Edina, MN 55424 H: 952-926-3166 C: 952-201-7031 E: moonen@myinmail.com</p> <p>www.specialolympicsminnesota.org</p>
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TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Yes-501c3	<p>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.</p> <p>Mail checks to: PDG Marth Athmann, Treasurer P.O. Box337 Bird Island, MN 55310</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair Rob Rand 6600 Lyndale Ave S., #600 Richfield, MN 55423 C: 612-715-6055 E: robrandmn@gmail.com</p>
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TRUE FRIENDS

Yes-501c3	<p>True Friends is the umbrella organization which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Camp Courage- Camp Friendship- Camp Eden Wood- Camp Courage North <p>Each camp provided a great experience for persons with physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities.</p> <p>Make checks payable to: True Friends-A specific camp can be designated by putting its name in the memo portion.</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: Not Assigned</p>	<p>Contact: PID Ross Thorfinson 612-819-1743 rthorf@aol.com</p>
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YOUTH EXCHANGE

No	<p>This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa.</p> <p>The district recommends that all checks go to 5M5 with Youth Exchange in the memo.</p>	<p>Cabinet Chair: Grant Hendrickson 9025 Telford Crossing Brooklyn Park, MN 55443</p>	<p>H: 763-391-7628 C: 612-508-9461 B: 612-721-1696 E: grant@southsideservies.org</p>
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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)



This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.



March 15-17, 2024

Shooting Star Casino

777 Casino Dr, Mahnomon, MN



The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.



Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)

The goal of this institute is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level.

Qualified candidates are:

- Lions in good standing
- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino ,777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen ,MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- Lions, Past, Present and Future
- Change Management
- Supporting Lions' Teams
- LCIF
- Communication
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Diversity
- Lions Mentoring Program
- Creative Thinking
- Ensuring Club success

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.

**MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
MARCH 15-17, 2024, MAHNOMEN MN
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 23, 2024

PLEASE PRINT

NAME:		DATE JOINED LIONS:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL ADDRESS:		TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
CLUB NAME & NUMBER:		MEMBER NUMBER:	
CURRENT OFFICE HELD:			
OTHER OFFICES HELD:			
I WAS REFERRED BY:			
WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?			
<i>Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.</i>			
Any food or other allergies?			
APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:			
APPLICANT:		DATE:	
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR:		DATE:	

NOTE: The registration fee for the Institute will be \$100 USD.
This fee will be payable by check or credit card before you can attend the Institute.
You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by
March 1st 2024



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

District 5M5 Membership: 1,316 (As Of 11/29/23)

To Date Added Members: 69
To Date Dropped Members: 61
Net Gain/Loss: +8

Welcome New Lions Members!

Hopkins Lions Club

Candyce Ferrentino
Mike Shinn

Joined: 12/16/2023
Joined: 12/05/2023

Sponsor: Amy Swannie
Sponsor: Douglas Dyrland

Maple Grove Lions Club

Angel M Erickson
Mary H Mills

Joined: 12/05/2023
Joined: 12/05/2023

Sponsor: Maureen Major
Sponsor: Maureen Major

Minneapolis Can Do Canines Lions Club

Michael G Ferber

Joined: 12/01/2023

Sponsor: Patrick Heffernan

“Together We Can” Make This an Amazing Year for Membership In District 5M5!

District 5M5 GMT Is Here to Support You.

Please Contact If You Need Any Assistance.

PCC Rob Rand

<mailto:robrandmn@gmail.com>

Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

Lion Jodi Altenhofen & Lion Bernie Braegelmann

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" –

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Did you know?

Minnesota ranked third among the states in the number of volunteers in 2021, the most recent year for which figures are available, according to research conducted by AmeriCorps and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Surely Lions club members are big contributors to the volunteer effort in our state. How can your club help pull our state up to #1?

Questions to ask at your next club meeting:

- What new initiative our club can engage in for the coming year?
- Are there members of our community who need help?
- Are we recording our service in MyLion?
- Are there non-Lion family and friends we can invite to join us?
- Can our club set a service goal for the coming year?

As always, send photos of your club's service so that we can post them on the District 5M5 Service page on Facebook.

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

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

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

5M5 DISTRICT INFORMATION

[Calendar of Events and Activities](#)



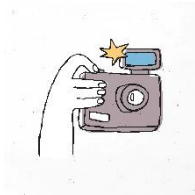
District 5M5's calendar is your key source for information on what is happening at the club, District, Multiple, and International levels. The 5M5's District website calendar is updated throughout the month at Lions5M5.org

[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 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 25th of this month.

[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 the title to learn more and access an "Opt" Out form.

LIONS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING



Maple Grove Lions Breakfast with Santa



Lions Ringing Bells for Salvation Army all over this land!!!





***Eden Prairie
Lionesses
Craft Sale***

Hopkins Lions Celebrates 85 Years

Guest speakers included:

Chris Egert who spoke about diabetes and being an amputee.

PIP Brian Sheehan who sent a message of congratulations

PID Bruce Beck who talked about What is the Ideal Lion.

MC Dave McCarville & DG Dick Kentzelman and Zone Chair Darren Johnson helped give out awards.



Open Arms

Salvation Army



Maple Grove Lions making blankets for the Masonic Children's Hospital with Seniors at Silver Creek Community and their Childhood Cancer Committee.

Lions Cheryl Shissel, Nell Campbell, Sharon Houff & Claudia Schomoyer



St. Louis Park Lions Breakfast with Santa





Lions Helping Lions!

Lions of District 5M5 and MD5M,

We would like to thank all the Lions that donated to help our fellow Lions of Hawaii, where several suffered great loss and destruction due to wildfires.

As most of you know Wildfires have destroyed portions of both the Big Island and Maui, especially the town of Lahaina. Many have suffered a devastating loss. The Lions of Hawaii requested an emergency disaster grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), but there are restrictions with these grants and the people of Hawaii need many things that are outside the requirements of an LCIF grant. Our Hawaii relief fundraising donations supplement the LCIF grant, as they have greater flexibility and less restrictions, and can be used to fill in the gaps left by the LCIF funds.

We had a hefty goal of \$10,000 and the Lions of Minnesota stepped up to the plate and gave and gave and gave.

We raised \$31,731.00 to donate to the Hawaii Lions Foundation.

Listed below are a few ways the money raised has been and will be used:

- Donated 420 sets of P100 respirators and PPE filter refills for Lahaina residents.
- Replaced hearing aids, eyeglasses and wheelchairs lost in the fire.
- Packing and providing 200 to 600 bags of produce on Wednesdays to area families.
- Packing and providing 200 to 600 boxes of food on Thursdays to families.
- Currently preparing and delivering 200 meals daily for area pre-schools. This is being done in cooperation with students at the Maui Community College culinary program.
- Providing household items, baby formula, baby products, personal hygiene products.
- Restocking area relief aid stations and hubs with items and products as needed and requested.
- Working with Saint Anthony Church and the Family Life Center as they build "Tiny Homes". The Lions will provide furnishings and linens upon completion of the homes.

Per the Lions of Maui: "We look at the needs on a daily basis and try to avoid duplication of services and supplies. "We are filling the gaps and assisting whenever possible"

Other conditions that are affecting our efforts:

- Toxic materials cleanup needs to be completed prior to the return and rebuilding by residents.
- Severe shortage of housing rentals for victims of the wildfires. As the hotel industry reopens to support the Maui economy, the hotels need the rooms that the evacuees have been housed in.



Lions Rhonna and Rob Hed were honored to be able to visit with ID Bob and Lion Pam Lee as well as attend the Hawaii Lions meeting to present the checks.

Thank you to the following clubs and Lions for supporting the Hawaii Relief Fundraiser:

- Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions • Albert Lea Lakeview Lions •
- Bloomington Lions • Brooklyn Center Lady Lions •
- Brooklyn Center Lions • Brooklyn Park Lady Lions •
- Brooklyn Park Lions • Corcoran Lions • Dayton Lions •
- Eden Prairie Lioness Lions • Excelsior Lions • Hamel Lions •
- Jordan Jordaness Lions • Maple Grove Lions • Minneapolis
- Minneapolis Riverview Lions • Minneapolis Southwest Lions •
- Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions •

Montgomery Lions • New Hope Lions • Northfield Lions • Norwood Young America West Carver Lions • Osseo Lions • Rogers Lions • Silver Lake Lions • St Louis Park Lions • Wayzata Lions •

Lions Rob & Jo Weiner (5M4) • Lions Rob & Rhonna Hed (5M5) • Lion Jeannine McDonald (5M5) •

Lions Marlene & Ron Roberts (5M5) • Lion Brad Hanson (5M5) • Lion Kelli Brown (5M5) • Lion Sara and Erik McFee (5M5)

• Flora and Robeck Crenshaw (5M5) • Lion Steve and Debra Morgan (5M2).



MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION, INC.



Lions support of Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is making a difference!

STRIDES Physical Activity Challenge

Our 3rd annual STRIDES Physical Activity Challenge fundraiser begins on February 1. The Challenge runs February, March, and April.

Why are we challenging you?

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is challenging Minnesotans and beyond to a three-month physical activity challenge to

- encourage all to be healthier through physical activity
- raise funds for diabetes research and education, and other services and programs related to diabetes

Physical activity, as well as healthy food and drink choices, helps 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.

During February, March and April participants choose time, location, and activities. Walk, swim, curl, roll, run, ski, snowshoe, cycle, bowl, shovel snow –whatever you enjoy doing! Resources on the Physical Activity Challenge website provide information on how to measure activity miles.

Diabetes Research Update – Mark Your Calendar!

MLDF will hold its Annual Diabetes Research Update March 16. Details and will be available on our website MNLionsDiabetes.org.

Your support is appreciated.

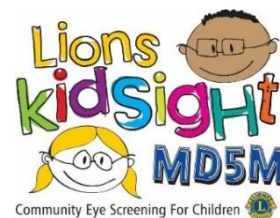
As we wrap up 2023, we want you to know we are grateful for the support of 5M5 Lions. Your service and contributions are helping us fulfill our dream, Life without Diabetes.

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)

Lion Sara McFee
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com
612-269-8709

Lion Paul Newman
NewmanPE@spacestar.net
612-799-4165

MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT



Happy New Year!

KidSight has just finished the busiest quarter we have ever had. We screened 3,672 kids in the second quarter! A record!! It is 250 short of how many we screened in the entire of last year. We had 486 referrals with a percentage of 13.3% which is a bit higher than we usually have. That number is especially important because 486 children have an indication that there could be something amiss with their vision. That we gave them a chance to see clearly is awesome. The other amazing stat is that we had 642 hours of service! We thank all the Lions who participated. We are so very grateful to those clubs and Lions who realize the importance of giving every child the ability to see clearly.

We need to give kudos to Lion John LeRoy and the Edina Lions Club for screening all the elementary schools in their city in November and December. They screened 903 students with 51 referrals and 138 service hours. We thank them for that and even as a small club they are one of the first clubs who screened and one of the most active clubs in the district.

We will see you at the Mid-Winter Convention on January 5-7 at the Bloomington DoubleTree. We hope you will be attending. Stop by the KidSight table located in the Garden Court. We will be next to the table of PDG Dennis Kelly who is running for the position of International Director. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the MD5M KidSight Foundation. Having worked with him for the last 7 years we think he would be an excellent ID. If you don't know him, stop by, and pick up a brochure with his information. You will be amazed at his contributions to the Lions organization. The Parade of Green will be at the Sunday breakfast. If you have not already made your selection of who to donate to, please remember KidSight when choosing your recipients. We thank you!

We know the ability to see clearly affects all aspects of a child's development. It is so important to reach as many children 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!

Lion Bill Thurston
wjthurston@comcast.net
612-790-7367

Lion Shari Thurston
seethurston@comcast.net
612-790-0507



Hello Lions,

We are pleased to announce that the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc is the beneficiary of the Silent Auction at our MD5M Convention in April in Winnipeg.

MD5M Lions KidSight, Inc is a 501c3 organization that provides vision screening in all of our Multiple District.

Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to ensure all children receive vision screening and follow up care to treat vision problems, because every child deserves to see the world clearly."

Vision Statement:

"To educate Lions and the public about the KidSight Program and make it the standard for children's vision screening."

Values Statement:

"MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc uses integrity and compassion while identifying potential vision needs of children."

Since our inception in 2016 we have provided vision screening to over 140,000 children with 1,400 being referred to an eye care professional.

The funds raised by this silent auction will help to purchase additional screening devices, provide warranty coverage for existing devices, purchase screening supplies and provide treatment and glasses for needy children.

Your donations of auction items is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Lion Dennis W Kelly III, PDG

Chair Board of Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2023

As 2023 comes to a close, Special Olympics is giving a review of this year.

Special Olympics has celebrated its 50th year. In this year, 52 events and competitions were held in Minnesota, 5729 athletes were engaged, along with 3471 volunteers and 3100 free health screenings were offered.

In the sport competitions, 16 different sports were offered, from snowshoeing to gymnastics, and bocce ball to flag football. Year round activities are offered to keep athletes engaged and active. Sporting events are the heart of the mission of Special Olympics and give athletes an opportunity to shine as well as spent &me with friends and teammates.

Another effort by Special Olympics is Champion Schools. Three hundred schools in Minnesota were Unified Champion Schools, where students with intellectual disabilities are fully included in their schools.

Lions have played major roles in all these areas:

- Coaching
- Refereeing
- Polar Plunging
- Lions International Grants
- Opening Eyes
- Parade of Green gifts

Looking ahead, Special Olympics hopes to partner even more with Lions in growing the impact and more inclusive future.

Please reach out to either of us if your club is interested in helping the continued success of Special Olympics.

Lion Jim Cain

Lion Ray Moonen

LION 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.)

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS



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
DA	District Administrator	PDG	Past District Governor
DG	District Governor	PID	Past International Director
DGE	District Governor-Elect	PinS	Partner in Service
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PIP	Past International President
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
GAT	Global Action Team	PU-101	Club Officer Reporting Form
GLT	Global Leadership Team	RC	Region Zone Chair
GMA	Global Membership Approach	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GMT	Global Membership Team	STRIDES	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
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	YE	Youth Exchange
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation	ZC	Zone Chair
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program		
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

**District 5M-5
MidWinter Convention
Changing the World**



January 5-6-7, 2024
 Hilton DoubleTree Hotel Bloomington
 The theme for 2024 is Australia!
 Hospitality Rooms
 Crock-Pot Challenge
 LEO Projects
 Fabulous Dessert Challenge
 Awards Night Dinner
 Great Speaker from Can-Do-Canines
 Special Surprise At Lunch!



**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.

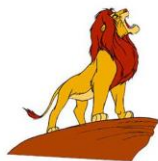
The theme for 2024 is Australia!

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
Third Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, January 6, 2024**



**Bloomington Room
HILTON DOUBLETREE. BLOOMINGTON**

8:00 a.m.

No food

No RSVP needed

Cabinet Secretary Robert Vokes

**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



Brooklyn Center Lions Club

Wednesday January 10, 2024

STEAK DINNER

\$13

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW #494, Crystal MN

8 oz. Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Texas Toast, Beverage
Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects.



Robbinsdale Lions first annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament



Sunday, January 21, 2024 3:00-5:00 pm

Wicked Wort Brewing Co.

4165 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale MN

\$5/per person

2 to 4 players per 300 piece puzzle

1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers
will be awarded prizes from local merchants.

*Door prizes will be awarded throughout the event.
Food and drink will be available for purchase.*

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“Catch the Dream” ...Life Without Diabetes!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2024

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

2000 steps = 1 mile

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own
Be a part of a team

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration Link opens February 1, 2024

\$30 Registration Fee
T-Shirts available



Physical activity, and healthy
food and beverage choices
are key to preventing diabetes
and improving health.



Net Proceeds benefits
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
MNLionsDiabetes.org



37TH ANNUAL SNOWBALL OPEN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

BRUNCH 9AM

TEE TIMES 10AM - 2PM

LIVE MUSIC 3PM - 5PM

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
ORONOLIONS.ORG

\$25 ONLINE ADVANCE PURCHASE
\$35 DONATION PER PERSON ON DAY OF EVENT



LIVE MUSIC IN THE BREWHOUSE
TRAVELED GROUND
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM



BEST SLED CONTEST

\$100 Best / Coolest Sled

\$50 People's Choice

\$50 Most Unique



Pose your Paws

Pet portraits for Valentine's Day!

(Well behaved owners may pose with pet if the pet gives permission)



Pet photo shoot on Saturday, February 10, 2024
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Pet Stuff
14731 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345



Photography provided by Kevin White Photography

Donations accepted to benefit the community – Sponsored by:



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- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino, 777 Casino Dr, Mahanomen, MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- Lions, Past, Present and Future
- Change Management
- Supporting Lions' Teams
- LCIF
- Communication
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Diversity
- Lions Mentoring Program
- Creative Thinking
- Ensuring Club success

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.



WAYZATA LIONS CLUB



Saturday - February 24th, 2024
8:00 am – 11:00 am
St. Bart's Fellowship Hall
630 E. Wayzata Blvd, Wayzata
Benefiting the Wayzata Community

Tickets are available at the door

Adults - \$10.00

Preorder of tickets or general inquiries, please contact:

Pat Moran - 612-799-7884 ... Tim Anderson - 763-443-1631

WayzataLionsClub@gmail.com



This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.



March 15-17, 2024

Shooting Star Casino

777 Casino Dr, Mahanomen, MN



The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.



Greeting Fellow Lions Clubs of MD5M

The Multiple Convention for MD5M is being held in Winnipeg MB Canada in April 2024.

Your Club is being asked to donate a *silent auction* prize. Proceeds will go to KidSight. See attached letter from Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, PDG and KidSight Chair.

Your convention committee has decided that 75% of all "baskets" donated will be a regular ticket in a bag draw with the remaining 25% will be a bidding auction.

Tickets are: 1 sheet of 25 tickets is \$20.00
3 sheets (75) of tickets are \$50.00

Please contact: Lion Julia (aka JJ or Jay) Doe at:
doejulia@hotmail.com
1-204-694-6881 home 1-204-794-3729 cell

To advise the theme of your Club's donation and approximate value. IF you are sending cash instead of, PLEASE put your Club's cheque in the mail on or before **25 March 2024** and send it to:

Lion Julia Doe
526 Adsum DriveWinnipeg MB R2P 0W8

Thanking you in advance for your generous donation.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jay, Silent Auction Committee Chair



LCIF Gala



Paint the Town ~~RED~~ GREEN!

Sat, April 13, 2024

Prairie Event Center
Parkers Prairie, MN

Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala, you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear GREEN. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming newsletter articles.

If you have any questions, please contact: LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.



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**Brooklyn
Park Lions**

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APRIL 24TH, 25TH AND 26TH

SAVE THE DATE(s)

MORE INFORMATION
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