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• Communications survey link:

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Tell us about 5M5's Mid-Winter Convention

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- Tell us your thoughts about the 2024 Mid-Winter Convention.
- Give suggestions to improve future conventions.
- Mid-Winter Convention survey link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/82

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March 2024

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Orono Lions

Celebrating 72 years March 16, 1952

Brooklyn Center Lions

Celebrating 69 years March 30, 1955

Maple Grove Lions

Celebrating 61 years March 5, 1963

Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions

Celebrating 15 years March 16, 2009

Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions

Celebrating 8 years March 25, 2016

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Submit article</u>, news, photo for the next issue by the 25th of this month.

<u>Special Feature Note:</u>

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.

March 2024

March 1 to 25	Hopkins Lions, Gerten's Fundraiser
March 1 to 28	St. Louis Park, Gerten's Fundraiser
March 1 to April 30 th	STRIDES Physical Challenge & Fundraiser
March 8	Rogers Lions Fish & Shrimp Fry
March 10	Spring ahead 1 Hour!
March 13	Northeast Lions Pot o'Gold
March 15-17	ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)
March 17	Rogers Lions, BINGO
March 18	5M5 Cabinet Meeting
March 23	Maple Grove Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser
March 24	Bloomington Lions Pancake Breakfast
March 24	Osseo Lions Pancake Breakfast
March 27	Jersey Mike's Giving Day. Benefitting Special Olympics Minnesota

<mark>April 2024</mark>

<u>April 1</u>	All-Club Meeting
April 1 to April 30 th	STRIDES Physical Challenge & Fundraiser
<u>April 11</u>	Feed My Starving Children. 5M5 Leo's and Lions
April 13	LCIF Gala
<u>April 14</u>	Eden Prairie Lions Pancake Breakfast 8AM to 12 Noon
<u>April 20</u>	Registration Due for D-FEET Walk on June 1st
<u>April 21</u>	Maple Grove Lions, Steak & Shrimp Dinner
<u>April 24, 25, 26</u>	Brooklyn Park Lions Smelt Fry

<mark>May 2024</mark>

May 5	New Hope Lions Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction
<u>May 8</u>	RSVP Due for New Officer Training
<u>May 11</u>	Maple Grove Lions, Nature Run
<u>May 13</u>	New Officer Training. Can Do Canines, New Hope
<u>May 18</u>	Maple Grove Lions Tales & Ales

<mark>June 2024</mark> <u>June 1</u> <u>June 1</u>	DFEET Walk, MN Lions Hearing Foundation Fundraiser New Hope Community Golf Classic
July 2024 July 11 July 12 July 13 July 13 July 13 July 14 July 14	Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM benefits MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM Hamel Rodeo, 1:00 PM Maple Grove Days Corn Feed Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM Hamel Parade, 2:00 PM Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM
August 2024 September 2024 September 13	Maple Grove Lions Rock'n the Grove
October 2024 November 2024	

December 2024

Submit article, news, photo for the next issue by the 25th of this month





DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Dick Kentzelman



Fellow Lions,

A thank you to all clubs at the convention for the Eco-Friendly rooms and all clubs throughout the year in recognition of the Environment for upcoming Earth Day April 22nd, and reporting Earth Day activities all year long.

Here we are at the start of another year following the Mid-Winter. At the Mid -Winter we had the district elections, DG, FVDG, SVDG, now is the time to start putting together your clubs, election committee, candidates, and process for conducting elections good luck to all in fulfilling the positions.

January 25th, I had the pleasure to attend Osseo Lions meeting great attendance tail twisting, club business taken care of, and review of upcoming events, a guest was in attendance looking to join congratulations on growth of new members your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Attended a joint meeting of the Eden Prairie Lioness/Eden Prairie Lions clubs on February 5th. Camp Eden Wood very busy evening with both clubs reporting activities throughout the year. Guests were in attendance for new membership for both clubs congratulations on new member growth and future new members bringing new skill set and ideas.

February 15th, I had the pleasure to attend Northwest Tonks Lions General Membership Meeting. Great attendance and a guest looking to join the club and be a part of Lions and Service within the Community. Working on Scholarship activity's, I also had the pleasure of handing out Chevron service awards, along with Campaign 100 Model Club plaque for their time and effort during Campaign 100 congratulations.

I attended a joint meeting between Lions Clubs Wayzata and Minneapolis SW. A great evening of membership and discussion on service projects fundraising and donations to the community. There were awards given out also, there were Lions service awards Chevrons given to both clubs for time in Lions. Campaign 100 Model club was also presented to Wayzata Lions Club for their work on LCIF Goals.

I also attended the Hamel Lion's meeting. I had the pleasure of giving out awards and inducting a new Lion Member to the Hamel Lions. Their average age is dropping down and with new members they bring Enthusiasm, Ideas, and Skill set to the club. Congratulations Hamel Lion's.

As always keep in mind of reporting all service and fundraising projects hours involved and number of Lions involved monthly, throughout the year.

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

Take Care. Yours in Lionism, DG Dick Kentzelman



DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Lion Kim Schommer

Hello Lions of 5M5,

I hope this finds you all well! I know several clubs have or will be having pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers and service projects this spring. Please try to support other clubs' events whenever you can.

This month I will be attending DG Elect training in St. Charles, IL with all 780+ governors from 200+ countries.

I am looking forward to learning about the different things Lions do around the world. It should be very interesting.

I will also be attending MD5M DG Elect training as well this month.

I look forward to learning as much as I can about how to be the best DG I can next year.

Thank you to each of you for all you do to serve those in your community.

Every one of you makes a difference every day.

Yours in Lionism,

Kim Schommer

District Governor Elect – 5M5



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT Lion Sara McFee

Greetings Lions,

Service. Fellowship. Fun.

That's what brings Lions together. That's what grows Lions impact.

Our District makes an impact!

We've served more than **227,741 hours** since July 1.

- We've helped more than 21,520 people through more than 826 service activities
- Our reach extends much more as we've donated more than **\$718,563** to Lions foundations and needs throughout our communities.

5M-5 has small clubs. And we've got clubs that exceed 100 members. We can help grow our clubs by supporting each of our clubs.

- Invite nearby clubs to attend your club's social / speaker dinners. Great fellowship for our Lions. Great for the speaker who is presenting to more people.
- Invite other 5M-5 clubs to perform service with your club. This is especially helpful for smaller clubs who may not take on a service effort because they think they are too small. Combined with your club, and other clubs, service expands and each club gains visibility within our communities.

Growing our District

Sharing service activities and sharing social / speaker dinners is one step. Encouraging your club members, and other participating clubs, to **bring prospective members** is a next, and very important step.

When Lions bring potential members to activities and events, prospective members experience the fun and fellowship that is such an important part of being a Lion. It opens the door for new members.

Our service, in kindness, is strengthening our communities and changing the world! Thank you for all that you and your club are doing to make a difference.

Lion Sara McFee 5M-5 First Vice District Governor-Elect

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

MEET THE CANDIDATES-Bert Nelson for International Director

Pam and I have enjoyed meeting many of you at the Mid-Winter conventions. Our hope is that we will meet again at MD5M Convention in Winnipeg on April 19-21, 2024. There the delegates will vote for the endorsement of the International Director who will represent MD5M.

I feel I have the right qualifications to run for International Director which include:

Zone 6 Chairman District 5M9 Public Relations Chairman District 5M9 Newsletter Editor Chairman of three 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions District Governor 2005-06 Council Chairman 2006-07 MD5M Long Range Planning Committee Chairman MD5M Public Relations Chairman MD5M Newsletter Editor MD5M LCIF Chairman for past 11 years **Certified Guiding Lion Global Extension Team Global Leadership Team Global Service Team** Training Instructor for six groups of incoming governors Facilitator for 8 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institutes Facilitator for 1 MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Assisted on 5 International Director Campaigns for candidates from MD5M. Campaign Chairman for IP Brian Sheehan Planning Committee member of 2 USA/Canada Forums Presenter at 5 USA/Canada Forums



Scan the QR code to listen to the endorsements by Lions from MD5M. Pam and I want to thank you for your consideration and continued support with my campaign for International Director. We plan to visit your Mid-Winter Conventions and we hope to see you in Winnipeg.

PCC Bert Nelson

<u>lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com</u>c

cell: 218-298-0599





MEET THE CANDIDATES-Dennis Kelly for International Director



Hello Lions,

As some of you already know I am seeking the endorsement of our Multiple District for the office of International Director of Lions Clubs International.

I have dedicated my Lions' life to service and leadership. A commitment to help make my community and world a better place by working with other Lions to make a difference, to leave things better than the way they were before. To lead by example and inspire and motivate other Lions to do the same. To continuously challenge present day thoughts and actions to make sure that the path we are on is the best for our members, clubs and association.



I have spent most of my Lions career and my private sector career in management positions. Leading teams, managing groups of people, giving guidance and motivation to team members and leaders to help them reach their goals and potential. I will continue to do this as a member of the board.

Being able to represent our Lions and our association at the International level requires a team approach. I have an amazing service partner, Lion Cheryl. She is a proven leader and motivator who is dedicated to our motto, "We Serve." We both believe in the concept of servant leadership. This is a leadership approach that puts serving others above all other priorities. Rather than managing for results, a servant leader focuses on creating an environment in which their team can thrive and get their highest-impact work done.

In our district 5M6, I have served as a trustee to the MN Lions Vision Foundation, twice as District Mid-Winter Convention Chair, and as the District Global Leadership Coordinator. In this role I developed the Club President's Happy Hour. A quarterly gathering of club presidents to improve the communication between the clubs and district leadership.

In our multiple district I am currently the Global Leadership Team Coordinator, responsible for all leadership development and training, RLLI, ELLI, and FDI as well as District Governor Elect and vice district governor, I have held this position since 2019.

I also was instrumental in starting the KidSight program and have held the position of Chair of the Board of Directors of the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc since 2017. Our Lions have screened over 125,000 kids since this program began.

My experience on the club, district, multiple district and international level has positioned me to be able to fulfill the duties of a member of the International board. Lion Cheryl and I pledge to do our best to represent our Lions and help to make our association the standard to which all other service associations are measured.

To read more about my experience and qualifications please visit my website: teamdennis.net and visit our Facebook page, DK3 for ID. You can also email at **teamdennislion@gmail.com** with any questions or if you would like to support my campaign.

We hope to meet many of you at the mid-winter convention.

Your consideration of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

Lion Dennis

MEET THE CANDIDATES-Bruce Strachota for 2nd Vice District Governor



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

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

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



Did You Know.....

...that last month the Global Leadership Team (GLT) used this space to remind all the clubs that now is the time to start planning for the election of club officers for next Lions year. We renew that reminder this month.

In addition to electing officers for next year, we strongly encourage new and returning officers to attend officer training. In addition, any Lions that would like to learn more about officer duties are welcome to attend. Perhaps you are thinking of stepping up to a club leadership position, but you are unsure what the position entails. This is a great opportunity to learn!

For more details about the May 13, 2024 officer training session.

Please see the flyer on the next page. If you have any questions, you may contact: PDG Jennifer Gilbert 5M5 Global Leadership Team Coordinator winn0004@gmail.com

5M5 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

MAY 13, 2024 6 p.m.

RSVP due May 8

Hooray! Club officer training is in person again this year!

- Training begins with a light dinner.
- Training presentations will be grouped by officer positions.
- Each session will last 45 minutes, including time for
- questions and answers.
- RSVP by May 8.
- \$10 per participant will be collected at check-in May 8.

If you're a returning officer, this training is for you, too! Come and learn what is new.



TRAINING LOCATION CAN DO CANINES 9440 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE

NEW HOPE 55428

Training for

Presidents Secretaries Treasurers Membership Chairs and any Lion interested in learning about club officer roles

Returning officers and Lions with club officer experience are welcome!

Questions?

Contact

Lion Jennifer Gilbert 651-226-0205 or

winn0004@gmail.com

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5M5 Global Leadership Team



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District 5M5 Global Membership Team (GMT)

District 5M5 Membership: 1,316 (As Of 2/18/24). To Date Added Members: 93 To Date Dropped Members: 71 Net Gain/Loss: +22

Welcome New Lions Members!

Brooklyn Center Lions Club Stacey Engelkes-Cain	Joined: 01/13/2024	Sponsor: Cheryl Jechorek
Eden Prairie Lions Club P.G. Narayanac	Joined: 02/05/2024	Sponsor: Ron Case
Eden Prairie Lioness Club Jan O'Neil	Joined: 02/01/2024	Sponsor: Kathy Bollinger
Excelsior Lions Club Scott Biesanz	Joined: 01/14/2024	Sponsor: Michael Bredenberg
Greg Fischer Sue Ratliff	Joined: 01/30/2024 Joined: 01/31/2024	Sponsor: Erin Fischer Sponsor: Nora Scallen
Hamel Lions Club Barb Rowan	Joined: 11/01/2023	Sponsor: Rob Hed
Hopkins Lions Club Charles Melcher	Joined: 02/06/2024	Sponsor: Wayne Harkness
Maple Grove Lions Club Richa Narain	Joined: 02/06/2024	Sponsor: Nell Campbell
Osseo Lions Club Marina C. Morgan	Joined: 02/08/2024	Sponsor: Jennifer Schultz

Together we can make this an amazing year for membership in District 5M5!

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

District 5M5 Informer-Home

ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR – Term ends 2026

Bruce Strachota

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

Wayzata Lions

<u>ZONE 2 CHAIR – Term ends 2024</u>

David Danielson

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

<u>ZONE 3 CHAIR – Term ends 2024</u>

Daren Johnson

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

<u> ZONE 4 CHAIR – Term ends 2024</u>

Heidi Zaworski

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

<u> ZONE 5 CHAIR – Term ends 2025</u>

Judy Rue

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

<u>ZONE 6 CHAIR – Term ends 2026</u>

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

5M5 DISTRICT INFORMATION

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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.



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.



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LIONS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING

Maple Grove Lions-Polar Plunge Lion President Jay Boatman & Leo Sabrina Boatman jumping



Maple Grove Lions-Polar Plunge registration at The Lookout





District 279 Foundation Fundraiser: MG Lions were a sponsor Lions Jay Boatman and Daughter Leo Summer and wife Lisa, Lions Tim Conaway, Nell Campbell, Cheryl and Gene Schissel, Vickie Parks, Phil Leith, and Nickie Ashbach



Maple Grove Lions-Wonder of Winter Lions Phil Leith & Dan Little

Email Your Photos

Please email photos of your Lions in action - club, district and beyond. Include dates, names, locations etc.





New Maple Grove Lions member Richa Narain February 5, 2024



Campaign 100 Model Club Presentation to Northwest Tonka Lions



MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION, INC.



2024 STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

Physical Activity Challenge & Fundraiser

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation including a physical activity challenge as a part of its annual fundraiser. We are asking:

- each Lions Club within Minnesota and each Lion within our clubs to r register for our 3rd Annual Physical Activity Challenge
- Lions to recruit family members, friends, colleagues, near and far, to participate in the Challenge.

The Challenge

- The Physical Activity Challenge encourages participants to be active indoors or outdoors at least 15 miles each month.
- Choose to be active on your own, or as a part of a team.
- Choose your activities: 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!*

Your Financial Support-By registering for / donating to you will be helping finance critical research being done to find a cure for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

Why a Physical Activity Challenge?-Diabetes is often brought on by heredity and by individual lifestyle. Physical activity, as well as healthy food and drink choices, helps prevent diabetes and help maintain and restore health.

Diabetes Research Update March 16!-Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will hold its Annual Diabetes Research Update March 16. You'll learn from University of Minnesota researchers about:

- an approach to fight inflammation and Type 2 Diabetes
- Curing diabetes by stopping attacks by body immune system Bringing immune tolerance to clinic setting
- Genetically-engineered pigs as organ donors for treating diabetes and related Complications

Attend the free Diabetes Research Update in person (St. Cloud), or via Zoom Link.

See flyer in Informer and information at MNLionsDiabetes.org

Each day we see people in our community and around the world who suffer from the effects of diabetes. Catch MLDF's Dream. *Life without Diabetes! Thank you for your support!*

Lion Sara McFee LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com 612-269-8709 Lion Paul Newman <u>NewmanPE@spacestar.net</u> 612-799-4165

Physical Activity Challenge February March April 2024



Registration during February, March & April

https://secure.ggiv.com/event/mldfstrides2024

Turn in the bottom portion of this flyer

Register and donate online

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation 3rd Annual Fundraiser

"Catch the Dream" ...Life Without Diabetes!

How to register

or



How to Participate

- Choose your own activity
- Be active on your own
- Be part of a team
- Donate or register anytime between February 1 and April 30
- Commit to 15 miles of physical activity per month

Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices help prevent diabetes and improve health.

Lions Club Name	District #
Physical Activity Challenge Team Name	
Your Name	Your Phone
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	
Donation Amount \$30 \$50 \$100	\$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other
Mail to: Lion Mike Edwards, Minnesota Lions I 55376	Diabetes Foundation, 11070 15 th St NE, St. Michael, MN
(Net Proceeds benefit the	e Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation)

Register and Donate Online



The KidSight Foundation will be the recipient of the Silent Auction at the MD5M Convention in Winnipeg on April 19-21. We are asking for donations to the auction from every 5M5 club. Because of the restrictions of crossing the border and back, gift cards or cash donations are accepted and encouraged. There are questions as to what can be in the gift baskets since it is in Canada. We can bring gifts into Canada if the value does not exceed \$60 per gift. For a list of food etc. that we can bring, please go to:

inspection.canada.ca

It would be great if we had many Lions from 5M5 attending but we can take your gift baskets/gift cards if no one from your club will be attending. Contact us with questions.

We are overwhelmed and so very grateful for the generosity of those Lions Clubs that donated to the KidSight Foundation for the "Parade" of Green at the Midwinter Convention. It is very much appreciated! Thank you!!

The Midwinter Convention was one of the best. Thank you to those organizers that worked so hard putting it together. There are no words to describe how surprised, humbled and so appreciative of the International Leadership Award presented to Lion Bill and the International Presidents Award to Lion Shari. We do what we do because we love it and really feel we are servicing our districts' children. Kudos are never necessary but very much appreciated.

After an extremely busy end of the year screenings have slowed some. We are concentrating on preschools and the Spring pancake/waffle breakfasts. We would like to get more clubs screening the kids in their club's area and we would be glad to get you started. We cannot stress the importance of giving these kids the opportunity to have clear vision. The kiddos in your clubs area deserve it.

Lion Bill Thurston wjthurston@comcast.net 612-790-7367 Lion Shari Thurston seethurston@comcast.net 612-790-0507

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Jersey Mike's Month of Giving!

March is Jersey Mike's Annual Month of Giving. All 54 Jersey Mike's locations in Minnesota will be encouraging customers to donate to Special Olympics Minnesota throughout the month.

Save the date: Jersey Mike's Day of Giving is Wednesday, March 27. 100% of sales (not just profits!) support Special Olympics Minnesota on this day. Eat some sandwiches and support SOMN!



Jersey Mike's Locations in Minnesota

You can help Special Olympics by visiting any of the following Jersey Mike's location during the month of March. And even more so if you go on March 27th! Thanks for supporting Special Olympics athletes. MD5M Special Olympics Chair Lion Laura Maki

Albert Lea Alberville Apple Valley Baxter Blaine x 2 Brooklyn Park **Burnsville** Champlin Chanhassen **Coon Rapids** Cottage Grove Duluth x 2 Eagan x 3 Eden Prairie Edina x 2 **Fergus Falls** Fridley x 2 **Golden Valley** Hastings Hopkins Lakeville Lino Lakes

Mankato x 2 Maple Grove Maplewood Minneapolis Moorhead North Oaks Owatonna Plymouth Richfield Rochester x 2 Rogers Rosemount Roseville Savage Shakopee St Cloud St Anthony Village St. Louis Park St. Paul Vadnais Heights W. St. Paul Waconia



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<u>www.lionsmd5m.org/2023-md5m-convention</u> 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 <u>www.lionscon.lionsclubs.org</u>

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.)



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 Melvin Jones Fellow
CC	Constitutions and By-Laws Council Chair	MMR	LCI monthly membership report
CEP	Club Excellence Process	MyLCI	LCI electronic membership database
CGL	Certified Guiding Lion	MyLion	LCI app for connecting members,
COG	Council of Governors	,	setting up and promoting activities,
CP	Club President		etc.
CS	Cabinet Secretary (District)		
CT	Cabinet Treasurer (District)	NPLF	Northern Pride Lions Forum
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
		PIP	Past International President
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
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FDI	Faculty Development Institute	-	
CAT	Olahal Astian Tanan	RC	Region Zone Chair
GAT	Global Action Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GMA	Global Leadership Team		
GMA	Global Membership Approach Global Membership Team	STRIDES	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
GST	Global Service Team	TT	TailTwister
631	Giobal Service Team		Tall Twister
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	2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
	President		
IVP	International Vice President	WCD	White Cane Day
		WSD	World Sight Day
LCI	Lions Club International		NO 10 2 10
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'		

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WEB SITES & LINKS

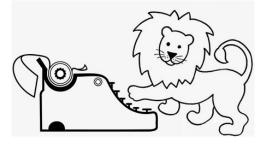
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lionsclubs.org lionsmd5m.org lions5m5.org

District Approved Projects & Links

Can-Do-Canines Confidence Learning Center Leader Dogs for the Blind Leos Lions Clubs International Foundation lcif.org MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 5mhf.org Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation **Project New Hope Special Olympics Minnesota TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundations True Friends** lionsclubs.org/youth/youth-camps-and-exchange Youth Exchange

candocanines.org campconfidence.com leaderdog.org lionsclubs.org/about-leos kidsightmd5m.org mnlionsdiabetes.org mnlionsvisionfoundation.org mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org projectnewhope.net specialolympicsminnesota.org facebook.com/groups/TEAM SHEEHAN truefriends.org



EVENT FLYERS





15th Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Research Update March 16, 2024

Hosted by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes — a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the ris

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn first hand how these scientists, funded by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

Following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists one on one, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

Saturday,	March	16, 2024	
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Best Western Plus Kelly Inn Registration and Social Lunch Program

- Sunwood/Congress/Senate Ballroom 100 4th Ave. 5 St. Cloud, MN 56301
- 2:30 p.m. Meet n' Greet with Scientists

Faculty Research Presentations:

12 p.m.

1 p.m.

- Development of a Next-Generation Approach to Fight Inflammation and Type 2 Diabetes -Dr. David Bernlohr
- Curing Diabetes by Stopping the Body's Immune System Dr. Brian Fife
- Bringing Immune Tolerance to the Clinic for People with Diabetes and Kidney Failure -Dr. Sabarinathan Ramachandran and Dr. Brian Flanagan
- Production of Genetically Engineered Pigs as Donors of Organs for the Treatment of Diabetes and its Complications Dr. Christopher McGregor
 - RSVP by Tuesday, March 5 RSVP via email to MNLionsDiabetesFdn@gmail.com

A Zoom Link will be emailed to those unable to attend in person. Please request Zoom link by email above. A confirmation email will be sent prior to event.





Dehn's Country Manor 11281 Fernbrook Lane North Dayton, Minnesota

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

Cabinet member must RSVP by March 11!!

E-mail Robert Vokes hisfootness@comcast.net

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



fun-filled event. Reserve your spot for only \$30, with early seating at 12:00. OR you can do same day purchase, doors open at 1:00. The reserved seating tickets can be purchased at the pull tab booth at Rockwoods \$199 guarantee winning per game, must be 18 years to play.

50/50 RAFFLE WILL BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY TOO!

SUNDAY AFTERNOOON'S

START AT 1:30 PM **ROCKWOODS BAR & GRILL** 9100 QUADAY AVE NE OTSEGO

FEBRUARY 18TH MARCH 17TH

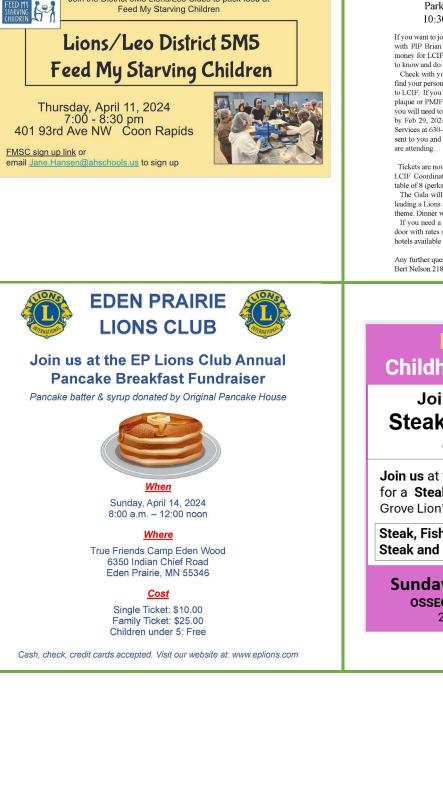
Food and beverges are available for purchase

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT













Sat, April 13, 2024 Prairie Event Center Parkers Prairie, MN 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

If you want to join in on the fun that we will have with PIP Brian and Lori Sheehan with raising money for LCIF, than read below what you need

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find your personal balance that you have donated to LCIF. If you want to be presented with a MJF plaque or PMJF pin by PIP Brian Sheehan, then you will need to order your plague/pin by Feb 29, 2024. You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you

Tickets are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator for \$45 each or \$500 for a table of 8 (perks included).

The Gala will begin at 10:30 am at the Prairie Event Center with Lion Lori Sheehan leading a Lions in Motion activity at 11:00. There will be a costume contest with a green theme. Dinner will start at 12:30.

LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson telling Melvi

Jones all about the LCIF Gala in April.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a Grandstay Hotel is located next door with rates starting around \$157.00. Their phone # is 1-855-230-2535. There are also hotels available in nearby Alexandria, MN.

Any further questions please contact: Bert Nelson 218-298-0599 or lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com

Join the District 5M5 Lions/Leo Clubs to pack food at

Feed My Starving Children

Maple Grove Lions Childhood Cancer Fundraiser!!

Join us for a Steak & Shrimp dinner



Join us at the Osseo-Maple Grove America Legion for a Steak & Shrimp Dinner benefiting the Maple Grove Lion's Childhood Cancer initiatives.

Steak, Fish or Shrimp: \$12 Steak and Shrimp: \$14

Sunday April 21 5:30pm – 8:30pm **OSSEO - MAPLE GROVE AMERICAN LEGION** 260 4th Ave SE | Osseo, MN 55369

District 5M5 Informer-Home





All you can eat pancakes served with sausage, coffee, and juice. Adults \$10.00 Kids (6-13) \$5.00 5 and under FREE

Silent Auction/Raffle Items 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Proceeds to benefit community and Lions international projects.

Auction ends at 11:30 AM. Raffle winner drawings held around 11:30 AM. All winning items must be picked up no later than 12:30 PM day of event!!



Lions KidSight providing free eye screenings kids ages 6 months to 6 years.

Bring your used eyeglasses for a donation to those in need.

THE MAPLE GROVE NATURE RUN

HALF MARATHON - 10K - 5K





Enjoy the beauty of Maple Grove's trees, lakes, rivers and streams...

Half Marathon - 10K - 5K

- Enjoy the beauty of Maple Grove's lakes and streams
- Run through Elm Creek Park Reserve and see its wildlife
- Register @ maplegrovelions.org/run

Race Day: May 11, 2024



D-FEET HEARING WALK Support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation holds an annual fundraising walk to generate funds for our mission of research, education and the promotion of hearing health.

The Walks are being held in 2 locations: Bemidji and Chaska (see below)



Scan QR code to Register On-Line

With your \$35.00 registration/donation you receive: *Free entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day if attending walk in Chaska *Free event t-shirt *Dance to the Teddy Bear Band (Chaska) or the Empty Cooler Band (Bemidji) *Lots of children's activities, games & prizes *Fun for families of all ages *A chance to change a person's life with your registration/donation. Kids 12 and under -- FREE Register the kids to make sure they get a t-shirt if they desire.

To learn more, click the button below or check us out at facebook.com/5mhf.org

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OnLine

Text: DFEET2024 to 50155 to register or donate

New Hope Lions Community Golf Classic

Saturday June 1, 2024 New Hope Village Gotf Course 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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 \$50 per golfer advance registration
\$55 per golfer day of registration (includes green fees, lunch, glft beg)
\$15 Non-golfers (lunch only)

Raffle items All proceeds benefit local charities, civic donations, vision and hearing impaired, diabetes, childhood cancer, and environmental focused.

4-person scramble event Prizes for 10th, 5th, 1st and a random place

For more information contact Lion Carl Wittkowske 612-803-2190



SUBMIT YOUR EVENT FLYER

for the next newsletter by the

25th of this month.





WINTER IS COMING TO UKRAINE Part 2 JOIN US!

Winter 2023 - there was a huge need for generators!

Last Winter we joined our forces to support schools and kindergartens with a huge success! After 3 months, the result was astonishing: Over 2260 generators, over €1,5 million collected,13 participating European countries, over 300.000 children in Ukraine helped! Read the full story: Winter is coming to Ukraine



WINTER IS COMING TO UKRAINE Part 2! This Winter we need to join our forces once again to build and deliver wood running stoves to the households of southeast Ukraine together with LCIF!



There is a huge need for stoves in the southeast Ukraine. As gas or diesel fuels are scarce, people need to use wood to cook their food and warm their homes. We are proud to say that we have Lions involved all the way, from the production till delivering to the families in Ukraine! We have 100% LIONS control joint LCIF project.



This LIONS LCIF stove meets all needed requirements: it is effective, made of steel, perfect for heating, it has a big surface to cook food, it has ash box to collect ashes and to control the draft, it comes with instruction manual included, both in English & Ukrainian.

The cost is only €150 per unit! Or \$225.00 Canadian or \$165.00 USD! For that you get a stove made in Finland, transported to Kharkov, Pavlograd, Zaporizhia in Ukraine and delivery to families in need! Stove will also have a huge LIONS LCIF Logo, laser engraved on the cooking surface, so user will be reminded every day that we LIONS LCIF, helped!

Just DECIDE the number of stoves and DONATE! All donations large or small are welcome! Your donation does not have to equal the full amount of the stove to be accepted.

Canadian Lions and Lions Clubs can send their donation to: E-transfer - info@lionsfoundation.org Cheques and Money Orders to: Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario 302 Sherbrook Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2W6

*Please include: Lions Club or Individual name, full mailing address, District/Lions Club/Member numbers and indicate if a charitable receipt is required.

**All individual and Club donations are eligible toward Melvin Jones Fellow, club commitment to LCIF, model club, etc. Because these are designated funds, they are not eligible for community impact grants. All donations count toward CA2 and CA1 LCIF goals.

Your Canadian Country Coordinator is Lion Angela Sharbot @ 807-597-6789 or text 807-598-1077 email <u>a sharbot@hotmail.com</u> Your USA Country Coordinator is Lion Charlie Short @ 765.491.3355 or email <u>Cshort@lNlions.org</u> Project's Marketing Coordinator Lion Anamaria Zechiu at <u>anamaria.zechiu@gmail.com</u> or call +40 745 083580

Join this amazing project and make it your project, too!

