

INFORMER



April 2024

Together we are Changing the World

LCIF POEM

In a Lions' heart, a fire brightly glows,
For communities, their goodwill flows.
With LCIF, they make dreams come true,
Spreading hope in all they do.

From sight to youth, and disaster relief,
Their impact spans beyond belief.
Across the globe, they lend a hand,
Uniting nations, making a stand.

With a Lions' roar, they pave the way,
For a brighter, better world each day.
In service, strength, and unity,
LCIF shines with boundless opportunity.

*This was submitted anonymously by a member who recently attended the Emerging Lions Leadership Class.
A fellow classmate wrote it.*

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

St Louis Park Lions
April 28, 1942

*Congratulations on
82 years of service!*



Eden Prairie Lioness
April 1, 2001

*Congratulations on
23 years of service!*

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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.

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

April 2024

April 1	All-Club Meeting
April 1 to April 30th	STRIDES Physical Challenge & Fundraiser
April 11	Feed My Starving Children. 5M5 Leo's and Lions
April 13	LCIF Gala
April 14	Eden Prairie Lions Pancake Breakfast 8AM to 12 Noon
April 20	Registration Due for D-FEET Walk on June 1st
April 21	Maple Grove Lions, Steak & Shrimp Dinner, to support Childhood Cancer
April 24, 25, 26	Brooklyn Park Lions Smelt Fry
April 27	Excelsior Lions Pub Crawl

May 2024

May 5	New Hope Lions Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction
May 8	RSVP Due for New Officer Training
May 11	Maple Grove Lions, Nature Run, Half Marathon, 10K & 5K
May 13	New Officer Training. Can Do Canines, New Hope
May 18	Maple Grove Lions Tales & Ales in Central Park

June 2024

June 1	DFEET Walk, MN Lions Hearing Foundation Fundraiser
June 1	New Hope Community Golf Classic
June 13	NorthEast Lions, 18-Hole Golf Tourney
June 14	Maple Grove Lions, Gift of Sight Golf Classic
June 15 – 16	Maple Grove Lions, Pickleball Tournament to support Childhood Cancer

July 2024

July 11	Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM benefits MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
July 12	Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM
July 13	Hamel Rodeo, 1:00 PM
July 13	Maple Grove Days Corn Feed
July 13	Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM
July 14	Hamel Parade, 2:00 PM
July 14	Hamel Rodeo, 7:30 PM
July 19	TEAM Sheehan Welcome Home Party

September 2024

September 13	Maple Grove Lions Rock'n the Grove
September 20 & 21	Northern Pride, St. Cloud

HEADLINE NEWS

Lions Clubs International – Branding matters!

Marketing your club and its projects or events is crucial for gaining public support for your activities and for growing club membership. In doing so, it's important to remain consistent with Lions Clubs International branded materials to maintain the brand equity our organization has built over the last century.



Lions' clubs are completely autonomous. However, one of the reasons that members choose to join a club is because they identify with what our association stands for. Correctly using the graphic elements, verbal tone and personality developed by Lions Clubs International will ensure that all clubs are communicating clearly and effectively with a unified voice.

The link below takes you to the LCI website page that features all the tools you need to publicize your club's events, updates, recruitment and more while staying true to the Lions International brand.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines>

On this webpage you can find items you need to successfully market your club — from photos and videos for digital communications to Lions emblems, service icons, Leo logos and more. Your club can utilize the resources, templates, and everything else found there to help you jumpstart your club marketing. From service event promotions to new member engagement, use these tools to elevate your club marketing efforts.

Included on this webpage is a branding guideline manual that you can read or download. Please use this reference guide to ensure that your club is properly using all the Lions logos and other branding. The guidelines found in this manual should be used in everything you do for promotion and marketing, whether it is printed materials like brochures, signs, and flyers, or websites & social media posts.

One very important item that your club can do to immediately assist in your Lions branding is to use the proper Lions logo. Many clubs have not replaced the former logo with the current logo that was implemented many years ago. Below is a side-by-side comparison of the former and current Lions logos:

Usage of the correct Lions logo is important. A few of the easiest ways to recognize the correct logo branding requirements are:



- a) if the logo has a red tongue, it is the wrong logo.
- b) if the logo is multi-colored and not the two-colored version, it is the wrong logo.
- c) if the logo is not smooth across the top, it is the wrong logo, and
- d) if the I and the L in the word International are illegible, it is the wrong logo.

If any of your printed materials, advertisements, webpages, or social media sites are using the wrong logo, please change them to the current logo at your earliest convenience.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Lyle Goff

MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair

gofflt@msn.com



Lions Clubs International

New Lion Portal Launch Begins April 15, 2024

What you need to do to be ready!

Key Dates	Action
Prior to April 11	Enter and get your club membership and service reports updated. Update club member information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log in to <i>current</i> member portal with Lion Account credentials • Navigate to MyLCI • Select “My Lions Club” • Select “Members” • Click on member name whose information you need to update. • Select “Edit Member” to enter info to be updated, including unique email address for each club member.
Now through April 11	My Lion, MyLCI and Insights continue to function
April 12 & beyond	My Lion, MyLCI and Insights will be discontinued
April 15 – May 13	Existing Account users will receive invitations to access the new Lion Portal by email. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If you do not see Lion Portal invitation in your email, check your spam and junk email folders.</i> • <i>Permissions to use new Lion Portal will not change.</i> • <i>Lions who are allowed to report service, access member data and other key functions will remain the same.</i>
May 13 & beyond	All visitors attempting to use previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal
Requirements	
Unique Email Address	The new Lion Portal requires a unique email . <i>Lion Portal will not accept an email address that is shared with another Lion member (no family email address used for more than one Lion, etc.)</i>
Phone Numbers	Phone numbers will no longer be permitted as a log in credential.
Mobile-Friendly	Use the new Lion Portal with desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone. The portal will adjust to size of device you are using.
Resources	
Lion Portal Website	Go to: LionsClubs.org/Portal-Updates for launch updates, training videos, FAQ, launch resources.
5M-5 District Resource & Training	Lion Portal training at 5M-5 Club Officer Training on May 13. Questions about Lion Portal? Contact LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Dick Kentzelman



Fellow Lions,

Welcome back to the real world of Minnesota weather! You gotta love it!! We're not out of the woods yet, embrace cooler temps and snow cannot get any better.

The new Lion Portal proposed target launch April 15 - May 13, invitations will be sent out via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users. ([See the Lion Portal Update](#))

There is a new Environmental Goal proposed by IP Patty Hill planting trees before or after Arbor Day April 26th. With all that is happening to the Ash Tree devastation in Minnesota it would be good to see clubs of 5M5 climb on board and coordinate with GST Chair PDG Bernie Braegelmann to meet or exceed the goal of 500 trees for our District.

March 6th, 2024, I attended a zoom mtg. (GAT) Global Action Team CA1 Area C, discussion on Mission 1.5 for our clubs.

March 8-9 (COG) Council of Governors Meeting Double Tree Roseville discussion on USA/CANADA Leadership Forum in Kentucky

Upcoming meetings include April 19-21, MD5M Convention in Winnipeg.

April 25-27, 2025, Multiple Convention 2025 will be held Hilton Minneapolis-ST. Paul Airport Hotel Bloomington. Met with Plymouth Lions Club very active club with service and fundraising efforts ongoing. Awards were given out along with Campaign 100 Model Club Award Congratulations to Plymouth Lions on helping LCIF reach and exceed their fundraising goals thank you.

ELLI Training had 36 attendees. Congratulations to our 5M5 District attendees, Lions William Shafer Brooklyn Center Lions, Lion Mark R. Wendt Brooklyn Park Lions, and Lion Michael Crenshaw Brooklyn Park Lions, Congratulations on successful completion.

Saturday March 6th MLDF Diabetes Foundation had their yearly update on research and development techniques through tests at Diabetes Research Center.

The fourth Cabinet Meeting was held on March 18th, 2024, Dehn's Country Manor, 30 members were present. A lot of activity within our District concerning foundations and service projects and District Grants.

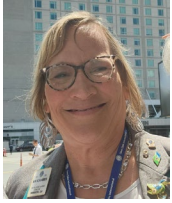
Youth Exchange/Youth Camp is looking, for host families this summer Contact Lion Grant Hendrickson grant@southsideservices.org a great opportunity for meeting and hosting a young person from another part of the world.

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

Also continue with membership drop and shoot for June for your year-end drops, which helps with year-end membership thank you.

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 5M5 Lions,

Happy Spring! I hope you are enjoying the mild weather. Spring is a great time to work on service projects - especially tree planting, yard and road clean ups and recycling projects. I know many of our clubs have been doing all kinds of great projects and fundraisers recently. Thank you all for the service you provide to your community!

I attended MD5M DGE training in March. It was very informative and helpful in preparing me for my role as Governor next year. I also attended the MD5M Council of Governor's Meeting (COG) where we were updated what is happening in the multiple and districts. These meetings are always very informative and can be attended by any lion. If you haven't attended a COG, I highly suggest you check one out - they are held four times a year in various locations. The next one will be at the Multiple District Convention in Winnipeg later this month.

If you have not yet registered for the Multiple District Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 19 - 21 you still have a little time. Registration closes on April 10.

You can find information on the MD5M website at lionsmd5m.org. I hope to see many 5M5 Lions at the convention.

It is also the time of year for club officer elections. There will be District Club Officer training on May 13. Be sure to check out the information contained in this newsletter for details.

There are a lot of club, district and multiple district activities going on in the next few months. Take a look at the calendar and see what interests you! It is fun to attend other club's events and support each other.

Enjoy your spring!

In Lionism,

Lion Kim Schommer
District Governor Elect



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

Lion Sara McFee

Greetings Lions,

Wow! As of March 30, our District reporting for this Lion year shows, collectively, our 37 clubs have:

- welcomed 136 new members to our clubs
- performed 23,377 hours of service
- served 241,085 people

Club reporting is important.

Looking at the reports for our District on Lions International is like looking at a dashboard. Reports show where we are at — what we've accomplished and helps us know what we need to do.

Reports provide us with information we should share with our members, prospective members, and our communities. *Lions should **Roar** about what they do to help their communities and the world.*

New Lion Portal

Reports. Our reporting tool is changing. (*"Again?" I hear some Lions saying.*)

Yes, Lions International begins the launch of a new Lions reporting tool April 15. Existing account holders will receive, by email, invitations between April 15 and May 13 to access the new Lion Portal.

In this is of *Informer*, at our April 1 All-Club meeting, and through information emailed to club presidents and secretaries you can learn about the new Lion Portal. The new Lion Portal can be used with desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile phone. (The portal will adjust to the size of device you are using.)

We are serving communities — and a world in need through one act of kindness at a time. Thank you for all that you and your club are doing to make a difference.

Lion Sara

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 the 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

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MEET THE CANDIDATES-

Dennis Kelly for International Director



It's not about how long you've been a Lion. (28 years, but who's counting?)

It's not about how many offices or positions you've held.

It's not about how many awards, medals, or certificates you've received.

It's about your impact.

KidSight, a new program since 2016. Leading a team of Lions.

Over 180,000 kids have had their vision checked. Over 22,000 have seen an eye doctor changing their lives. Changing the lives of hundreds of Lions.

MD5M GLT since 2019. Leading teams that have resulted in more training being done at the club and district level. Two leadership institutes happening every year rather than one institute every other year.

The least number of vacancies in the District Governor, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG leadership position, only three, in the last five years.

That is my impact.

We are asking for your vote.

Please vote for the Lion who has made an impact on our Multiple District and the lives of thousands of Kids and Lions through KidSight.

Please vote for the Lion who has made an impact on leadership development both in our multiple district and internationally.

Your vote for will allow me to continue to make an impact in our multiple district and on the international level.

Please allow me to represent you and be your voice.

Please vote for PDG Dennis Kelly III for International Director.

We appreciate you and thank you for your support and your vote.



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 talk about how the Lions have affected 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.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)

Attention 5M5 Lions: A new site that combines MyLion (activities), MyLCI (administrative site: international dues payment, club officers & member rosters, etc.) and Insights will be combined to the new Lion Portal. See the below site for the new ways to use the Lion systems, the timelines and process for registering for the new system.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates>



Get ready for the Lion Portal

We're preparing to launch the new Lion Portal. See below for some key dates and be sure to check out our recently updated frequently asked questions and new resources.

Key Dates

- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.
- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new portal.

[Training videos](#)

[Frequently asked questions](#)



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

Service Goals from District Governor and International President

One of our International President, Patti Hill's, goals this year is to Create a Greener, Cleaner Environment. As part of this goal, our Multiple wants to support her by planting trees.

The Lions of 5M5 are being asked to plant 500 trees this spring around Arbor Day which is April 26th.

You can certainly buy and plant trees on your property or you can do this as a club project.

I know many cities offer trees for sale this time of year.

We also have many local nurseries and stores that offer an abundant selection of trees to pick from so you can select what trees would grow well in your city.

The goal is to have our District plant 500 trees. The trees can be of any size or type.

If you don't have a place to plant trees locally, how about helping MN plant a forest?

Here is a link for more information:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/gifts/future_forests.html

Don't forget to report your Tree Planting Service Project, along with how many trees your club planted, on MyLion so that we know your club participated in this project.

Also, will you help our District Governor meet the last of his service goals by doing a project, and reporting it on MyLion, in these two key areas of service:

- Diabetes
- Recycling Project - Environment



ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR – Term ends 2026

Bruce Strachota

Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions
Loretto Lions
St. Louis Park
Wayzata 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 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 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 5 CHAIR – Term ends 2025

Judy Rue








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

	<p>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</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Share Your Club Service and Activities on Facebook District 5M5 - Lions Service Facebook email to Lion Bernie Braegelmann District 5M5 Lions Facebook email to Lion Kristine Morin.</p>
	<p>Tell us about 5M5's Communications!-- - Go to link below to take a confidential survey. Tell us how you learn about what is happening across our District. Give us suggestions to improve District communications. Communications survey link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/8DMWTR7</p>
	<p>Tell us what you think about 5M5's Mid-Winter Convention! - Go to link below to take a confidential survey. Tell us your thoughts about the 2024 Mid-Winter Convention. Give suggestions for future conventions: www.surveymonkey.com/r/82WJLFH</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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!</p>

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 and after the 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 CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING



[Email Your Photos](#)

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

Robbinsdale Lions helped Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce on their Eggstravaganza on March 23rd. Over 325 children left with smiles and prizes donated by local merchants.



March 5th-

New Maple Grove Lion Mike Stiefel



Beer & Wine Tasting including Lions Gift of Sight (highlighted at the event.)



Lions Lounge-a new feature of the event included a singer and VIP Experience



Maple Grove Lions attending the event

Plymouth Lions Club- Campaign 100 Model Club



KidSight made a presentation to the Brooklyn Center Lady Lions



KidSight screening at the Bloomington Lions Pancake Breakfast



Supporting Research for a Cure - During our quarterly meeting March 16, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation trustees approved grants totaling \$100,000 for research at the University of Minnesota. Attendees at Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's annual Diabetes Research Update (March 16) learned about the progress and next steps of this research.

- Development of Next-Generation Approaches to Fight Inflammation related to Type 2 Diabetes.
- Curing diabetes by stopping the immune system attacks.
- Bringing Immune Tolerance to Clinics for People with Diabetes and Kidney Failure.
- Production of Genetically-Engineered Pigs as Donors of organs for the Treatment of Diabetes and it's Complications.

Supporting Youth at Camp Sweet Life - Trustees also approved a grant of \$5,000 to support Camp Sweet Life scholarship fund. Camp Sweet Life is a non-profit organization that provides youth who have Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) an opportunity to connect with other kids who have T1D, learn how to take better care of themselves, and have loads of fun in a carefree summer camp environment.

Register and Participate Now through April 30 for 2024 STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge & Fundraiser -Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is 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 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 and 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.

Catch MLDF's Dream. Life without Diabetes!

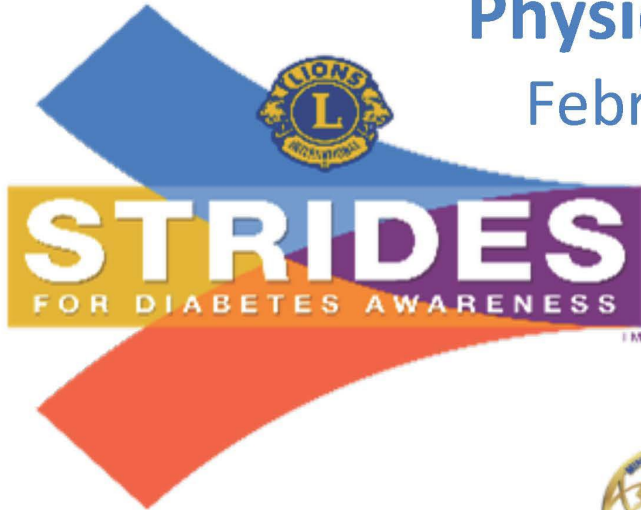
Your support of Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is making a difference! Thank you!

Lion Sara McFee
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Lion Paul Newman
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612-799-4165

Physical Activity Challenge

February March April 2024



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation 3rd Annual Fundraiser

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



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

How to register

Registration during February, March & April

Turn in the bottom portion of this flyer

or

Register and donate online

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

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 Diabetes Foundation, 11070 15th St NE, St. Michael, MN 55376

(Net Proceeds benefit the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation)

Register and Donate Online

Open House: May 18, 2024

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

FREE



We will be hosting an open house on Saturday, May 18, from noon-2 p.m., at our campus. Potential clients, volunteers, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization is invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

There is no pre-registration for this event, so please join us on May 18. You will be asked to share some contact information at our registration table upon arrival.

We cannot guarantee the availability of a sign language interpreter at the event. If you would like to request one, please write to Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org at least two weeks before the event or call 763-331-3000.

Take a virtual tour of our campus.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees can:

<p>Can Do Canines Journey: Part 1</p> <p>Hear from a volunteer dog host who will show a few basic dog skills and explain the path our puppies take.</p> <p>Times: 12:10 PM 12:45 PM 1:20 PM</p>	<p>Can Do Canines Journey: Part 2</p> <p>Watch a trainer demonstrate some general skills an assistance dog can perform.</p> <p>Times: 12:30 PM 1:05 PM 1:35 PM</p>	<p>Pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process. Staff will discuss general information, but attendees should not expect to apply for a dog while at the event.</p>	<p>Meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes and childhood autism.</p>



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. Checks can be made to the KidSight Foundation and sent to Lion Bill or Lion Shari.

A school nurse sent this note to Lion John Leroy concerning a screening the Edina Lions did at an Edina elementary school:

I wanted to let you know about one family who was very grateful for the screening. Here was what they wrote:

"The vision screening has been a game changer for us. My son's results showed that one eye was not functioning the way it should have been. We took him to the eye doctor, and she confirmed it. He now has high powered glasses to help correct the issue.

Also, because we took him to the eye doctor, we also took his brother in to be assessed and he had a similar issue. Now he has glasses also.

We had no idea as neither of them ever showed signs of needing glasses and always passed the vision test at annual physicals. So, I am very grateful for this screening!"

We in the health office are also so grateful to the LIONS club for all your help with screenings! We hope to continue partnering with you!

Follow ups are so important and when we hear this type it is most gratifying. Screenings have slowed this quarter, mostly because we did so many screenings last quarter, breaking records!

If you are a delegate for your club at the Multiple Convention in Winnipeg, we are asking you to support PDG Dennis Kelly III for the position of International Director. Lion Dennis is the Board Chair of the KidSight Foundation. We have worked with him for the last 7 years and find him to be knowledgeable, organized, passionate about KidSight and the entire Lions organization. He is a true leader.

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

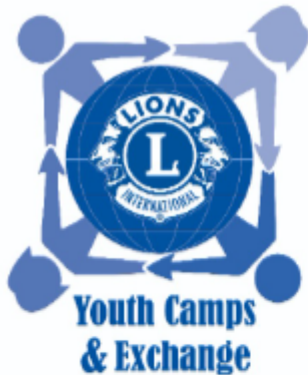
Lion Shari Thurston
seethurston@comcast.net
612-790-0507



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Has your Lions Club conducted a project that raised funds for the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation?

Tell us, we want to hear your ideas!



Call for Lions Youth Exchange Hosts

Up to 25 Youth Exchange from 15 countries will be visiting Minnesota during July. The youth speak fairly fluent English and have been vetted by their home country and their Lion sponsors.

- We are seeking 5M5 families to host.
- Hosting is a three-week commitment.
- Host families may choose preference for Youth Exchange participant gender and country.
- A stipend is available to cover some expenses.

If you have a high school age child or grandchild, this is a great way to learn about a country / culture and to practice learning a new language.

For more information, contact Lion Grant Hendrickson, 5M-5 Chair, 5M Lions Youth Exchange Foundation. Email: Grant@southsideservices.org

We Serve

Since 1917

5M-5 ALL CLUB MEETING

Hey Clubs, Add some fun by donating a prize or tickets to your upcoming event!

APRIL 1st

5:30 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner

CRYSTAL VFW Post 494
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal
55429

RSVP by Monday, March 25th
with your Name, Club Name and Meal Choice to
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com

► Bring a Friend & Join Us For

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

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

Join the District 5M5 Lions/Leo Clubs to pack food at
Feed My Starving Children

Lions/Leo District 5M5 Feed My Starving Children

Thursday, April 11, 2024
7:00 - 8:30 pm
401 93rd Ave NW Coon Rapids

EMSC sign up link or email Jane.Hansen@ahschools.us to sign up

LCIF Gala

Paint the Town **RED GREEN!**

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, then read below what you need to know and do.

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 plaque/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 are attending.

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.

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



LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson telling Melvin Jones all about the LCIF Gala in April.



EDEN PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB



Join us at the EP Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Pancake batter & syrup donated by Original Pancake House



When

Sunday, April 14, 2024
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Where

True Friends Camp Eden Wood
6350 Indian Chief Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Cost

Single Ticket: \$10.00
Family Ticket: \$25.00
Children under 5: Free

Cash, check, credit cards accepted. Visit our website at: www.eplions.com

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



**Brooklyn Park Lions Club 61st Annual
"Worlds Largest" Smelt Fry**
April 24, 25 & 26
5:00pm to 8:00pm



Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center/ Armory
5500 85th Ave N - Brooklyn Park Minnesota
Adults: \$16.00 in Advance, \$18.00 at the Door
Children 12 and under \$10.00

Meal includes one serving of Fresh Coleslaw, Beans, Rice, Dinner Roll and All of the Delicious Hand-Breaded - Deep Fried Smelt you can Eat.

Save and Get Advance Tickets at:
Community Activity Center Desk
Godfathers Pizza & BP Lions
Online: www.brooklynparklions.org

**All You Can Eat!
Cold Beer
For Sale!**






The Excelsior Lions Club presents

2ND ANNUAL - 2024 PUB CRAWL



Saturday, April 27 - 1 - 4 pm

Join us as we hit Water Street for the 2nd Annual LEGO Pub Crawl! benefiting the MN Childhood Cancer Foundation

Bring a new or unopened 100 piece LEGO set or \$25



Fun begins at Excelsior Brewing Company (pizza provided by Olive's)



2ND STOP - Montego Blu



FINAL STOP - Haskell's



71 YEARS • WE SERVE • 1953-2024

New Hope Lions Club Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday May 5, 2024 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Crystal Community Center 4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN

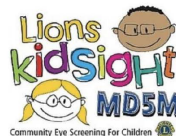
All you can eat pancakes served with sausage, coffee, and juice.

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.

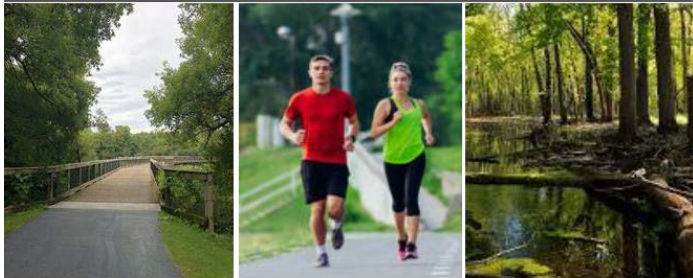
Auction ends at 11:30 AM. Raffle winner drawings held around 11:30 AM.
All winning items must be picked up no later than 12:30 PM day of event!!



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

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

new 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



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** to Jennifer Gilbert: winn004@gmail.com
- \$10 per participant will be collected at check-in May 13.

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
winn004@gmail.com

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5M5
Global Leadership Team

D-FEET HEARING WALK

Support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



Annual Walk

JUNE 1, 2024 - 9:30 AM
MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM - CHASKA, MN
DIAMOND POINT PARK - BEMIDJI, MN



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
 - *Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
 - *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/5mh.org

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OnLine](#)

Text: DFEE2024 to 50155 to register or donate

**New Hope Lions
Community Golf Classic**

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

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

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

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

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

Win \$10,000

18-Hole Tourney • 4-Person Scramble
Contests • Prizes • Free Swag Bag (\$40 Value)
Dinner and Awards at JAX Cafe!
Easy Online Registration: www.NELIONS.org



No day-of-event registration. This event sells out rapidly.
To Register, Sponsor a Hole or to become a Corporate Sponsor, please visit www.NELIONS.org
Questions: Call Larry Wajda – 612-849-0772
A detailed info sheet will be sent out upon registration.

THURSDAY
JUNE 13
GOLF TOURNAMENT
2024

COLUMBIA GOLF CLUB
3300 Central Ave. NE, Minneapolis 55418

9:30am Golfer Check-In Begins • 10:45am Pitch-A-Putt • 11:00am Shotgun Start

\$130 per Player

Includes: Lunch, Golf, Cart, Swag Bag,
and JAX Buffet Dinner.
Additional Dinner Guests: \$50 each

Early Registration at www.NELIONS.org

Win at Golf

Everyone wins when you play the
Maple Grove Lions
Gift of Sight Golf Classic

100% of Proceeds Go to Charity

Lions Vision Foundation | Lions Hearing Foundation | Lions KidSight Screening

One Player will win
a 4-day, 3-night Stay
at CocolaPalm Resort
in Negril, Jamaica

Pheasant Acres Golf Course
June 14, 2024
Best Ball Scramble
Shotgun Start at 1 p.m.

On-Course Games, Prizes for All, Great Fun

Chicken and Ribs Awards Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Non-players Welcome for Dinner - RSVP - \$17.50 per person

Tournament Details and Registration at www.maplegrovelions.org

Sign Up to Win at Golf

Registration is limited to 33 foursomes. If you do not have a foursome,
sign up and we will place you in a group. Fill out and mail to our address
with a check for the total, payable to Maple Grove Lions. Or fax the form,
or call our number for other payment options.

Group Contact _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Golfer 1 _____ \$130
Golfer 2 _____ \$130
Golfer 3 _____ \$130
Golfer 4 _____ \$130
Group Total \$ _____

Snip and Send to

Maple Grove Lions Charity Golf Committee • 12432 99th Avenue North • Maple Grove MN 55369
763 442 0659 phone • Brian.Salisbury848@gmail.com
Lion Brian Salisbury, Co-Chair

July 11th is

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

At the Hamel Rodeo!!



For every ticket sold for the July 11th show,

MNLCCF will receive a portion of
the ticket sales!

Rodeo starts at 7:30pm Gates open 2 hours before the show.

5 shows throughout the weekend.

Order tickets online: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>

REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024
WHERE: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn
100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320) 253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3
TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Program: 7:30 pm
DRESS: Black and White attire (Notice we didn't say "black tie")
COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON (Not a typo!); CAPACITY: Only 280

**NO GIFTS PLEASE:
THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION ONTO THEIR HOME!**

ONLY IF YOU INSIST:
Consider bringing a check payable to "LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation"

Name(s) _____ District # _____
Email Address: _____

Dinner Choices: Top Sirloin _____ Chicken Breast _____ Vegetarian _____

Please mail the completed form and your check for \$15/person payable to "Lion Brian Campaign Fund" to:

Mike Molenda
1462 Featherstone Court
Hastings, MN 55033-9181





**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS
FORUM**

ST. CLOUD KELLY INN

SEPTEMBER 20-21 2024



**SEMINAR INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.
SPREAD THE WORD - WE'RE BACK!**

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT FLYER

*for the next newsletter by the
25th of this month.*



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)		
CT	Cabinet Treasurer (District)		
CSC	Club Service Chair	NPLF	Northern Pride Lions Forum
DA	District Administrator	PCC	Past Council Chair
DG	District Governor	PDG	Past District Governor
DGE	District Governor-Elect	PID	Past International Director
		PinS	Partner in Service
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PIP	Past International President
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
		PU-101	Club Officer Reporting Form
GAT	Global Action Team	RC	Region Zone Chair
GLT	Global Leadership Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GMA	Global Membership Approach	STRIDES	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
GMT	Global Membership Team		
GST	Global Service Team	TT	TailTwister
ID	International Director	VDG	Vice District Governor
IP	International President	1VDG	First Vice District Governor
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair	2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor	VDGE	Vice District Governor-Elect
IPID	Immediate Past International Director	1VDGE	First Vice District Governor-Elect
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
IVP	International Vice President	WCD	White Cane Day
		WSD	World Sight Day
LCI	Lions Club International	YE	Youth Exchange
LCICon	Lions International Convention	ZC	Zone Chair
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation		
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	lionsclubs.org
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	lionsmd5m.org
District 5M5	lions5m5.org

District Approved Projects & Links

Can-Do-Canines	candocanines.org
Confidence Learning Center	camconfidence.com
Leader Dogs for the Blind	leaderdog.org
Leos	lionsclubs.org/about-leos
Lions Clubs International Foundation	lcif.org
MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation	kidsightmd5m.org
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation	mnlionsdiabetes.org
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation	5mhf.org
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation	mnlionsvisionfoundation.org
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org
Project New Hope	projectnewhope.net
Special Olympics Minnesota	specialolympicsminnesota.org
TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundations	facebook.com/groups/TEAM SHEEHAN
True Friends	truefriends.org
Youth Exchange	lionsclubs.org/youth/youth-camps-and-exchange

