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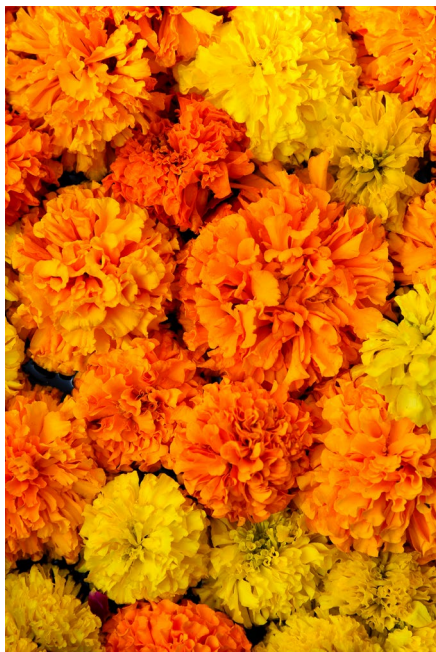


November 2024

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Congratulations to

Hopkins Lions Celebrating 86 Years!!

(November 28, 1938)

New Hope Lions Celebrating 71 Years!

(November 19, 1953)

Plymouth Lions Celebrating 65 Years!

(November 11, 1959)

Rogers Lions Celebrating 48 Years!

(November 4, 1976)

Brooklyn Center Lioness Celebrating 4 years!

(November 18, 2020)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Submit articles](#), news, photo for the next issue by the 25th

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November 2024

[November 1st to 30th](#)

Physical Activity Challenge

[November 1st to 30th](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Meal Tickets, reduced rates

[November 9](#)

Maple Grove Holiday Craft Boutique

[November 9](#)

District Wide Food Drive

[November 10](#)

Apple Valley Lions Bowling Fund Raiser for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

[November 11](#)

All Club Meeting-02

[November 13](#)

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

[November 14](#)

RLLI Training

[November 16](#)

Hamel Lions Food Drive

[November 18](#)

Tech Talks via Zoom (3rd Monday of the month)

December 2024

[December 1st to 31st](#)

Physical Activity Challenge

[December 1st to 31st](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Meal Tickets, full price

[December 1](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Awards, Al Jensen Due Date

[December 1](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Awards, John Lutter Due Date

[December 7](#)

Brooklyn Park Lions Breakfast Waffles with Santa

[December 10](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Awards, MD5M Hall of Fame Due Date

[December 16](#)

Tech Talks via Zoom (3rd Monday of the month)

[December 16](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Memorial Program Entries Due Date

January 2025

[January 1](#)

Mid-Winter Convention Awards, Every Day Hero Nominations Due

[January 10 to 12](#)

5M5 Mid-Winter Convention (NEW LOCATION!!)

[January 8](#)

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

January 25

MD5M Convention Fundraiser, Best Western Kelly Inn

100-4th Avenue South, St. Cloud

February 2025

February 12

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

March 2025

March 12	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
March 13	ELLI Training
<u>March 29</u>	LCIF Gala

April 2025

April 25 th to 27 th	MD5M Convention at Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport
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May 2025

June 2025

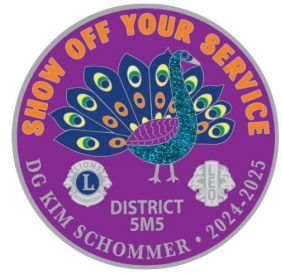
July 2025

July 13 to 17 th	Lions International Convention Orlando, Florida
	New Dates – New Location – Same Theme



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello Lions,

Happy November! I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful and unusually warm fall weather we've been having lately! I have been busy visiting clubs and seeing all the great things that the Lions of 5M5 do to help their communities.

The Council of Governors met on Saturday, October 20th in Alexandria. It was a great meeting and the main topics were the venue change from Mexico City to Orlando, Florida for the next International Convention, the upcoming MD5M convention in April in Bloomington, changes to the policy manual and fundraising for the 2029 International Convention which will be held in 5M5!

I also attended the 2024 Eye Ball fundraiser for the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation on Friday, October 25th and the annual Thanksgiving for Vision which honors Helen Keller recipients from the last year which was Saturday, October 26th. This event also includes a silent auction fundraiser. Both of these events are great events and fundraisers for the Vision Foundation. If you have a chance to attend one or both of these events in the future I recommend you do.

Our Mid-Winter Convention is approaching fast and will be held January 10 - January 12 at the Sheraton Minneapolis West in Minnetonka. Please make sure to check this issue of the informer for forms and information for hospitality rooms, meal booklets, Every Day Hero Awards, MD5M Hall of Fame and John Lutter award nomination forms, and room reservations. We once again will be having the Crock Pot Challenge on Friday night and the Dessert Challenge on Saturday night. The theme of this year's convention will be Orlando, Florida or Mexico City (please choose one or the other for your hospitality room decorations). The reason for a choice of themes is because the next International Convention was moved from Mexico City to Orlando Florida. Several clubs had already planned and purchased items for the Mexico City theme so we will allow either theme.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be November 14 - 17 in Detroit Lakes. We have 8 Lions from 5M5 who will be attending this awesome learning experience. Thank you for choosing to attend!

Presidents and Secretaries, if you have not yet scheduled a club visit for me to come to see you, please do so soon. Dates fill up quickly and I want to make sure to get all of you on my calendar.

Thank you all for your service. Have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Kim Schommer
District Governor



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Greetings Lions,

Lions Serve

As we enter November, we are seeing 5M-5 Lions serving throughout our district.

Our district has a special focus on Diabetes and Hunger this month. Combine the two and collect and donate diabetes-friendly food!

Lions are changing and Lions are growing. We are not the Lions Clubs, nor should we be, of 100 years ago.

To be sure, we have the same drive as our founding Lions Clubs – to serve and to improve life in our communities and the world.

What is changing is how we serve. How we work together. How we welcome new ideas and ways of serving and fundraising. How we value the efforts of teams, with everyone welcome to contribute. How we tell our Lion service stories.

We want to make a positive impact with every interaction, among our club members and in everything we do. We serve with kindness and respect. We lift each other and our clubs up and, as we do, our communities and the world are pay attention to what we do.

This month we can showcase our service in many ways as we begin to “ring the bells” and collect and deliver food and other needed supplies.

What is your passion point? What can you say – in 30 seconds – about your Lions Club does to impact your community as you serve at your fundraiser or service activity?

Who will you invite to attend your club’s next breakfast or dinner?

Who will you invite to participate in your next club activity?

What new idea will you share with your club this month to keep your club members active and bring in new members?

Deadlines in December for our District Mid-Winter Convention

Read about the Mid-Winter (January 10 – 12) in this Informer issue and at our website! There is fun and fellowship all weekend, beginning with free Friday evening hospitality rooms. Encourage your club members to attend. Invite potential new members! Because of the Lions International Convention change from Mexico to Orlando, our theme for Mid-Winter fun represents both Mexico and Orlando!

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



2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota

Greetings from your SVDG Bruce Strachota.

I completed the in person SVDG training in Alexandria MN on October 17 and 18 and attended the COG (Council of Governors) meeting on October 19.

I learned a lot and was a little bit out of my comfort zone as we were asked to do Impromptu Speaking. I find it more comfortable to prepare speeches in advance, but this type of speaking forced me to produce something fast. I persevered despite my reservations! We had a lot of fun at the training taking part in the balloon tower challenge and the human string challenge both of which involved teamwork. Building a balloon tower was a lot of work for someone like me who finds it hard to both blow up and tie a balloon. Fortunately, with the help of 3 other fellow SVDGS we accomplished the task. Teamwork is alive!

On Thursday night I attended the Charter Night for the Alexandria Champions Lions Club. PIP Lion Brian Sheehan was the keynote speaker, and he really was dynamic. The Alexandria Champions Lions Club consisted of developmentally disabled people and their mentors.

Stay tuned for an incredibly special presentation: our district will present a commercial for our Mid-Winter Convention.

Yours in Lionism
SVDG Bruce Strachota

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Bruce Strachota
2nd Vice District Governor



GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM (GET)

Are you looking to be part of a team, then look no farther. The GET is looking to increase its team. I know you're asking yourself what is the GET team? Well, **The Global Extension Team** plays a crucial role in expanding the reach of Lions Clubs around the world.

Their primary mission is to foster the development of new clubs, helping to rejuvenate districts and bring the spirit of service to new communities. Working closely with Lions leaders, the team focuses on identifying areas of opportunity, recruiting passionate individuals, and supporting the formation and growth of new clubs.

The team also provides valuable training and resources for those looking to start new clubs, offering guidance on community assessment, member recruitment, and club chartering. Through these efforts, the Global Extension Team ensures that Lions International can continue its mission of service, empowering more people to make a positive impact globally.

Please Email or Text

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We meet on Zoom once a month.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)

The 5M5 Global Leadership Team continues to meet monthly to plan meaningful training opportunities and contribute to the district and club success through encouraging leadership and club improvement.

Our team trained at the Northern Pride in the Lion Portal area. We continue to train individually for the portal. It will take time to help each Lion learn it.

We also held Guiding Lion training and certified 15 more Lions from five districts. Thank you to all who attended and presented at Northern Pride and Guiding Lion. 5M5 continues to be a leader in the Multiple District 5M. In addition, we will finally hold the Succession Planning webinar on Monday, February 3, 2025.

We are actively recruiting a 5M5 2nd Vice District Governor to be installed in 2025 and would become DG in 2027. To run for that position, you need to have served or are currently serving as club president and are currently serving or have served as Zone Chair.

Please contact a GLT member or PDG with interest or with any questions.

We are lucky to have candidates for the 2028 & 2029 DG years along with our current leadership.

We are also excited to continue presenting fun and meaningful material at All club meetings!



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

OCTOBER 5M-5 PUMP UP THE PRIDE 1.5 CLUB CHALLENGE- "The old motto of 'Just Ask' is a sure method to get people interested. Wear your Lion gear to all your activities and encourage your members to challenge themselves to recruit. It is a proven fact that when you are serving the community, there will be interested people nearby.

SAVE THE DATES-5M-5 District Masterclasses *Tips and Tricks for Building Healthy Clubs*
MON DEC 9TH MON MAR 31ST MON MAY 12TH 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Check out our **FACEBOOK PAGE: DISTRICT 5M5 – LIONS MEMBERSHIP-** Send us your new member photo's so we can promote your Club/New Members. Get Membership Tips Here, Download our Photo's and use them on your FB page. Share the page!! Together we are better!

STATS As of 9/30/2024

- Membership update: +28
- Dropped -41
- Net Gain/Loss: -13
- District Membership = 1,343

District 5M-5 is recruiting, we are struggling with too many dropped members. We will be offering numerous new Member Education opportunities. Reminder to encourage your Clubs to work on engaging all members in a way that helps them feel like they make a difference!

Be sure to attend the upcoming **November 11th. All Club meeting** at the Crystal VFW to receive your recognition. 5M-5 PUMP UP the PRIDE 1.5!!!

The District 5M-5 Global Membership Team is here to support you and your Club's needs. If you're interested in turning Mission 1.5 into reality, we need to PUMP UP the PRIDE! Please join us for our next monthly GMT meeting on 8/19 via Zoom. Where we share valuable tips and ideas on how to foster membership growth within our Clubs and across the District. Please reach out if you'd like to participate on the GMT team or need any assistance recruiting and retaining members.

Together We Make a Difference!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Heidi Zaworski
Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator
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612.408.0242

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vivion



Youth

Greetings Lions!

Is your club planning a service project(s) as the holiday season approaches? Engaging with residents at a nursing home is a wonderful initiative that can truly brighten their days and create meaningful connections. Remember, even simple activities like reading stories, playing games, or just having a conversation can make a world of difference to those who may feel isolated. Many residents have outlived family and friends, or their loved ones are not mobile or live too far away to visit regularly.

Also, as you prepare for the district convention, consider it a perfect opportunity to share ideas, network with fellow Lions, and get inspired by the efforts of others in your community. It's a great way to re-energize your commitment to service.

Finally, don't forget to log your service hours in the portal promptly. Tracking your club's service highlights the incredible impact your collective actions Lions have. If you're unsure about the process, reach out to a secretary from another club, or to Lion Bernie Braegelmann or Lion Jodi Altenhofen.

Here are our current Metrics on District 5M5 reporting on the new Lion Portal:

Service Metrics

222

Overall Activity Count in FY

78,167

Overall People Served in FY

8,104

Overall Volunteer Hours in FY

80%

Clubs Reporting in FY

Here is a reminder of two of our District Governor's goals for service:

- * Have 90% of our clubs reporting service.
- * Complete 900 service projects.

Reminder: Stock the Food Shelves

There is a need for food to help those that are food insecure in our community. That is why we are asking all clubs to do a service project in November to help stock the food shelves. **Thanks Champlin Park, Rogers, Maple**

Grove Leos, and New Hope Lions for leading the way!! Check out their service project on our Facebook page which is District 5M5 – Lions Service.

Thanks for serving your community, And remember Howard Zinn's powerful words; each small act of kindness can ripple through your community and beyond.

Lion Bernie Braegelmann

Lion Jodi Altenhofen

MID-WINTER CONVENTION-SCHEDULE

2025 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Schedule

January 10-12, 2025

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka, MN

Friday, January 10th

- 2:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Check-in
- 3:00- 5:00 p.m. Credentials (Voting Cards) – Lobby Atrium
- 3:00- 6:00 p.m. Pick-up Meal Tickets, First Timers Materials – Lobby Atrium
- 3:45- 4:15 p.m. Leo Meeting – Ballrooms 2 & 3
- 4:15- 6:30 p.m. Leo Service Projects – Wellingtons Room
- 5:00 p.m. Sorting of Eyeglasses, Socks, and Coats – Cedar Room
- 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Rooms Open
- 5:00- 9:00 p.m. Crock Pot Challenge – Hospitality Rooms
- 6:30- 9:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Judging

Saturday, January 11th

- 8:00- 9:00 a.m. Cabinet Meeting (All Lions invited) – Minnetonka Room
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Memorial Service – Ballrooms 2 & 3
- 10:00-11:15 a.m. Credentials and Pick-up Meal Tickets – Ballroom Foyer

Doors open at 11:15 AM

- 11:15- 1:15 p.m. **Lions Presentations and Luncheon – Ballroom 1**
Luncheon Keynote Speaker – International Visitor
- 12:45- 1:15 p.m. Credentials – Ballroom Foyer
- 1:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Voting – Ballrooms 2 & 3

- 6:00- 8:00 p.m. **Lions Awards Dinner – Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3**

Social begins at 5:00 PM in Ballroom Foyer - Doors open at 5:30 PM

- Everyday Hero Awards
- John Lutter Memorial Award
- International Awards

- 8:00- 9:30 p.m. Dessert Challenge – Hospitality Rooms
- 11:00 p.m. First Timers Contest Ends

Sunday, January 12th

- 7:45- 8:45 a.m. Past District Governors Fellowship Meeting – Minnetonka Room A
- 8:00- 9:00 a.m. Club Presidents Meet with Int'l Visitor – Minnetonka Room B
- 9:00 a.m. **Lions Celebration Breakfast – Ballroom 1**

Doors open at 8:30 AM

- Tail-Twisting
- Parade of Checks
- Auction of Lions Gong (Bell), Boom Box, and Framed Code of Ethics (Proceeds to Leader Dogs for the Blind)

ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Laurie Carlson

Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions
Loretto Lions
Mpls. Can Do Canines
St. Louis Park Lions
Wayzata Lions

ZONE 2 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Regina Aiken (Gary)

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

ZONE 3 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Amber Georgeson

Camden Lions
Crystal Lions
Edina Lions
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions
Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions
Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions

ZONE 4 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

Heidi Zaworski (Marty)

Bloomington Lions
Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Minneapolis Riverview Lions
Minneapolis Southwest Lions
Minneapolis Special Olympics Minnesota Lions
Richfield Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

Judy Rue (Chuck)

Excelsior Lions
Hopkins Noontime Lions
New Hope Lions
Osseo Lions
Plymouth Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR (terms ends 2026)

Vickie Parks

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

5M5 DISTRICT INFORMATION



Lions of the United States are more than just volunteers.

We are a global force of compassion and service, united by a shared mission to offer hope by improving and strengthening our communities and the world!

Learn more (and subscribe for free) www.YouTube.com/@USLionsRock

Share the Lions YouTube link with your Lions club, and others who want to volunteer and be a part of meaningful change.



[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 fresh look! Check out the website for information, resources, and calendar. Click on the above title to learn more.



Share Your Club Service and Activities on Facebook

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

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



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.

LCI's Eight Global Causes

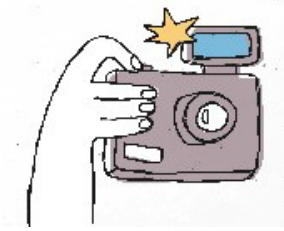


While LCI's website is still being updated, it is true that Lions Clubs International's Eight Global Causes now include Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision, and Youth. This is great info to share with your club, potential members, and your community!

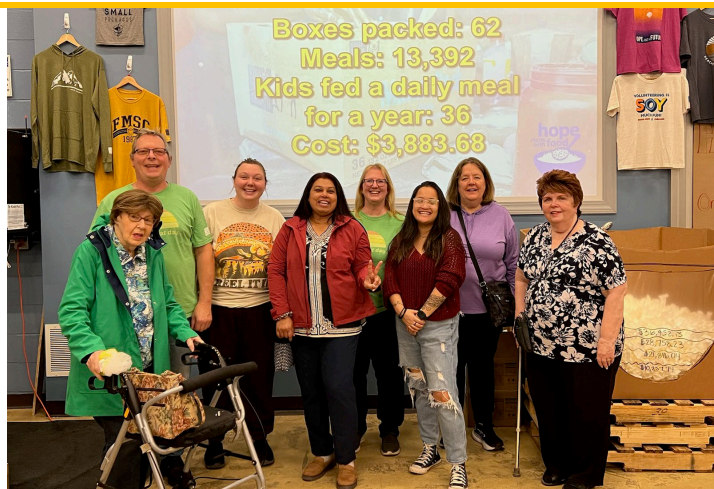
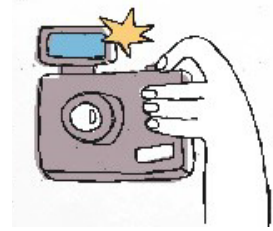
2029 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis

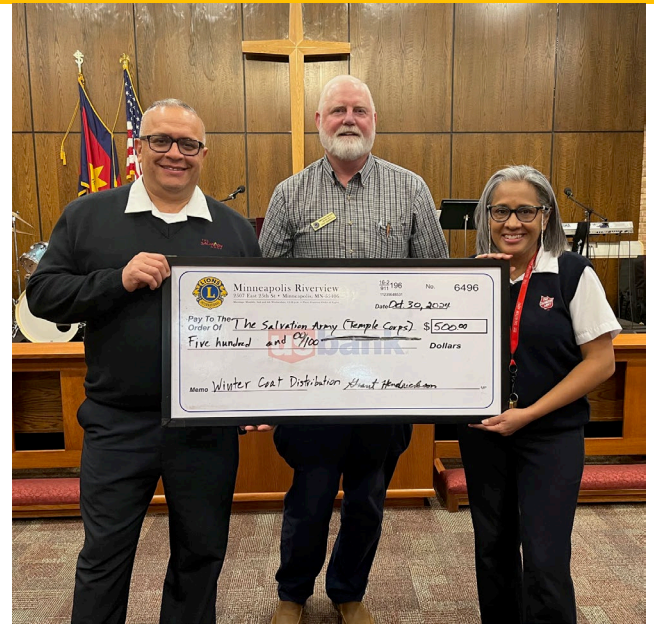
Volunteers will be needed before and after the Lions International's annual convention in Minneapolis. From planning to hosting to help with airport arrivals and departures, there will be opportunities to welcome and connect with Lions from around the world. Watch for updates. (The last Lions International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

LIONS SERVING



Email Your Photos
Please email photos of
your Lions in action –
club, district and beyond.
Include dates, names,
locations etc to this email:





MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Lions All:

Lions and Leos from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be gathering at the MD5M Convention on April 25 – 27, 2025. During these three days at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota, this assembled group of community activists will be doing more than just attending meals and handing out awards. Everyone at the convention will have an opportunity to learn and grow as a Lion or Leo.

Contrary to what some think, the MD5M Convention is not just for DGs, PDGs, PCCs, PIDs, IDs, or anyone else who has initials in front of their name. The annual multiple district convention is for all Lions and Leos to attend and to enjoy. This is an opportunity for everyone to focus on increasing and strengthening their leadership skills, explore different opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build their knowledge on Lions' causes, share their personal experiences, and learn new ways to make a difference in their communities and across the world.

Here are a few important things to help you consider attending the MD5M Convention:

Fellowship – With a collection of 300-400 Lions and Leos on hand, you will have something in common with everyone there. You'll be able to immediately connect and network with the other convention attendees. This will open you up to opportunities for sharing ideas, information, and experiences. You can take this knowledge back to your club for others to hear and for your club to possibly utilize in your events and projects.

Seminars & Guest Speakers – There will be presentations made by some wonderful speakers at seminars and during the convention meals. Many of these speakers are people who have benefited from the Lions' supported programs they come to represent. You will be moved and inspired after hearing their stories and are encouraged to share their tales with your family and fellow Lions/Leos.

Convenience - All the MD5M Convention activities will be housed at the Hilton Minneapolis–Saint Paul Airport hotel. No need to worry about taking shuttle buses back and forth between different hotels. Room rates are very reasonable, so that means you can bring the family along with you. While you're busy with your fellow Lions/Leos, they might want to hang out by the pool or go spend some time at the Mall of America, IKEA, or some other nearby shopping and dining destinations.

So, what are you waiting for? You can register for the MD5M Convention by using the link provided below:
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention?usp=sharing>

You can reserve your room at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport hotel by calling (952) 854-2100 and ask for the "Lions 2025 Convention" rate of \$119.00 per night plus taxes and fees.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the MD5M Convention in April 2025.

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



TABLE SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors would have the opportunity to secure a table dedication in their honor for each of the meals. Sponsors can be individuals, clubs, districts, foundations, businesses, or other entities. Sponsors would have exposure to all attendees at all the meals.

Four meals at the MD5M 2025 Convention:

Saturday Breakfast
Saturday Lunch
Saturday Banquet
Sunday Brunch

Terms of sponsorship:

1. Tent cards or signs would be placed at the table indicating the sponsorship.
2. Sponsorship would be for all four meals at the convention.
3. Sponsors wishing to use a logo would provide a suitable digital file for use in the creation of the tent cards/signs.
4. Sponsors will also be listed on the sponsors' page in the convention booklet.
5. Sponsorship cost is \$250.00US.

Table Sponsorship registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Make checks payable to "5M7 Lions" and mail order form and check to the address listed below:

MD5M Convention
c/o Judy Herrala
222730 Waco Street NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



Ignite the Lions Pride Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025

5m7lions@gmail.com



11/1/2024

Greetings!

Lion leaders from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be holding a big Convention, April 25 – 27, 2025 at the Hilton Minneapolis – St. Paul Airport in Bloomington. This event brings together between 300 and 400 Lions who will spend 3 days focused on increasing and strengthening leadership. We will explore opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build knowledge, visit with Lions charitable foundations, share our experiences and learn new ways to make a difference for a whole lot of people locally and across the world.

The convention team is filled with enthusiasm and invites you to join us as we plan this event. Your support will directly contribute to the success of our convention. It's a great way to show you care and at the same time market your organization to the 300 - 400 Lions who will be in attendance.

We have several levels of support available:

Gold Sponsor	\$500 contribution
Full page ad in convention booklet	Name + logo listed in sponsor honor roll + event signage
Silver Sponsor	\$250 contribution
½ page ad in convention booklet	Name + logo listed in sponsor honor roll
Bronze Sponsor	\$100 contribution
¼ page ad in convention booklet	Name listed in sponsor honor roll

Organizing such an event comes with its challenges, especially when it comes to covering the costs associated with rentals, printing, presenters and other learning materials. That's where your support can make a world of difference.

Being a Lion means knowing that kindness matters. We believe in changing the world by serving the needs of our local communities. More than 1.3 million Lions around the world respond to local and global challenges with kindness and care.

I would be glad to follow up with details, next steps and to answer questions about Lions and opportunities available through this convention.

Thank you for your consideration and support,

Lion Lyle Goff
5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee
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Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-754-8921



Ignite the Lions Pride Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025

5m7lions@gmail.com



ADVERTISING IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET

ALL ADS ARE **FULL COLOR**

Hundreds of Lions in attendance, representing the nearly 20,000 Lions across Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario.

Lions are leaders in the community, providing important volunteer and financial support to a multitude of programs and services. They have strong ties and support with businesses, schools, youth programs, healthcare institutions, and local governments.

This is your way to become a part of the greatest service organization in the world - Lions Clubs International.

Already a Lion? Advertising in the convention booklet is also a great way to thank and recognize others - friends, your Club, District leaders and more.

Inside Front Cover - Full Page	8½" x 7"	\$750
Inside Back Cover - Full Page	8½" x 7"	\$750
Outside Back Cover - Full Page	8½" x 7"	\$1,000
Gold Sponsor - Full Page	8½" x 7"	\$500
Silver Sponsor - Half Page	4¼" x 7"	\$250
Bronze Sponsor - Quarter Page	4¼" x 3½"	\$100
Business Card	2" x 3½"	\$ 75

Please send all ad copy formatted as JPEG, PNG, TIFF, PDF as email attachment to:

orville.lindquist@gmail.com

Make checks payable to **"LIONS CONVENTION"** and mail to the address below.

Orville Lindquist
9537 Jackson Street NE
Blaine, MN 55434

Thank you for your support!

LCIF (LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION)

The Foundation of Service - Our mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

LCIF Awarded Grants - Between July 1, 2024, and October 14, 2024, LCIF awarded 147 grants globally totaling \$2,828,653 under the cause of disaster relief. This includes refugee relief grants.

Global Statistics

- 90% of all natural disasters are water related.
- 25.3 million people are displaced each year by sudden disasters.
- Annual economic losses are estimated at \$250B - \$300B.

Disaster Relief in Florida - Update on LCIF's support following Hurricane Helene's recent impact in the southeastern United States.

- Since September 27, LCIF has awarded 10 Emergency grants totaling \$150,000 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We are still working with Lions in additional districts that are assessing needs, and we anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded soon. Lions in these districts are using Emergency grants first, and then will assess if additional LCIF funding is needed.
- In addition to these 10 Emergency grants, LCIF has also awarded 2 Major Catastrophe grants. Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) were each awarded Major Catastrophe grants for \$100,000 each.
- As of this report, LCIF has awarded 12 grants totaling \$350,000 for US hurricane relief.
- Donations to the general disaster fund help us award these grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. We anticipate additional funding requests will be received and awarded to help support Lions continue hurricane relief activities.

Local support.

- Wayzata Lions Donated \$2,000 designated to LCIF for Hurricane Helene Emergency Disaster Relief.
- Hamel Lions Donated \$1,000 designated to LCIF for Hurricane Helene Emergency Disaster Relief.

Recent Disaster Relief in our multiple

- 5M-2 received a \$20,000 Disaster Relief Grant for the flooding in Minnesota (Support for homes damaged by flooding Community Recovery)
- 5M-10 received a \$10,000 Disaster Relief Grant for the flooding in the City of Cook, Minnesota (Ongoing Support for damage by flooding)

Recent LCIF Grants in District 5M-5:

- 2019 \$2,430 Care Packages for Homeless – LEO Service Grant
- 2020 \$100,000 Lions Eye Surgery Center Equipment – 100K Matching Grant
- 2023 \$11,250 Nutrition Education Program - Hopkins – Community Impact Grant
- 2023 \$23,869 Construct Pickleball Pavilion – Bloomington – Community Impact Grant (*Nearing completion, will be closing grant soon, write up and picture to come.*)

LCIF Grants in MD5M Since 1984 LCIF Grants to MD5M Totaling \$1,349,405.00

Stories at the Heart of Service - Behind every LCIF grant, there's a story filled with inspiration, impact and kindness. See the stories you make possible <https://lcifpride.org/>

Upcoming Events/Projects - LCIF is encouraging personal donations, I will be doing a **Raffle of an antique jar filled with skittles**, all proceeds go to LCIF, any donation of \$10 and more will be submitted in the members LCIF account.

- **Go for the Gold Gala** Saturday March 29, 2025, Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St Cloud

I am available to all clubs for informational visits. Please let me know of any LCIF projects or related fundraisers are being done by clubs of 5M-5.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lion Clubs International Foundation. Without the support of all the great lions of 5M-5 LCIF could not do all the great things we do.

Your donation makes a difference. Support Lions Clubs International Foundation today.

PDG Rob Hed
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LCIF 5M5 District Coordinator
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This is my report as follows.

I went to the US/Canada Leadership Forum and got to meet with Kelsey, my liaison from Leader Dogs and I met Jeff Hawkins. His dog's name is Dover. I really enjoyed his presentation on Leader Dogs for the Blind at the forum and I really enjoyed listening to his story and the journey he has been on.

We had our multiple Leader Dogs Chair meeting on October 11th. Just some information we have hit 49 States and 7 provinces and 39 countries. There are around 440 to 500 puppies raised annually. I attended the Eyeball Gala on Friday 25th and met Lion Jess from the Excelsior Lions club and she just found out that she will be getting a Leader Dog within the months to come. I enjoyed listening to her telling me her story and about her journey she is on and how Lions and Leader Dogs have changed her life. So this is very exciting news to share. I want to thank all the clubs that have donated and just remind everyone that if you want me to come out and visit your clubs please let me know and Leader Dogs is always looking for puppy raisers, so if you are looking to or might know someone.

Please reach out to me via email or give me a call, always glad to answer any question you might have. On a side note, I have been talking with the Eden Prairie Lions club about doing a club visit.

Lion Michael Crenshaw
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5M5 District Chairperson
Leader Dogs For the Blind



Hello again from the 5M5 Leo Club! I'm excited to say that we had our first meeting of the year, and made great progress on planning for the Midwinter Convention on January 10, 2025. The Leos came with great ideas for service projects and a year-long plan. A few wonderful Leos have offered to do more research on service projects that will be fun for the Leos and help those in need. As always, there will be eyeglass sorting at the Midwinter Convention. Thank you to the Lions for organizing that project—it's always a hit with students. In the coming months we will continue to work out the details to put on a great night for the Leos and Lions. In other news, the Feed My Starving Children volunteer event is coming up soon, and there are still spots for any Lions who are interested. Sign up for FMSC [here](#).

Here are some photos of recent volunteer events.



Champlin Park Leos at Springbrook Nature Center



Cooper Leos volunteering at their Tree Trust event

Leo Eleanor Martenson
District 5M5 Leo Club President

MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION



As the new foundation, The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation continues to make significant strides in fundraising and community engagement this past year.

A key event this summer was the Hamel Rodeo. We committed to having 25 Lions working to scan tickets and serve food on Thursday opening night which was designated Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Night. Thanks to those Lions on this cabinet and in 5M5 who spent time volunteering this year. This resulted in the Foundation receiving over \$20,000 from the rodeo. The relationship with the Hamel Rodeo this year gave the foundation substantial media exposure, including radio, TV, magazine and social media. For the 2025 rodeo we committed to having 25 volunteers on opening night July 10 and 25 volunteers for the Sunday night July 13 performance. The rodeo asked me to be on the Ticket\Spectator Gates volunteer committee.

5M5 clubs continue to be very supportive of our foundation. There have been multiple pub crawls making for an event that blends fun with philanthropy. The end result has been the raising of monies and the gifting of Legos. Legos make a difference to the patients and their siblings. Mpls Downtown Next Generation

Lions scheduled a 'CLIMBING TOWARDS A CURE' at the Minneapolis AT&T tower.

Lion Colleen and I worked a volunteer booth at Osseo Lions Roar Days in September. We also attended the Maple Grove Lions meeting which had the executive director of Gildas Club Minnesota.

The University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital is continually in need of legos and fleece blankets. All of these are 1 time use and go home with the patients.

The MD5M April 2025 convention will be held in Bloomington and the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation will be responsible for the silent auction this year. All auction items will be appreciated. Financially we continue to support the:

- Childhood Cancer Survivor's Program at the University of Minnesota
- Kamp KACE
- Lions Childhood Cancer Matching Funds Program

And of course, we are available to speak to any clubs about our Foundation.

Respectfully submitted:

Lion Gary Stevens

Lion Colleen Patterson



MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION



*More than 38 million Americans have diabetes.
More than 97 million Americans are pre-diabetic.*

Walk, Run, Cycle, Swim, Ski, Skate, Curl...

Our STRIDES Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge is back in time for National Diabetes Month and the holiday stretch of gatherings and feasts of food and beverage!

To draw attention to **National Diabetes Month** and the **benefits of physical activity** we are conducting our **STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge** beginning **November 1, 2024, and extending through January 1, 2025** – *to cover the holiday season that is usually filled with lots of hard-to-resist food and beverages.*

We are asking your club to:

- **Participate** as a club team or as individual Lions.
- **Promote** our STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge within your community. *(This challenge is for everyone, not just Lions.)*
- **Please share this information with** your local radio, tv or newspaper outlets; place flyers in public areas; place information on your club and personal social media pages.
- **Consider** a club or individual sponsorship for this Challenge. Sponsorship levels:
Gold: \$1,000; Silver: \$500; Bronze: \$250. *(Contact us for more information.)*

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

- Commit to a minimum of 15 miles of activity each month (2,000 steps = 1 mile)
- Choose your activities.
- Choose your activity days and times, locations (indoor / outdoor).
- Be active on your own.
- Be active with a team.

Challenge Registration and Donations

- Our Challenge Link opens **November 1, 2024**, and remains open through **January 1, 2025**.
- The Challenge Registration / Donation link will be posted on MNLionsDiabetes.org home page.
- Net proceeds benefit Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
- Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation supports programs and services related to diabetes, including research, education, and diabetes screening.

Lions support of Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation has helped provide grants for research that has led to a cure for diabetes in mice, leading to the next steps in research for a cure in humans and other critical research related to developing treatments and a cure. *We appreciate your support!*

Please contact us to schedule a club visit, and for diabetes service project ideas (including diabetes-friendly foods for food drives)

Thank you for your support!

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MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION

As Reported at the October 28, 2024 Cabinet Meeting:

Hearing Foundation Minutes

The Temporal Bone Lab is nearing completion and the Department of Otolaryngology is hosting a Grand Opening on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. This updated lab was made possible by the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation and a grant from LCIF.

On Saturday, October 5, the Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees met for our quarterly board meeting. We agreed to move forward with the purchase of portable hearing screening devices from Midwest Special Instruments as a next step to screening children at preschools, school-aged children, vulnerable adults, and seniors in senior living facilities. The Foundation has budgeted funds to purchase eleven devices, one for each district, to be owned by the Foundation.

The University of MN has asked for help in purchasing the Mobile Hearing Van and outfitting it to help with hearing testing in underserved rural and urban areas around the state. The van and equipment costs are \$450,000 with half being paid through the Otto Bremer Foundation, the Manitou Foundation and the University of Minnesota. The U of M submitted a request to the MN Lions Hearing Foundation for the remaining \$125,000. The Hearing Foundation voted to pay this in two installments over the next two years using proceeds from the Walk to DFeet Hearing Loss. Trained audiologists and MDs from the U of M Department of Otolaryngology will staff the van as it travels throughout the State of MN.

Our next board meeting will be February 1, 2025 via Zoom.

Lion Cheryl Jechorek and PDG Kevin Walsh
Trustees, MN Lions Hearing Foundation

As Reported at the October 28, 2024 Cabinet Meeting:

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation – New Directors, Lion Kathy Barclay and Lion David Danielson attended their second Board of Directors meeting on October 4th and 5th in St Cloud. Our MLVF Chair is Lion Wendy Goldsmith from 5M2.

Silvia Orengo-Nania, MD, has assumed the role of head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences (OVNS) and was on hand for our meeting along with Erik van Kuijk, MD who thanked the Board for several great years of partnership.

Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center collected another full trailer load of used eyeglasses for transport back to the Pine City warehouse. Eventually these glasses will be sent to the Recycling Center in Rosholt, WI. Used apple boxes work the best for transport. Thank you to Lion Bob Thompson and Lion Steve Linder for arranging the trailer.

A feel-good story was shared with a little girl in Shriners Hospital getting transportation to an exam and fitted for new glasses. These stories remind us of why we are proud to be Lions.

We would love to present to your club, please ask.

Macular Degeneration and the Lions

Age-related macular degeneration is the leading cause of vision loss in Americans 60 and older! A disease that causes damage to the macula (the part of the retina responsible for central vision), age-related macular degeneration (AMD) erodes our ability to recognize faces, read, view a painting, or perform intricate tasks.

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and the University of Minnesota have changed the outlook for those who suffer from AMD.

- U of M vitreoretinal specialists are dedicated to examining and aggressively treating patients with macular degeneration.
- Scientists study many aspects of retinal disease, including the biology of aging.
- Visual rehabilitation specialists help people remain independent and teach them to maximize the vision they still have.

More information: www.ophtalmology.umn.edu

PEACE POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

As Reported at the October 28, 2024 Cabinet Meeting:

The theme for the 2024 – 2025 Lions Club International Peace Poster contest is:

“Peace Without Limits”

This year, the Bloomington club, of which I am a member, is participating again with a local studio called The Arts Creative. The owner / operator there is a woman named Katie Ross. She was formerly a teacher at Nativity of Mary school, and we first started working together on this project during her tenure there. This year she has rallied both a girl scout troop and a middle school and those students will all be turning in posters. Katie wasn't quite sure of the number of posters she would have in total. I will be collecting all the entries from her on 11/5, and the club will choose the winner at our meeting on 11/6.

The Edina club is also participating again this year. They have been working with Our Lady of Grace School in Edina for a number of years, and that is where the bulk of their poster submissions come from. Their club usually gets between 60-70 posters to choose from. To select the winner this year club members will be meeting Community Lutheran Church to review all the art. I'm planning to be there that evening as well.

Did your club participate this year? No! Why not?

The Edina Club and the Bloomington Club have both been running this program successfully for several years. We can help you get started.

As always, if your club is interested in learning more about the contest, I'm happy to attend a meeting and fill you in on how I've been administering it for the Bloomington Club. It can really be done pretty easily, and it's a great way to introduce Lionism to kids and their parents.

Lion Amy Sundstrom

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Lions Clubs International – Club Marketing matters!

Club marketing is so important to what we do as Lions, and there are great opportunities to get involved. There are even opportunities at the district and multiple district (MD) level for Lions ready to take on a bigger marketing role. Here's how you can put your passion for promotion to work.

Be a marketing champion in your club. Support your club marketing chairperson and help build a marketing culture. Proudly wear your Lion gear when you serve and remember that you are a brand ambassador for your club and Lions everywhere.

For those inclined to take a more active role in promoting their Lions club, why not become the Club marketing chairperson? Energize and lead your club marketing efforts. Develop marketing plans for projects and membership drives, use social media to share your stories, and work with your Lions and community partners to put a spotlight on your service.

Below is a list of the possible responsibilities for this position, as found in the LCI Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws:

- (a) Develop and implement an annual marketing plan in collaboration with the club membership chair. The plan should consider internal and external audiences, including club members, social media news media, supporters/sponsors and potential new members.
- (b) Collaborate directly with the Global Action Team to stay connected to all membership, leadership, and service programs, projects, and events.
- (c) Understand global brand guidelines and support proper use of brand materials in club events and service projects.
- (d) Promote the work of the club on social media. Develop a social media post calendar to follow club service, community involvement, and membership activities.
- (e) Work closely with the club membership chairperson to target and reach out to new potential club members.
- (f) Develop club marketing and public relations talking points for club members. Use word of mouth marketing tactics to promote the club and recruit new members.
- (g) Working with club leadership, submitting marketing award application for consideration for the Lions International Marketing Award.
- (h) Motivate members to be brand ambassadors. Encourage members to take photos, share items on social media, wear brand apparel, and share Lions messages during community involvement opportunities.
- (i) Publicize club activities, including service projects, fundraisers, donations, Lions Clubs International sponsored contests and other newsworthy accomplishments both internally and externally via the news media, social media, and other effective means.
- (j) Assist the club president in communicating information from the district, multiple district and international headquarters with the club members.
- (k) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate.
- (l) Participate in meetings held by the district marketing chairperson. If your club currently doesn't have a marketing chairperson, you are missing opportunities to promote your club events and activities in your community. This also means you are not reaching out to possible event participants as well as potential new members.

Please devote some time to establishing a club marketing team and to developing a marketing plan for engaging your community. To learn more about this, please visit the link below:

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

Lion Lyle Goff

MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair

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MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT



KidSight has been busy this fall going back to schools as well as community events.

In September, we screened 1202 kiddos, with 269 needing referrals.

As of October 24, we have screened 611 kids, with 49 referrals.

Included in those totals are kids from Brooklyn Center Elementary, St. Andrew's School, Our Lady of Grace, and Annunciation School. While St. Andrew's is new, the other schools asked us back after screenings in previous years. One thing the school nurses are impressed with is how fast we can screen so many kids, but give them accurate in-depth results.

Any Cabinet Members with connections at local schools are encouraged to hook us up with their contacts.

Similarly, we are looking for "ins" at Pre-School and Day Care Centers. Contact"

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As Reported at the October 28, 2024 Cabinet Meeting:

We just had our quarterly meeting about 2 weeks ago. We talked about the PNH Veterans retreat we had in Oct 4-6. The retreat we hosted at Good Earth Village was sold out with all the spots filled. We are working on a Code of Ethics for participants to acknowledge.

PNH is working with Veterans Rock in St Cloud. This will be an amazing new memorial that will be displayed in the city on Veterans Day.

If other Lions Clubs would like to support them or get more information contact veteransrockmn@gmail.com or facebook.com/veteransrockmn.

Lion Kevin Harris

CAN DO CANINES



Check out the recent graduation ceremony here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IA-PPo1q4Bk>

On a Saturday in mid-October, Special Olympics asked the Lions to offer a vision screening to the athletes participating in the Flag Football State Tournament in Woodbury. About 400 athletes plus family members and coaches gathered at the indoor fields at the M Health Fairview Sports Center.

Lions from several clubs gathered to provide this service and to have some fun. The screenings took place in a storage room right next to the football fields. This room could be darkened to assist in the screening. Because this was a darkened room, some people thought maybe the Lions had been sent there for a time out for poor behavior. However, one look at the angelic faces of the Lions present quickly dispelled this notion. One time after checking in an athlete, he was told to take a chair. He immediately picked up a chair and pretended to walk away. Sometimes directions were taken literally. Some of the athletes enjoyed teasing or joking with the Lions as well as talking about their teams or their medals.

The Lions completed about 110 screenings with about 50% being referrals. This referral rate is quite high although many of the athletes had glasses but did not wear them, and a few had seen a doctor recently and were aware of the issue. This rate also demonstrates the need for the service.

Special Olympics events coming up include the state bowling tournament. This event will take place at various bowling centers around the state. The Polar Plunges will be starting soon all around the state for anyone feeling overheated or wishing to support someone who will take a plunge in a cold pool or lake this winter raising money for Special Olympics.

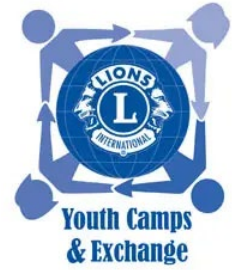
June 21, 2025 will be the date of Opening Eyes. Lions will assist eye care professionals in providing a complete eye examination and providing free eyeglasses to those who need them. Attending will be Special Olympic Athletes from all over Minnesota as well as athletes from North and South Dakota and Wisconsin. The athletic competitions will be track and field, basketball, weight lifting and swimming, all taking place at the University of Minnesota. More than a thousand athletes are expected to attend these competitions. The need for Lion volunteers will be great to provide this service to the athletes. Please put this date on your calendar and consider volunteering with other Lions from around the state.

The Opening Eyes event and the athletic competitions at the University of Minnesota in June also will help Special Olympics and the Lions prepare for 2026 when Minnesota hosts the US games. A much larger event with more athletes from around the country.

Submitted by Lions Jim Cain and Ray Moonen

Special Olympics Co-chairs

YOUTH EXCHANGE & CAMPS



As Reported at the October 28, 2024 Cabinet Meeting:

We had 19 youth from 15 countries, come for Camp Spicer and stay with families in the Multiple District 5M. It was another very successful summer camp for our youth, as they learned about what Lions do all around the great state of Minnesota. They were able to tour many of the renowned programs in our district. They visited Can Do Canines, Minnesota Vision and Hearing Foundations. All of the youth are sponsored by their Lions Clubs and are great ambassadors from the countries they represent. We had three youth hosted in our district and I have heard only positive feedback from the host families and youth who were placed. I'm hoping we can continue to have at least five or six host families in our district next year. I want to thank all of the host families and clubs who sponsored our youth. I hope some of the clubs in the district invited their youth or their host families to come and speak at one of their meetings, to describe what a rewarding program this is for both parties.

We again, want to start the host family process earlier this next year and hope to have all our youth placed by the end of May of 2025. Please contact me at the contact information below, so that I can give you more information, or give your clubs a presentation to help spread the word about this fun and rewarding Lions initiative. There are less than a dozen

International Lions Youth Exchange Camps in United States. I would like to continue to see this wonderful and important collaboration continue within our multiple district. We will continue to be a leader throughout the world for sharing the good work and technology we have in this district with their youth. I want to give a big thank you to Eden Prairie Lions Club and Let's Go Fishing group, for hosting a lunch and a pontoon ride on lake Riley for the Camp Spicer YE group.

Thank you for your continued support for the success of this International Youth Exchange Program. We're a 501c3.

If your Lions Club has charitable Gambling Funds we encourage you to donate.

Make checks payable to: 5M Lions Youth Exchange Foundation.

IYChair

Grant Hendrickson

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grant@southsideservices.org

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Attend the meeting of another club* when DG Kim visits them and....



- Receive an exclusive "Cruising With The DG" pin
- See what other clubs are about
- Hang out with DG Kim & learn more about what the DG does
- Learn about new service projects and fundraisers
- Meet new people and do cool things



Interested??? Contact DG Kim at
schox3@comcast.net or
612-716-0936

*RIDE WITH OR MEET DG KIM AT THE MEETING

NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 9



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH



FOOD DRIVE



DISTRICT 5M-5
CLUB COLLABORATION

HELP US COLLECT 1,000 LBS OF FOOD!

Clubs can work w/other clubs or do a food drive on their own.

Food & money collected donated to your local Food Shelf.

Club can pick the time of day that works for their club.

Club picks where they want to do the food drive - local grocery store or collection points in their community.

Clubs to invite potential new members to help with food drive.

Please send total lbs of food, monies collected, # of potential new members & pictures of your event to Bernxio@gmail.com

NOVEMBER - ongoing



November

National Diabetes Month

More than 38 million Americans have diabetes.
More than 97 million Americans are pre-diabetic.



STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Physical Activity Challenge

November 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Register / Donate at MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens November 1, 2024

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



Net Proceeds benefit Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
"Catch the Dream"...Life without Diabetes!

Maple Grove Lions & Seniors Holiday Craft Boutique



Maple Grove Community Center

Saturday Nov 9 (9AM-4PM) 2024

See You there!!!



For vendor information: jeanneking25@gmail.com

Join the FUN for a Great Cause!



Apple Valley Lions Bowling Fund Raiser
To Benefit
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon - Apple Valley



SUNDAY NOV 10th 2024



1:00 – 4:00 PM



BOGART's Entertainment Center
14917 Garrett Ave – Apple Valley



Package of 3 Games per Person - \$20
Shoe Rental Included
[Children 10 & under – 1 Game - \$10]

Cash or Check ONLY! Donations Welcome!

Collecting donations:
✓ **Eye Glasses**
✓ **Hearing Aids**

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Apple Valley offers short-term, direct support & financial help for veterans & their families. Contact us for a complete list of services we provide!

- ✗ Quick funds for food, gas or household supplies
- ✗ Hands-on home repair, maintenance & painting services
- ✗ Hands-on yard work, mowing & snow shoveling services
- ✗ Hands-on house cleaning & safe babysitting services
- ✗ Rides to & from appointments & help with shopping
- ✗ Assistance finding financial or legal advice & services
- ✗ Assistance finding any other available Veteran services



Crystal Lions Steak Fry

November 13, 2024

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$13

Include:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!



107TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
MEXICO CITY
2025

5M-5
ALL CLUB
MEETING

NOV
11th

5:30 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner

CRYSTAL VFW Post 494
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal
55429 Lower level

RSVP by Sunday, November 3rd

with your Name, Club Name and
Meal Choice/or choose no meal 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
Lions 5M-5
Baked Chicken or Turkey
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
& Baby Green Salad
Desserts courtesy of
the Zone Chairs



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
LOCAL
INSTITUTE
PROGRAM



RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)

November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



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

FILL THE SHELVES FOOD DRIVE

WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD & MONEY FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES.
VENMO ACCEPTED.

NOVEMBER 16, 2024, 10AM - 2PM



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Canned foods like vegetables, chicken, tuna, fruit, beans, soup.

Dry foods such as pasta, cereal, rice, oatmeal, granola bars, crackers, baby food, condiments.

Non-food items such as laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine products, baby wipes, diapers, dish soap, toilet paper.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Hamel Community Center
3200 Mill Dr. Hamel, MN 55340

DECEMBER 1-DUE DATE FOR

MWC AWARDS, AL JENSEN

[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)



Help with Lion Portal and other technology via Zoom

Are you or members of your club struggling to use Lion Portal?

Have you created your [Lion Portal](#) access account?

Do you have questions about how you can use [Zoom](#) to reach members in new ways?

Need some insight into other [technology tools](#) that can benefit your Lions Club?

Lion Matt Huggenvik leads an open discussion via Zoom. Lion Matt and others attending will share experience, expertise and possible solutions.

Zoom at 7 p.m. on 3rd Monday of each month:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86749848671?pwd=ZCbXH1weFEfzhwaEg1OaDaM382Omo.1>

DECEMBER 1-DUE DATE FOR

MWC AWARDS, JOHN LUTTER

[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

Brooklyn Park Lions Club

Belgium Waffle Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY - December 7th - 7:30 - Noon

- Lady Lion's Baked Goods Sale
- Santa's Crafty Elves Shop
- Lion's Kidsight

 **- Pictures with Santa**

\$10 - Adult

\$6 - Children 3-7

Veterans - FREE
National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
December 7th, 1941



Brooklyn Park Community Center
5600 85th Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Huge Belgian Waffles
Delicious Sausage
Maple Syrup
Strawberries
Whipped Cream
Orange Juice
Hot Coffee
Yum, Yum, Yum!

Buy Tickets Online Now!

**DECEMBER 10-DUE DATE FOR
MWC AWARDS, MD5M HALL OF FAME**
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December 11, 2024

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Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

**DECEMBER 16-DUE DATE FOR
MWC MEMORIAL PROGRAM**
[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION](#)

DECEMBER 16-TECH TALKS



Help with Lion Portal and other technology via Zoom

Are you or members of your club struggling to use [Lion Portal](#)?

Have you created your [Lion Portal](#) access account?

Do you have questions about how you can use [Zoom](#) to reach members in new ways?

Need some insight into other [technology tools](#) that can benefit your Lions Club?

Lion Matt Huggenvik leads an open discussion via Zoom. Lion Matt and others attending will share experience, expertise and possible solutions.

Zoom at 7 p.m. on 3rd Monday of each month:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86749848671?pwd=ZCbxH1weFEfzhwaEgj1OaDaM382Omo.1>

**EVERY DAY HERO NOMINATION
DUE BY JANUARY 1, 2024**
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JANUARY 10-12, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE SLEEPING ROOM](#)

District 5M-5 MidWinter Convention Make your Mark!

January 10-12, 2025
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
12201 Ridgedale Dr
Minnetonka, MN

Reserve your sleeping room today!
<http://marriot.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1714578768673&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

- Hospitality Rooms** • Theme for 2025 is Mexico City and/or Orlando •
Leo Service Projects • **Crock Pot Challenge** •
Dessert Challenge • **International Speaker** • **Tail-Twisting** •
Parade of Checks • **Lions Awards: Everyday Hero Awards,**
John Lutter Memorial Award, International Awards

5M-5 Pump up the Pride⁴

The Pump up the Pride initiative is a 3-year membership program that encourages Lions to bring in new members and Clubs.

Two sets of pins.

The 1st Pin (1" pin) - A special Pump Up the Pride pin for any member that sponsors a new member. A star hanger for additional members sponsored, 2 or more.

The 2nd Pin (1.5" pin) - Every club that has a plus 1 or more increase in membership, the Club President receives a larger version of the pin. Pins also can be earned for sponsoring a new club or a new branch club.

Banner patch (3" Patch) award for the clubs that end the year at least plus 1. Clubs could earn 1 patch for each of the 3 years.

Membership Growth Flag 30x42 The club with highest increase in membership at end of the lion's year receives the traveling flag for the year. If same club wins flag for 3 years in a row, the club keeps the flag!



Save the date!

Go for the Gold Gala



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Saturday March 29, 2025
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 4th Ave S.
St Cloud, MN 56301

We had such a fantastic response to last years Gala-we are going to do it again! MD5M's LCIF District Coordinators have been brainstorming to make this a fun filled event. What we know so far is that there will be a silent/live auction, "Olympic" games, raffles and perhaps a costume contest. We are working on special guest speakers. There will be more to come. Invite your club members, community leaders, anyone that you think that would be interested in learning what our Foundation does for others. Yes-this is a Fun-Raiser!!

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 Douglas Alexander, then you will need to order your plaque/pin by Feb 3, 2025. 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.

Any further questions please contact
Lion Anna Wickenhauser 952-913-1467 or lionannaw@gmail.com



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Presidential LCIF Supporter

Recognizing individual generosity

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

There are multiple levels of recognition to honor donors based on their one-time donation amount that meets the eligibility criteria as noted in the levels of recognition. The levels are as follows.

All Donors:
Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99
Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99
Gold Pin - US\$200 and above
Leo Members Only:
Leo-Presidential LCIF Supporter -
Minimum donation of US\$20





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

Awards	<u>lions5m5.org/awards</u>
District 5M5	<u>lions5m5.org</u>
Lions Clubs International	<u>lionsclubs.org</u>
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	<u>lionsmd5m.org</u>

District Approved Projects & Links

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