



February 2025

Make Your Mark!

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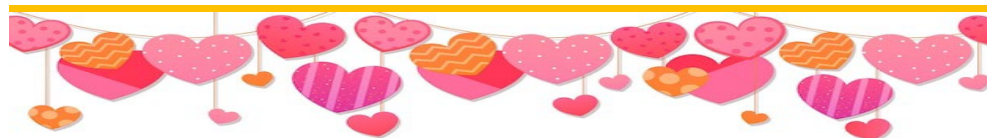
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Congratulations to

***Robbinsdale Lions celebrates 86 Years!!
(February 28, 1939)***

***Minneapolis Southwest Lions celebrates 79 Years!!
(February 25, 1946)***



The Informer Process

We have heard questions about the process of getting information to and from *The Informer* so here is a brief look at the process.

Lion Sara McFee & Lion Colleen Patterson are your co-editors for your District 5M5 Newsletter.

Submit all articles, pictures and items you want to share with your fellow Lions to this email: LionsDistrict5M5@gmail.com This email box was established as a one stop contact point for the collection of *The Informer* information and news. Lions Sara & Colleen have access to this email box and monitor it for new items.

The due date for submission of information is the 25th of the month.

Submit articles via a word document. We will copy and paste into the newsletter and edit for space.

If you are submitting pictures, please send information on the event and who is in the pictures.

Event flyers are usually sent as PDF's. In the interest of space and each flyer is in date order, under the Event Flyers.

They are also posted on the District website calendar: <https://lions5m5.org/calendar> and under Events on the district website.

The Informer is sent to all club secretaries and presidents for distribution to their clubs. Our goal is to have it out on the 1st of the month. Be mindful of sharing it in a timely manner, as there is "time sensitive" material with upcoming events. It is also posted on the District website: <https://lions5m5.org/informer>

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.

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

Submit articles, news, photo for the next issue by the 25th _To this email: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

February 2025

February	Cruising with the DG
February	Winter is Coming-Ukraine Help
February 2	Hamel Pancake Breakfast
February 2	Hamel Freeze Your Buns 5K run/walk
February 3	Webinar-5M5 Succession Planning
February 5	Webinar-Growing Lions
February 6	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute-Application Due
February 12	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
February 13	Webinar-Specialty Clubs
February 16	Robbinsdale Lions Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

March 2025

March 3	LCIF Gala-Go For the Gold Event-Registration Due
March 8	Maple Grove Lions Sip and Sample
March 12	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
March 14 to 16	ELLI Training
March 19	Minneapolis NE Lions Pot o' Gold
March 24	District Cabinet Meeting
March 29	LCIF Gala-Go for the Gold Event-
March 29	LCIF Gala-Go for the Gold Event-Keynote Speaker
March 29	LCIF Gala-Go for the Gold Event-
March 31	Master Class-Recruiting & Engaging Membership (in-person)

April 2025

April 6	New Hope Lions Breakfast & Silent Auction
April 25	MD5M Convention-Invitation
April 25	MD5M Convention-Keynote Speaker
April 25	MD5M Convention-Schedule
April 25	MD5M Convention-Table Sponsorship
April 26	Minneapolis NE Lions Charity Bowling

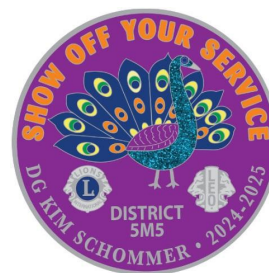
May 2025

May 5	Officer Training for incoming Club Officers
May 14	Crystal Lions Steak Fry



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello Lions,

I was great seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter convention! I hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the new location. A special thanks to the convention committee for their hard work - it is much appreciated. Thank you to our International Guest, ID Chris Carlone and his wife Lion Kathy for attending and participating in our convention. I hope you had the chance to talk to them! Congratulations to the Lions who were presented with awards!

I have been busy with club visits - I recently visited Edina and Richfield and will be going to Excelsior in the next week or so.. I have also been invited to several fundraisers (Steak Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, and other events) that are coming up in February and March. I plan on attending as many as I can.

It is also Mid-Winter Convention Season. I attended 5M9, 5M7 and 5M4 as well as our own in January. I plan to visit 5M8, 5M2 and 5M3 in February. I like visiting other district's conventions and seeing what is going on in other districts. It is always great to meet new lions. It is a fun but busy time.

The MD5M Multiple District Convention will be April 25-27 at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton. International President Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil will be in attendance. I encourage all of you to attend at least part of the convention. Information can be found in this issue of the Informer. Also, the International Convention is July 13-17 in Orlando, Florida. Information for that convention can be found at lionsclubinternational.org

There are still several clubs that have not scheduled a time for me to visit their club. If you are one of those clubs, please let me know as soon as possible when you would like me to come out. Please do not wait until the last minute as my schedule fills up very fast. I can be reached at schox3@comcast.net or 612-716-0936.

Thank you all for the continued service you do for your communities! You are all rock stars! Have a great month.

Yours in Lionism,

Kim Schommer
District Governor



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



What a wonderful Mid-Winter!

It was great to mark the service 5M-5 Lions have provided within our communities and the impact we've had across the world.

We had fun with friendly, and very creative (and tasty!), competition with our Hospitality Room, Crock-Pot and Dessert challenges. We gathered in new space which offered improved access for all of our Lions.

Our Mid-Winter celebrates why we are Lions.

We serve together.

We help our communities, in traditional ways and in new ways, as our seasoned and new Lions connect to ensure our efforts in service and fundraising are meeting today's needs.

We have fun together.

Fun while serving and fundraising increases our energy and desire to make a difference!

We are changing lives.

This Lion year we have each been challenged to "Meet Your Mark". District 5M-5 is doing that daily through our support of Lions' Foundations, our service in our communities and our ability to quickly rally and support others in times of disaster.

Thank you for your support at the Mid-Winter. I look forward to serving alongside you as 5M-5 District Governor.

Thank you – for everything you do to "Make Your Mark".

Lion Sara

Sara McFee

5M-5 District Governor-Elect

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 2nd Vice District Governor. I really enjoyed the Mid-Winter Convention and all the fun activities that we participated in.. Once again, I am truly humbled and thankful that you elected me as your 1st Vice District Governor. I know my path will become more difficult as I take on different responsibilities but I am up for the challenge.

Currently, I am helping the other eleven 2nd VDGs pick an official tie, scarf, and pins for 2026-2027. I think we are almost done but there are always last-minute details that need to be ironed out. We also need to come up with a basket for the Multiple Convention Silent Auction in April (the official 2nd VDG group contribution.)

I hope everyone enjoyed our District Convention and the new venue.. We will be using the same hotel for the Multiple Convention in 2026.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Bruce Strachota



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

WELCOME TO 2025!

SAVE THE DATE!

🎉 Join us for an Unforgettable Evening of mini Educational Seminars! 🎉

Monday, March 31ST 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
at the Hamel Community Center located at 3200 Mill St, Hamel, MN 55340

Get ready for an evening filled with fun, learning, and camaraderie!

This is a must-not-miss event that promises to entertain and educate. We've got a fantastic theme that will keep everyone engaged and excited throughout the night.

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the Lions Club, this seminar offers something for everyone. Come prepared to enjoy interactive sessions, lively discussions, and plenty of laughs. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow Lions, share ideas, and make lasting memories.

Don't miss out on this exciting evening—we can't wait to see you there!

🎉 Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fun and education!

The first 30 People to register will receive a special gift on this evening.
Register by sending your name, club name and what you're hoping to learn to
LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com or text/call Heidi at 612.408.0242

🎉 Way to go Lions and Clubs – We are GROWING! 🚀

Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to strengthening our Clubs, our District, and Lions International. Your hard work is paying off, and our increasing membership means we can achieve even more together. New Members = More Service!! 🌟

If you have been sharing the Lions opportunity with others and have recruited a New Lion in the past 6 months, make sure to attend our next All Club Meeting on April 7th, we have your PUMP UP THE PRIDE Pins and we cannot wait to Congratulate you in person and meet your New Member!!!! 🦁 ✨

Lets Keep PUMPING UP THE 5M-5 PRIDE! Whoot!!

STATS

District 5M5 Membership: 1,343 (As Of 01/18/25).

To Date Added Members: 71

To Date Dropped Members: -67

Net Gain/Loss: +4



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) continued

WELCOME NEW LION'S MEMBERS!

THANK YOU SPONSORS!!

EXCELSIOR- LIONS CLUB

PATRICK GROSE Sponsor: CHUCK LEACH

SUSAN LEES Sponsor: CHUCK LEACH

ROBBINSDALE- LIONS CLUB

MIKE BURAKOWSKI Sponsor: RENEE BUCHANAN

CHERYL A. HILLMAN Sponsor: ERIC HILLMAN

MELODIE K. NEFF Sponsor: ERIC HILLMAN

Welcome and Congratulations Lions!

The **District 5M-5 Global Membership Team** is here to support you and your Club's needs. If you're interested in Growing your Club to increase Ideas, Leaders AND Service to others, let's PUMP UP the PRIDE!

Join our team-Please reach out if you'd like to participate in the GM Teams efforts to grow or if you need any assistance recruiting and retaining members. Together We Make a Difference! 🌟🦁

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Heidi Zaworski

LionHeidiZaworski@Gmail.com 612.408.0242

Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator

<https://lions5m5.org/gmt-global-membership>

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

Global Service Update

by Lions Bernie Braegemann & Jodi Altenhofen

Service Metrics

655

Overall Activity Count in FY

199,646

Overall People Served in FY

22,024

Overall Volunteer Hours in FY

98%

Clubs Reporting in FY

Thank you, Lions, for all the service you have done for the first six months of our Lions year. You have done lots of work and raised a lot of funds!! Here are our totals as of January 20th on reporting on the Lions Portal:

The Rock Stars on submitting service reports for their clubs are:

- Brooklyn Center – Cheryl Jechorek
- Camden – Jim Cain
- Hamel – Rob Hed
- Hopkins – Rebecca MacKenzie
- Maple Grove – Cheryl Schissel
- Minneapolis Can Do Canines – Dee Dee Hefferman
- Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation – Robert Vokes
- New Hope - Teresa Gostonczik
- Richfield - Diane Stieg
- Rogers – Sue Lyons

The Goal is to have all club Secretaries achieve this honor, so submit your reports.

Upcoming service:

- Service Project for **Youth** - this is a District Governor goal so will you help our DG meet this goal by doing a service project in this service area?
- Service project for **Childhood Cancer** - this is a District Governor goal so will you help our DG meet this goal by doing a service project in this area?
- **Environmental** Service Project - this is a Multiple-wide initiative to have all clubs do a service project of their choice in April in this key area of service. We ask for your support to help make this a successful initiative.

New Facebook page - we have a new page. It's: **Lions Service – District 5M5**

Check it out and "Follow" it! Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570887245952>

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)

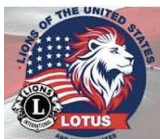
Excelsior Lions
Hopkins Noontime Lions
New Hope Lions
Osseo Lions
Plymouth Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

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.



New Facebook page - we have a new page. It's: **Lions Service – District 5M5**

Check it out and "Follow" it! Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570887245952>



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 2009.)

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Invitation Letter



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

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Keynote Speaker



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



Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our current International President, Fabrício Oliveira, will be at our multiple district convention. His presence gives you the opportunity to engage with him and to learn more about the work being done by our international association across the globe.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, International President Fabrício has held several offices in the association. In recognition of his service as a Lion and to the association, he has received several awards including multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, Leadership Medals, Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. International President Fabrício and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

International President Fabrício's theme for this year is Make Your Mark. The IP believes there's a leader inside every Lion. And all leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. This inspiration and empowerment make our communities healthier and stronger than ever before, thus making our mark in the process. Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so it is time to act!

IP Fabrício will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Take advantage of hearing on how you can make your mark as a Lion from the man who has envisioned it. Come to the MD5M 2025 Convention, hear IP Fabrício's inspirational words, and take them back to your community to share with your fellow Lions. Please register today for the MD5M 2025 Convention!

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS-Schedule



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2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule "Ignite the Lions Pride"

(times, sessions, speakers and details subject to change)

Airport Hilton Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota

Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Registration Opens**

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 AM—12 Noon **Council of Governors Meeting**

11:00 AM—6:00 PM **Registration & Credentials**

1:00 PM—5:00 PM **Foundation Service Projects
Foundation Display Tables**

3:30 PM—4:30 PM **2029 Int'l Committee Meeting**

5:00 PM—6:30 PM **PDG Social & Dinner**

6:00 PM—6:30 PM **First-Timers Meeting**

6:30 PM—7:00 PM **Opening Session &
Flag Ceremony**

7:00 PM—8:00 PM **Service of Remembrance**

8:30 PM—12:00 AM **Welcome Reception**
Social, DJ, Games, Cash Bar

Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM **Breakfast**

7:00 AM—6:00 PM **Registration & Credentials**

7:30 PM—8:30 AM **Foundation Meetings**

9:00 AM—5:00 PM **Silent Auction Open**

9:00 AM—10:00 AM **General Business Meetin**

10:00 AM—5:00 PM **Foundation Display Tables**

10:00 AM—11:15 AM **Seminar I**
Joe Schmit & Katie Shatusky

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM **Luncheon**

1:45 PM—2:15 PM **Lions in Motion - Salsa Dancing**

2:30 PM—3:30 PM **Seminar II**
CC Judy Zewers
DG Mary Curtis

3:45 PM—4:30 PM **Seminar III**
Lion Daniel Marney- Elkins

5:30 PM **Reception & Cash Bar**

6:30 PM—9:00 PM **Banquet**
IP Fabricio Oliveira

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 AM—7:45 AM **PDG Business Meeting**

7:45 AM—8:40 AM **Int'l Convention Meeting**
For those going to Florida

8:00 AM **Silent Auction &
Raffle Results Posted**

8:45 AM—11:00 AM **Brunch & Closing Session**
PCC BJ Blahnik

11:00 AM **Adjourn**

11:15 AM—12:15 PM **Council Chair-Elect &
Past Council Chair Meeting**



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS-
Table Sponsorship



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: _____

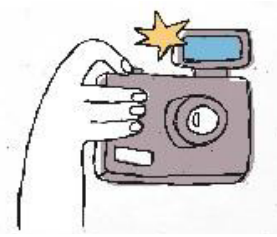
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

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

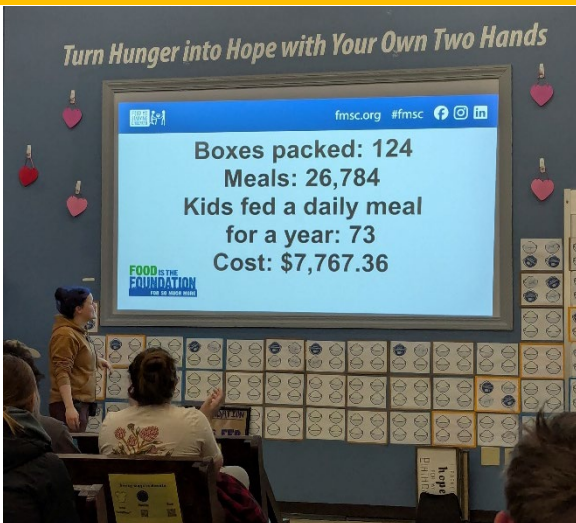
Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



LIONS SERVING

Email Your Photos of your Lions in action.
Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:
lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



Leader Dogs for the Blind: A Success Story at Lino Lakes Prison

Introduction



The Leader Dogs for the Blind program at Lino Lakes Prison has been an incredible journey of dedication and compassion since its inception in 2013. Located in Lino Lakes, MN, the program has successfully trained 28 dogs to become Leader Dogs and 6 dogs as Breeding Stock, making significant contributions to the lives of visually impaired individuals. The program demonstrates the transformative power of training and the commitment of everyone involved.

Building on Success

As we look to the future, our goal is to build on these achievements. We are committed to continuously improving our training methods and expanding our reach to ensure that more visually impaired individuals can benefit from the companionship and assistance of a Leader Dog.

Gratitude for Donations

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Your generosity has made a profound impact on our program and the lives of those we serve.

Become a Puppy Raiser

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a puppy raiser, please visit (leaderdog.org) for more information. Your involvement can make a significant difference in the success of our program.

Contact for Club Visits

I am always eager to share our story and inspire others. If you would like to arrange a club visit, please email at bplionmichael@gmail.com or call me at (651) 500-9400. I look forward to connecting with more communities and spreading the word about the incredible impact of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Special Thanks to Brooklyn Park Lady Lions

A special thank you goes to the Brooklyn Park Lady Lions for inviting me to their club visit. Your support and enthusiasm for our program are deeply appreciated.

Conclusion

Remember, in every Leader Dog lies the heart of a lion. Together, we can continue to make a difference, one Leader Dog at a time.



Hello from the 5M5 Leo Club! The Leos had a wonderful time at the Midwinter Convention on January 10th. 75 Leos from Champlin Park HS, Cooper HS, Eden Prairie HS, Maple Grove HS, Rogers HS, and Northeast MS attended the event. Thank you to all the Lions who spoke during the presentation, and to the Lions as a whole, your support is what makes the Midwinter Convention possible for the Leos. With your generosity we were able to complete some amazing service projects. The 70 painted pots will be delivered to St. Therese Senior Living Center when the Champlin Park Leos help the residents plant their seed kits. We also assembled 75 activity kits for children in hospitals, and made 15 tie-blankets that will be going to Maple Grove Hospital. And of course, we sorted pairs of eyeglasses for the Lions. Thank you again to all of the amazing Lions who made this event possible, the Leos can't wait to be back next year!

Eleanor Martenson
Leo Club District 5M5 President





MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION



We support research devoted to identifying treatments, and a cure for diabetes.

Learn About Advancements in Research

On March 15 researchers from the University of Minnesota will present information about their advancements they are making in research.

- Currently many people who live with diabetes need organ transplants that require taking medications for the rest of their lives to prevent rejection of the organ. Researchers are working to develop a vaccine that may eliminate the need for lifelong anti-rejection drugs.
- Some cells destroy insulin-producing cells that cause Type 1 diabetes. Progress is being made in controlling destructive inflammatory immune cells.
- Researchers are working towards the approval of clinical trials that will use pig cells, tissues and organs for treatment of diabetes. These clinical trials may benefit patients who are waiting for human organ transplants.

Mark Your Calendar – March 15

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's Annual Diabetes Research Update will be held in St. Cloud.

A free lunch at 11:30 a.m. will precede to the presentations by the researchers. *Our Diabetes Research Update is open to everyone – Lions, health care providers, and the public.* Following the presentations researchers will also be available to talk with attendees. Contact us for more information.

Thank you for your support at the Mid-Winter Parade of Green, and throughout the year.

Your contributions help Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation support research, diabetes-related programs and services and sending children to Camp Sweet Life. *You are helping improve the quality of life many who live with diabetes.*

Lion Sara McFee

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Lion Paul Newman

PENewman@cbburnett.com

612-799-4165

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Lions Clubs International – New Members matter!

“Who is going to be responsible for our Lions club once we’re gone?”

“How are we going to find these people who will take up the mantle of Lionism?”

“What do we need to do to attract new Lions to our club?”

One of the primary goals of your Lions marketing efforts is to attract new members to your club. The phrases above are probably something you and your fellow Lions may have thought about at one time or another. Whether or not you have had these thoughts, the important thing is to look to promote your club's upcoming events, service projects, or the club in general to attract new Lions.

Lions Clubs International has many excellent tools you can find on their website to aid you in promoting your club and to gain those needed new members. Check out all the different options found on the website at the following links:



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>



Make sure your club members are part of the planning and the execution of your membership marketing plans. Everyone should be involved in seeking new club members and in utilizing the tools and materials developed by your club's membership & marketing teams.

Please remember to constantly be promoting your Lions' club and its activities. Show how your club is a vital part of your community and how becoming a member can build lasting friendships. Demonstrate how your prospective new members can be a part of something important to your community and can potentially offer personal growth opportunities.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Lyle Goff
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair
gofflt@msn.com



LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB

(LITPC)



LITPC Youth Scholarship Information

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2024 – 2025 school year that there will be **6** US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship.

The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012.

Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (6), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (3) and Virginia (6).

The 2025 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2025.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.
4. When that page comes up, click on **the Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript, including activities.
5. Plus, you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e., teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2025**, to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072
9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”

Used Eyeglass Collection

The World Health organization estimates that 134 million people have uncorrected near-sightedness, far-sightedness, or astigmatism that could be treated with prescription glasses. Unfortunately, many have no access to eyeglasses or cannot afford them. You can help.



Please consider collecting unwanted used eyeglasses and donating them to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Accepted are prescription eyeglasses, prescription and non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses. (No cases, please.) With your help children and adults across the world can reach their economic, educational, and social potential thanks to access to quality eyeglasses!

The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Pine City, Minnesota.

Lion Kathy Barclay
952.201.1348
1kathybarclay@gmail.com

Lion David Danielson
612.327.5872
Daviddanielson2@gmail.com

First a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the clubs for the generous donations to MD5M KidSight Foundation during the Parade of Green at our 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention. You contributed a whopping \$14,050 to our program.

This money helps us maintain our equipment, keep up warranties, and cover the costs of printing supplies and other needs for our growing number of vision screenings.

We also appreciate the interest expressed by many clubs to have more involvement with KidSight. That is how the program becomes truly successful in our district.

In addition to the immediate financial needs of KidSight, we are approaching some long-term costs. Our district has been involved in KidSight since the beginning nearly 10 years ago. We are now facing the possibility that some of our equipment might “age out” in the near future. This is expensive equipment, and there is every reason to believe that replacement scanners and accompanying printers will come at a higher price than before.

To that end, we are adding a donate button to our MD5M KidSight Facebook page [\(2\) Facebook](#). This can be used by individual Lions, whose clubs are already contributing. But we would like you to invite to the page people who would be interested in KidSight, such as parents of children who have benefited from the discovery of vision problems, school officials and educators who are familiar with our program, and community organizers who we have worked with at many events. Look for this to be up by late February.

Speaking of schools and community events, if you have connections with day-care, pre-school, schools and event organizers, please put us in touch with them.

And, again, thank you very much for your support.

Lion Bill Thurston

612 790 7367

wjthurston@comcast.net

Lion Tim Conaway

612 269 9927

liontimconaway@gmail.com

THANK YOU LIONS OF 5M5!!! You did great!

18 Lions Clubs donated almost \$10,500 at the Midwinter Parade of Green. Your generosity will enable MORE athletes to attend competitions to make the whole experience more fun and exciting.

The Lions of 5M5 added more assistance to Special Olympics on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Special Olympics held a Polyhockey tournament at Breck High School with several hundred players participating. We were asked to provide some vision screening for the event. Lions Tim Conaway, of Maple Grove, Brian Keiser, John LeRoy, and Ray Moonen of Edina met at Breck to provide the screening. Our set up was barely finished when athletes were lining up for screening. We started the screening, explaining the process and what the paperwork meant. Some athletes were asked if they brought their eyeglasses along. All but one said they did. In all, over 100 athletes were screened. A worthwhile service project.

Lions Jim Cain, Ray Moonen, and Dick Post got a preview of the U of M Field House where the Opening Eyes will take place on June 21. We will be there this year and next for the National Summer Games that will be held here in Minnesota in 2026. There will be plenty of room for the different booths for the vision screening. There will be no athletic competition in the Field House at that time, but other Healthy Athletes programs will be there in the space with us. All events of the Summer Games will be within a 2-block distance, with a shuttle running continuously throughout the day. Possibly 4000 athletes are expected to attend. The planning is ongoing and much fine tuning to be done in the months ahead. Please put Saturday June 21, 2025 on your calendars to volunteer at the Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games.

Lion Jim Cain

Lion Ray Moonen

Consider Hosting a Youth Exchange Student this summer

What is Youth Exchange?	Students from around the world come to Minnesota for the month of July and live with host families. This is an amazing way to share our culture and learn about others.
Travel Dates	Jul 1, 2025 to Aug 3, 2025
Camp Spicer Dates	July 25, 2025 to August 2, 2025...all students come together for a week of activities. No hosting required during this week.
What's next?	Stay inspired, and participate in achieving World Peace one young person at a time!

For more information about this incredible opportunity please contact your District Youth Exchange chair or PDG Sue Mullen/ES Cindy Walters at MD5MLionsyouthexchange@gmail.com.

Not able to host this summer? Perhaps you/your club would consider sponsoring a Camp Activity

<input type="checkbox"/> \$8,800	Bussing for the week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,200	Valleyfair	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	Camp Confidence Team Building
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500	Brainerd Housing (3 nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600	Zoo Event	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	T-shirts
<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000	Metro Housing (3 nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	Banquet facility rental	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	Evening Snacks
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,700	Chanhasen Dinner Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	A Meal for Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Any amount is helpful!!!
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500	Dorm Housing (2 nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	Mini-Golf		

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated by the students and staff of MD5M Youth Exchange.
MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation is a 501(c)3 and can accept gambling funds. (EIN #46-4182698)

Checks can be mailed to: MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation; attn: Cindy Walters; 1915 Waterford Circle, Chaska MN USA 55318



EVENT FLYERS

INTRODUCING.... CRUISING WITH THE DG

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

5M5 Succession Planning Webinar

February 3,
2024 6:30 p.m.

Join online!

What can you expect?

- Reasons for why it is best to plan for Lions club succession.
- Strategies for helping it happen.
- How Lions International can help with club succession planning.
- How building stronger clubs with succession planning helps build a better Lions district!
- This webinar can help every club - join us!



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://umn-private.zoom.us/j/94260902996?pwd=Mw4xETCgSQLauEcnLrcGOLRcrEriOU.1>

All Lions are welcome
and encouraged to
join the webinar!

Questions?

Contact
Lion Jennifer Gilbert
651-226-0205
or
winn0004@gmail.com

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Winter Is Coming
To Ukraine, part 3

WICTUB

WELCOME ABOARD FOR THE 3RD YEAR!

After two very successful years of Winter Is Coming To Ukraine (WICTU) projects, we are back in business again! Altogether over 2.7 million Euros have been raised for generators and wood burning stoves in the previous two years.

In November 2024, Prime minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal has urged all citizen to seek for alternative sources of power and heat as their local infrastructure has been destroyed in many areas. Ukraine has now a desperate need for these Lions Stoves to support families all-around the country. Therefore, in this 3rd year of WICTU, we continue to provide stoves. During the spring and summer there has been development and testing for burning also pellets, coal, briquettes etc. for improved heating within the same stove model.

Now we need to join our forces once again to build and deliver Lions Stoves to the families in Ukraine together with LCIF!

Our Lions Stove meets all needed requirements, as it is

- high-quality and effective,
- made of steel, perfect for heat radiation
- can burn wood, pellets, briquettes, and coal,
- has a big surface to cook food,
- has ash box to collect ashes and to control the draft,
- instruction manual included, both in English & Ukrainian.



Join us now & let's serve together!

Your Coordinator for Constitutional Area 2 / Canada is
Lion Angela Sharbot
email a_sharbot@hotmail.com
cell phone/text: 807-598-1077

More information and project materials from
WICTU Marketing Coordinator
Lion Artti Forsell
email artti.forsell@lions.fi

DONATION DETAILS

Cost of one stove is \$225 Canadian. You can donate any amount and all donations are greatly appreciated.

For donation amounts over \$20.00 a charitable tax receipt can be issued.

Cheques can be made out to Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Inc. E-transfer to karen.beaudoin@lionsfoundation.org Mailing address is Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, 320 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G 2W6.

NOTE: To be eligible for LCIF and Melvin Jones Fellow credits, it is required that you include donor's name, Lions membership number, Club name and number, District, and mailing address for tax receipt.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/wictu

LIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & Its Affiliates

Growing Lions Workshop

Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

Join Lion leaders from across Global Action Team Area 1C to learn tips & tools you can use to start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.

This Workshop is designed for your District Growth Team to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Wednesday, January 8
Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 5

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreasCDGrow>

MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

APRIL 13-16, 2025, WILLMAR MN

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 6, 2025

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____		DATE JOINED LIONS: _____
ADDRESS: _____		
E-Mail ADDRESS: _____		TELEPHONE NO: _____
CLUB NAME: _____	MEMBER NUMBER: _____	
CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____		
OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____		
I WAS REFERRED BY: _____		
WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?		

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.		
Any food or other allergies? _____		
APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:		
APPLICANT: _____	DATE: _____	
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____	DATE: _____	

NOTE: Please submit this completed application to your District Governor by February 6, 2025. The registration fee for the Institute will be \$125 USD. This fee is payable to MD5M by check or credit card BEFORE you can attend the Institute. You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by February 7, 2025.

**Crystal Lions Steak Fry
and
Robbinsdale Lions Bake Sale**

February 12, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$13 Includes:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak Baked Potato

Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

FEBRUARY 13 –

**LIVE
WEBINAR**

MD5M GAT Webinar series

SPECIALTY CLUBS AND THEIR UNIQUE IMPACT IN A COMMUNITY

We are being
challenged to open new
clubs and provide more
service to our communities
and specialty clubs like the
Lions may be the answer!
Learn how these clubs may
be a solution in our
community.

with

Tammy
Rockenbach

Lion Member

January 9th, 2025
7:00-8:00PM CST

SAVE THE DATE

NEXT WEBINAR:
Thursday, February 13th
7:00PM

**Use this link to join
the meeting:**
<https://tinyurl.com/2zbz3bmy>

Advanced registration not required.
lionsmd5m.org

Robbinsdale Lions Club

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Sunday, February 16, 2025 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wicked Wort Brewing Co.
4165 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale MN

\$10/person
2 to 4 players per 300 piece puzzle

Gift Cards from local merchants awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
Raffle Tickets will be sold for cash prizes

Arrive early, tables fill up fast, no reservations.
Food and drinks will be available for purchase
Bring your old eyeglasses to recycle for those in need.

MD5M "Go for the Gold Gala"

March 29, 2025
Holiday Inn & Suites
75 37th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Name _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Club: _____

Tickets: Individual \$45.00 Tables of 8 \$ 500.00

Pay online or return Registration form, no later than March 14, 2025.

Make checks payable to: **LCIF Gala**

c/o Rose Thies

21515 371st Ave.

Green Isle, MN 55338

Pay online by Venmo or PayPal, please scan or email your registration form to: rthies001@gmail.com or 612-756-1316.

o **PayPal:** Rosemary Thies [paypal.me/GreenIsleLions](https://www.paypal.me/GreenIsleLions)

o Venmo: [@Rose-Thies](https://www.venmo.com/@Rose-Thies)

Lunch Menu

Choice of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian)

Choice of Penne, Cavatappi or Gluten-free Penne

Choose two of Grilled Chicken, Meatballs, Broccoli or Mushrooms

Choice of Garlic Alfredo or Marinara

Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread sticks

Dessert: Cupcakes

Hotel Accommodations: Book Directly to Holiday Inn & Suites by calling 615-321-8259 (mention 2025 Lions Club)

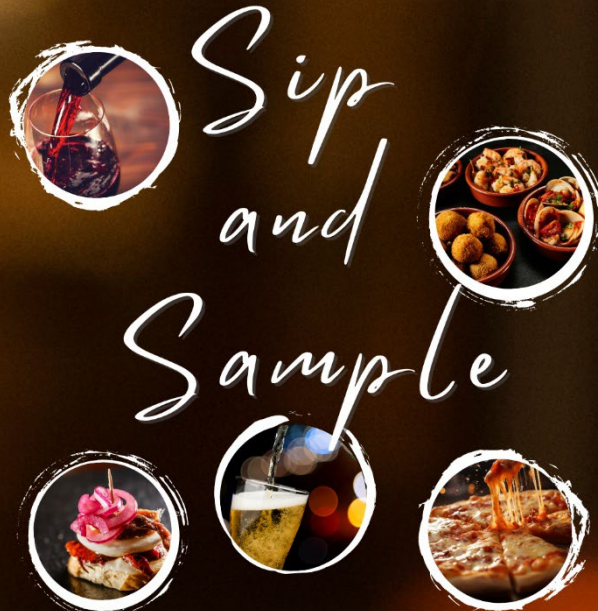
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The Maple Grove Lions Club Presents

SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025

Maple Grove Community Center



Experience a variety of craft beer,
wine, spirits, and local foods

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

March 12, 2025

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!

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EMERGING LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

ELLI



Date: March 14-16, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn, Wilmar



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

You qualify for trainings if you:

- Have NOT served as Club President
- Are a current member in good standing
- Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.
- Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas
- Like having FUN!!!!

Participants are required to:

- Attend all sessions of the three-day institute.
- You may commute to trainings if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.
- Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of training weekends

Applications due by

Friday, February 6, 2025

Applications are due to the District Governor

Questions, please reach out to your GLT Chair or your District Governor



NE LIONS CLUB

REQUEST THE HONOR OF
YOUR PRESENCE AT OUR

Annual
**Pot O' Gold
Fundraiser Gala**

MARCH **19** 6:00 p.m.

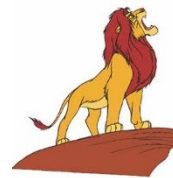
JAX CAFE
1928 University Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN 55418

For further information
www.nelions.org info@nelions.org
612.408.0242/Text

Everyone is Welcome!!

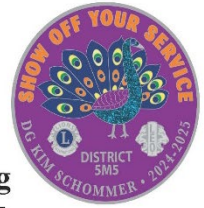
Tickets are \$200. per couple, and includes champagne, hors d'oeuvres, a fabulous 3 course steak dinner prepared by the amazing chef's at Jax Cafe & a raffle ticket with a chance to win the top prize of \$5,000.!!!! We'll also feature an incredible Silent Auction & Barrel O Booze Raffle.

NE Lions Community Foundation Licence # 95036



District 5M-5

**Fourth Cabinet Meeting
Monday, March 24, 2025**



**Richfield VFW
6715 Lake Shore Drive South
Richfield, MN 55423**

Parking: There is a small parking lot in front of the VFW with handicap parking. Additional parking is across the street at Woodlake Nature Center or behind the building.

6:00pm social, 6:30pm dinner

Cabinet members must RSVP by March 17th!!

E-mail Lion Rebecca MacKenzie
rjmackenzie64@gmail.com

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

**Go
for the
Gold
Gala**

Saturday March 29, 2025
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn
100 4th Ave S.
St Cloud, MN 56301

**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**





PIP Douglas X. Alexander was our International President from 2021-2022. He is from Brooklyn, New York and his theme was "Service from the Heart".

LCIF Gala "Go for the Gold"

Saturday, March 29, 2025
Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud
75 37th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 563011
10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Who wants to get their Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque or Progressive pin presented by Past International President Douglas X. Alexander??? Have I got the opportunity for YOU!

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find the personal balance you donated to LCIF. If you have donated \$1,000 and want to be presented with an MJF plaque (or PMJF pin for each additional \$1,000) by PIP Doug Alexander, then you will need to order your plaque/pin by Feb 18, 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. If you or your club want to present someone with a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, the same criteria applies. Remember this Gala is not for Lions members only. Invite people who are interested in learning about our Foundation and what it does. This year, there will be stories shared from around our Multiple about the impact our Foundation/Grants had on the community.

Registrations are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator, MD5M Website, and District/MD Newsletters and will be available at your District Conventions. The cost is \$45 for each person, or if you prefer, you can purchase a table of 8 for \$500 that comes with perks. There is a PayPal, Venmo, or check option to register.

The Gala will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Saint Cloud. There will be a costume contest with a Gold Theme. A tentative agenda will be posted as the Gala gets closer. Remember this is a FUN-Raiser...and there will be a cash bar.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a booking link with the Holiday Inn is in the registration form.

WooHoo - Get your Lion on!!! I would love to help you with any questions.

Anna Wickenhauser 952-913-1467 or lionannaw@gmail.com





SERVICE

Marketing

RECRUITING & RETAINING MEMBERS

LIONS 5M-5 MASTER CLASSES



Enjoy an engaging one-hour + training that will cover a variety of mini-educational topics.

MON DEC 9TH Zoom-

Is your Membership Happy and Healthy?

6:30 - 7:30 PM

MON MAR 31st

In Person.

Recruiting & Engaging Membership

6:30 - 8:00 PM

MON MAY 12th-

6:30-7:30pm- TBD



https://bit.ly/4dZleaN

DISTRICT 5m5 - LIONS MEMBERSHIP

VISIT OUR WEB

https://lions5m5.org



72 YEARS • WE SERVE • 1953-2025

New Hope Lions Club Annual

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday April 6, 2025

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 provides free eye screenings kids ages 6 months to 18 years.

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



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



Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our current International President, Fabricio Oliveira, will be at our multiple district convention. His presence gives you the opportunity to engage with him and to learn more about the work being done by our international association across the globe.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, International President Fabricio has held several offices in the association. In recognition of his service as a Lion and to the association, he has received several awards including multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, Leadership Medals, Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. International President Fabricio and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

International President Fabricio's theme for this year is Make Your Mark. The IP believes there's a leader inside every Lion. And all leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. This inspiration and empowerment make our communities healthier and stronger than ever before, thus making our mark in the process. Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so it is time to act!

IP Fabricio will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Take advantage of hearing on how you can make your mark as a Lion from the man who has envisioned it. Come to the MD5M 2025 Convention, hear IP Fabricio's inspirational words, and take them back to your community to share with your fellow Lions. Please register today for the MD5M 2025 Convention!

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee

District 5M5 Informer

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February 2025



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
2357 Wight Bay
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-754-8921



2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule "Ignite the Lions Pride"

(times, sessions, speakers and details subject to change)

Airport Hilton Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration Opens

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 AM—12 Noon Council of Governors Meeting

11:00 AM—6:00 PM Registration & Credentials

1:00 PM—5:00 PM Foundation Service Projects
Foundation Display Tables

3:30 PM—4:30 PM 2025 Int'l Committee Meeting

5:00 PM—6:30 PM PDG Social & Dinner

6:00 PM—6:30 PM First-Timers Meeting

6:30 PM—7:00 PM Opening Session &
Flag Ceremony

7:00 PM—8:00 PM Service of Remembrance

8:30 PM—12:00 AM Welcome Reception
Social, DJ, Games, Cash Bar

Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM Breakfast

7:00 AM—6:00 PM Registration & Credentials

7:30 PM—8:30 AM Foundation Meetings

9:00 AM—5:00 PM Silent Auction Open

9:00 AM—10:00 AM General Business Meeting

10:00 AM—5:00 PM Foundation Display Tables

10:00 AM—11:15 AM Seminar I
Joe Schmit & Katie Sharusky

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM Luncheon

1:45 PM—2:15 PM Lions in Motion - Salsa Dancing

2:30 PM—3:30 PM Seminar II

CC Judy Zewers

DG Mary Curtis

Seminar III

Lion Daniel Marney- Elkins

5:30 PM Reception & Cash Bar

6:30 PM—9:00 PM Banquet
IP Fabricio Oliveira

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 AM—7:45 AM PDG Business Meeting

7:45 AM—8:40 AM Int'l Convention Meeting
For those going to Florida

8:00 AM Silent Auction &
Raffle Results Posted

8:45 AM—11:00 AM Brunch & Closing Session
PCC BJ Blahnik

11:00 AM Adjourn

11:15 AM—12:15 PM Council Chair-Elect &
Past Council Chair Meeting



**NE Minneapolis Lions
Annual Charity Bowling Event**
Saturday, April 26th, 2025 @ 11:00AM
Elsie's Bowling & Restaurant



729 Marshall Street NE Minneapolis
Bowling starts at 11:am sharp, ends at 3pm sharp.

Event Includes: Shoes, Bowling and Taco Bar (Taco Bar starts at 12pm)

\$195.00 Per Lane fee (Maximum 6 bowlers per lane)

Please arrive 15 minutes early, to get those fancy shoes, find that PERFECT ball,
locate your LUCKY Lane, for an afternoon of fun!

Registration opens January 18th!

Event is limited, to secure a lane, register and pay for your lane today!

Lane Fee: \$195.00 per lane (Maximum 6 bowlers per lane)

Questions: Please call Lion Sherrie @ 651-295-3017

Would you like to be one of our amazing Lane Sponsors for only \$100.00: ☐ Yes

Lane Sponsor Name: _____

Register and Pay for the event online @ www.nelions.org

THANK YOU!

5M5 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

**MAY 5, 2025
6 p.m.**

RSVP due May 1

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 1** to Jennifer Gilbert: winn0004@gmail.com
- \$10 per participant will be collected at check-in May 5.

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



TRAINING LOCATION
CAN DO CANINES
9440 SCIENCE CENTER DRIVE
NEW HOPE 55428

Training for

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

*Returning officers
and Lions with club
officer experience
are welcome!*

Questions?

Contact

Lion Jennifer Gilbert
651-226-0205

or

winn0004@gmail.com

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Global Leadership
Team

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

May 14, 2025

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!

Email your Event Flyers

to this email:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



2029 Lions International Convention fundraiser
Brought to you by the Host Committee for the 2029 Minneapolis International Convention

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the
needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

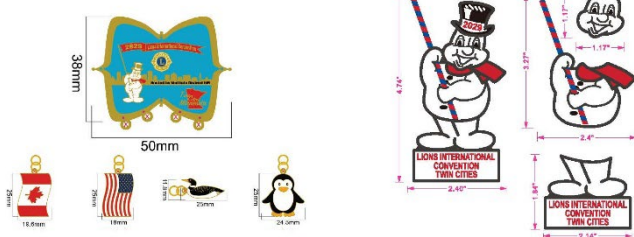
\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms

Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



To purchase pins or patches, donate to the convention or volunteer.
Contact Lion Jennifer Gilbert, 5M5
winn0004@gmail.com
651-226-0205
Club or Individual donations accepted - Thank you!

MD5M PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM



These shirts are
a button up style
shirt and run 1
size small.
(order accordingly)



Date: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Email order form to Executive Secretary Cindy Walters at:

executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org

Complete Form and Mail to:

MD5M Lions
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318

Checks can be made out to MD5M Lions.

ADULT	PRICE EACH	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
1. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Small		total small
2. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Medium		total medium
3. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Large		total large
4. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	1X		total 1 x
5. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	2X		total 2 x
6. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	3X		total 3 x
7. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	4X		total 4 x
8. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	5X		total 5 x
			total shirts	total
			additional credit card charge:	card fee

Credit Card Information:

Name On card: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK TO ORDER](#)



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
		PIP	Past International President
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	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	TT	TailTwister
GST	Global Service Team	VDG	Vice District Governor
ID	International Director	1VDG	First Vice District Governor
IP	International President	2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair	VDGE	Vice District Governor-Elect
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor	1VDGE	First Vice District Governor-Elect
IPID	Immediate Past International Director	2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	WCD	White Cane Day
IVP	International Vice President	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

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>