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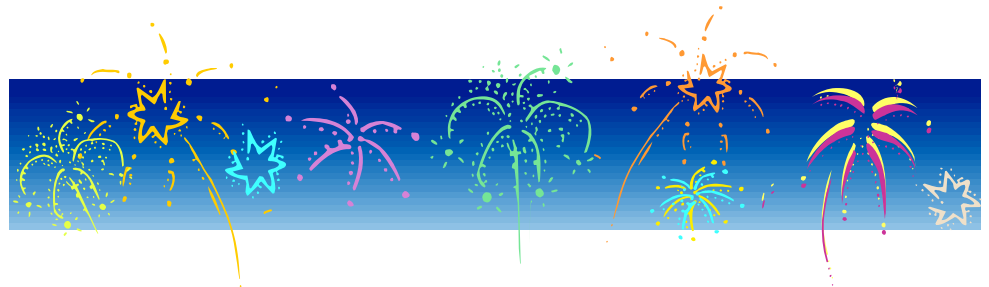
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Celebrating 52 Years!!
Excelsior Lions
July 21, 2016





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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!!

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Adam Fisher	Bill Thurston	St. Louis Park Lions
Barb Gruys	Cathy Tarman	Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Beth Hexum	Cheri Brunetti	Rogers Lions
Cory Helland	Erik Raml	St. Bonifacius Lions
Dave Kind	Tom Poppler	Corcoran Lions
David Vollman, MD	Silva Orengo-Nania	Mpls Ambassadors Lions
Doug Nelson	Karen Koehnen	Excelsior Lions
Edward Davis	Karen Zimpfer	Rogers Lions
Elexandria Ditez-McChane	Kimberly Merrill	Mpls Ambassadors Lions
Elizabeth Osborne	John Osborne	Robbinsdale Lions
Gary Radzej	Josh Radziej	Excelsior Lions
George Rohlf	Amy Vallen	Mpls Ambassadors Lions
Glenn Lobo	Jennifer Gilbert	Mpls Ambassadors Lions
Gretchen Enger	Lynette Scherber	Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Janet Olson	Katy Olson	Mpls Northeast Lions
Jeff Peterson	Jerry Bruzek	Bloomington Lions
Jesse Hamphill	Silva Orengo-Nania	Mpls Ambassadors Lions
Kari Hansen	Bernie Braegelman	Hopkins Lions
Mary Warren	Lynette Scherber	Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Mick Kuehn	Phil Leith	Maple Grove Lions
Patricia Knops	Shannon Nurmi	Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Ray Widstrand	Terri Krake	Mpls Can Do Canines Lions
Robyn Helland	Emily Raml	St. Bonifacius Lions
Sarah Bickler	Heidi Russell	Robbinsdale Lions
Shannon McKinley	Austin Wiberg	Northwest Tonka Lions
Tanya Hamilton	Cheryl Schissel	Maple Grove Lions
Tim Zahler	Shawn Alderman	Dayton Lions
Tom Ritten	Melodie Neff	Robbinsdale Lions
Wassef Chanbour, MD	Joshua Hou	Mpls Ambassadors Lions

Congratulations! You're now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organization. This means that you've joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact.

We are happy to have you as a Lion!

Let's Keep PUMPING UP THE 5M-5 PRIDE!

Thank you to all members who shared the opportunity!! You Rock!!

This list is provided to me by your Regional Zone Chair. They pull the list of new members that have been registered in the Lion Portal. Make sure your rooster is up to date for your new members to be recognized here. Lion Colleen

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Submit events to: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



July 2026			
07/08/2026	Brooklyn Center Lady Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
07/08/2026	Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park- The Music of Sinatra	21 st Century Bank Center rain or shine	6 PM to 8:30 PM
07/08/2026	Robbinsdale Lions Kick-Off to Whiz Bang Days Jigsaw Puzzle Contest	Wicked Wort Brewery	5 PM to 7 PM
07/09/2026	Hamel Rodeo - MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Night	Corcoran	7:30 PM
07/09/2026	Robbinsdale Lions Whiz Bang Bistro	Wicked Wort Plaza	11 AM to 5 PM
07/10/2026	Robbinsdale Lions Whiz Bang Bistro	Wicked Wort Plaza	11 AM to 5 PM
07/10/2026	Robbinsdale Lions WBD Red, White & Booze Pub Crawl	All participants will receive a bingo board with offerings from local businesses. Wicked Wort Broadway Pizza Pig Ate My Pizza Tootie's on Lowry Risata Birdhouse	You have all week to fill your bingo card. Start on: July 5 th End by: July 11 th
07/12/2026	Hamel Rodeo - MN Lions Childhood Cancer	Corcoran	
07/18/2026	Maple Grove Days Corn Feed	Central Park 12000 Central Park Way	11 AM to 6 PM
07/22/2026	Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park- Hollywood Blvd	21 st Century Bank Center rain or shine	6 PM to 8:30 PM
07/24/2026	Welcome Home Celebration ID Bert Nelson	Kelly Inn St. Cloud, MN	TBD
07/25/2026	Orono Lions Lakeside Car Show	Nelson Lakeside Park Long Lake, MN	11:00 AM
August 2026			
08/01/2026	Eden Prairie Lions Corn Feed	Round Lake Park 16691 Valley View Road	11 AM to 5 PM
08/05/2026	New Hope Lions Corn Feed	4471 Winnetka Ave N	4:30 PM to 8 PM
08/05/2026	Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park- Taylor's Version	21 st Century Bank Center rain or shine	6 PM to 8:30 PM
08/10/2026	Eden Prairie Charity Golf Tournament	Dahlgreen Golf Club Chaska, MN	
08/12/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
08/18/2026	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Map the Territory	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM
08/19/2026	Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park- Shane Martin	21 st Century Bank Center rain or shine	6 PM to 8:30 PM
08/24/2026	All Club Meeting	21st Century Bank Event Center 12716 Main Street, Rogers, MN 55374	TBD
08/24/2026	District Wide Lego Drive	21st Century Bank Event Center 12716 Main Street, Rogers, MN 55374	All Club Meeting

September 2026			
09/09/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
09/11/2026	Excelsior Lions Golf Classic		
09/12/2026	Rogers Lions Entertainment in the Park- Troy Flemming (1PM to 3:30 PM) Radio Nation (5 PM to 9 PM)	21 st Century Bank Center rain or shine	1 PM to 3:30 PM 5 PM to 9 PM
09/19/2026	Maple Grove Rock 'n the Grove	Central Park 12000 Central Park Way	Gates Open at 3 PM Music Starts: 4 PM`
October 2026			
10/02/2026	Brooklyn Park Lady Lions Tenderloin Steak Fry	Palmer Lake VFW 2817 Brookdale Drive	5:30 PM Social 6:30 PM Dinner
10/02/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Good Earth Village Spring Valley, MN	
10/14/2026	PDG Steak Fry (Crystal Lions)	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
10/20/2026	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Start the Conversation	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM
10/24/2026	Thanksgiving for Vision	Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud, MN	TBD
November 2026			
11/06/2026	Maple Grove Lions Holiday Boutique	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	9 AM to 2 PM
11/11/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
11/24/2026	All Club Meeting & District Wide Lego Collection	True Friends Camp Eden Wood 6350 Indian Chief Rd Eden Prairie, MN 55346	TBD
December 2026			
12/04/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	Faith Haven Camp Battle Lake, MN	
12/05/2026	Maple Grove Lions Breakfast & Lunch with Santa	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	8 AM to 1 PM
12/09/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
12/15/2026	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Build the Partnership	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM
February 2027			
02/16/2027	5M5 Lions Quest Webinar Series- Train, Prepare, Celebrate	Zoom: Join Virtually Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131 Password: 087451	7 PM to 7:45 PM
July 2029			
06/29/2029	LCI Convention Day 1	Minneapolis, MN	Various
06/30/2029	LCI Convention Day 2	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/01/2029	LCI Convention Day 3	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/02/2029	LCI Convention Day 4	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/03/2029	LCI Convention Day 5	Minneapolis, MN	Various



DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Bruce Strachota



Building a Stronger District Together

As we begin another exciting Lions year in District 5M5, I want to share a simple vision that was reinforced during the recent MISSION 1.5 Summit in Atlanta:

Great service attracts members. Strong leadership retains them. Together, we grow. Everything we do this year will revolve around three priorities—**Membership, Leadership, and Service**. These are not separate goals; they are three parts of one successful district.

Membership – Every Lion Invites Our district will grow when every Lion understands that membership is everyone's responsibility. We will encourage every club to welcome new members through personal invitations, meaningful orientations, engaging meetings, and mentorship for every new Lion.

Growth is not about numbers alone. It is about creating clubs where people want to belong, serve, and lead.

Our challenge is simple:

- Invite someone to serve. **1. DISTRICT GOAL: ADD 161 NEW WITH NET GROWTH OF 51 MEMBERS**
 - Welcome them warmly. **2. DISTRICT GOAL: ADD ONE NEW CLUB**
 - Give them a meaningful role. **3. DISTRICT GOAL: NO MORE THAN 100 DROPS (OTHER THAN BY DEATH)**
 - Celebrate their success
- If every club adds just a few committed members while retaining those we already have, District 5M5 will become stronger than ever.

Leadership – Building Tomorrow's Lions Today Strong clubs are built by prepared leaders.

This year we will intentionally identify future club officers, committee chairs, Zone Chairs, and district leaders. Leadership training is not reserved for a select few- it is an opportunity for every Lion who wants to grow.

Experienced Lions have a responsibility to mentor newer members, share knowledge, and encourage others to step forward. Leadership development creates confident clubs and ensures that our district continues to thrive for years to come.

Service – The Reason We Wear the Vest Service remains the heart of Lionism. Every project should answer one question:

Does this improve lives in our community?

Visible, impactful service not only helps those in need but also energizes our members and attracts people who want to make a difference. Whether supporting vision, hunger, youth, diabetes, the environment, or childhood cancer, every service project tells our community who Lions are.

Service is our best membership program.

One District...One Team The Atlanta Summit emphasized creating a **culture of growth**. Growth happens when Membership, Leadership, and Service work together—not independently.

District 5M5 has incredible clubs, dedicated volunteers, and tremendous potential. By supporting one another, sharing successful ideas, and embracing innovation while honoring our traditions, we will continue building a district that others look to as a model of excellence.

I ask every Lion to commit to three actions this year:

- **Invite one new member.**
- **Develop one future leader.**
- **Expand one meaningful service project.**

If every club accepts those three challenges, our district will not simply grow—we will transform lives across Minnesota.

Thank you for your dedication, your compassion, and your belief in the mission of Lions Clubs International.

Together, We Serve. Together, We Grow. Together, We Lead.



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Ken Kumpula

When I was in high school, I was on a newsletter team for the *X Reader*. One of my peers wrote an article about a teacher's behavior that was unbecoming to a teacher.

Nowhere in the article was a name, gender, or anything to directly identify who the individual was.

Last month I talked about cliques and closed groups within a club. I was only aware of this in a few clubs. I was contacted directly by Lions from other clubs asking how I knew about their club. I did not. Until now.

As I mentioned previously, I do not know the solution or have any answers. But it would seem the issue is larger than I had thought.

I am more of a keep the people you have in your organization happy and involved. The newcomers will follow. So, this has me concerned on what may be happening.

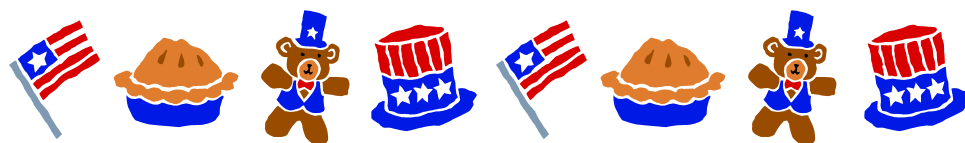
I am hoping Lions will take upon themselves to reach out and break down what walls may exist.

Maybe sit with a member you have never spoken to?

Again, I do not have the answers.

Just the hope.

In Lionism, Ken



From the Brink to New Beginnings How Relationships Renewed the Dayton Lions Club

The Dayton Lions Club was chartered on June 28, 1974, 52 years ago.

I would like to share the story of how our club came back from the brink. These events may not be in chronological order, but they are how I remember them.

In 2020, the Dayton Lions were, as the saying goes, "fat, dumb and happy." We had a successful gambling operation and were financially sound. Then Dr. Shawn Alderman attended one of our meetings and shared his vision of transforming the Vince Egan farm into an outpatient clinic for veterans and their families.

The Magnus Veterans Foundation quickly became one of the Dayton Lions' strongest community partners. We proudly supported their mission, including serving as the \$10,000 Title Sponsor of their annual golf tournament.

A few years later, everything changed. Dayton Lions lost their gambling operation. Along with it came uncertainty, discouragement, and declining membership. There were fewer members to carry the workload, recruiting leadership became more difficult, and conversations began about whether the club could continue.

During that same time, Dayton Lions recognized Dr. Shawn Alderman with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for his outstanding work with Magnus Veterans Foundation. He also became a Dayton Lion.

In early 2026, as the club continued to struggle, an idea emerged: invite Magnus members to a Lions membership event at the Magnus Veterans Foundation campus on the north shore of Diamond Lake. About twenty-five people attended. We shared our story. They had not forgotten. Magnus members remembered that Dayton Lions had stood beside them when Magnus was just getting started. They remembered our support when they needed it most. This time, they chose to stand beside us.

The word "veteran" represents service. Magnus members already understood what it means to serve. They had served our country, and they understood why Lions serve our communities.

That evening, eighteen new members joined the Dayton Lions Club — a remarkable 97% increase in membership. Since then, two more members have joined.

Today, Dayton Lions Club has renewed membership, new leadership, and a renewed sense of purpose. Dayton Lions were there when Magnus Veterans Foundation needed a friend. Years later, Magnus was there when Dayton Lions needed one.

That is what community looks like. That is what Lionism is all about.

Our story reminds us that partnerships and relationships matter. When clubs invest in their communities, those relationships often come full circle in unexpected ways. Relationships are the foundation of healthy clubs, meaningful service, and lasting membership growth.

What is your club's relationship story?

Lion Jim Rouillard Dayton Lions Club



5M5, you are ROCKSTARS!!!

This year, our Clubs have been on fire!

Welcoming new members, building belonging, and showing our communities what Lions can do when we lead with service and heart. Every new Lion brings fresh energy, new ideas, and a renewed spark that strengthens our Clubs and expands our impact. And you've proven that when we work together, stay flexible, and keep service at the center, growth follows.

Our "Pump Up the Pride" challenge has taken off across the District, motivating Lions to reach out, invite others in, and celebrate every new member who joins our mission. The excitement is real, the numbers are climbing, and the stories of connection and service are inspiring.

We can't wait to celebrate YOU!!

See you at the All-Club Meeting on August 24th to find out which Clubs have been working hard, lifting each other up, and truly Pumping Up the Pride.

Let's keep the momentum going, because when 5M-5 grows, our communities **thrive**.

Total Members 1367

New Members 196!!! Wow, way to go, Lions!

Dropped Members -180 Whomp, whomp- we've got some work to do here.

Net 16

Lion Heidi Zaworski and the fabulous GMT TEAM



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

Service Begins With Us

Sharing ideas. Sharing hands. Sharing service.

Every Lions club has its own traditions, favorite projects, and ways of serving its community.

Every club has something to share, and every Lion has something to contribute.

This year, let's learn from one another, work together, and discover even more ways to serve.

Club Connections — Serving Together

One of the strengths of Lionism is that we don't have to do everything alone.

Not every club has enough members to organize a service project — but every Lion can serve.

- Hosting a service project? Invite another Lions club to join you.
- Looking for a place to serve? Ask another club if they could use a few extra hands.

Sometimes the best service happens when we simply work together.

OUR DISTRICT SERVICE GOALS

- Share service ideas
- Increase service in global causes & weeks of service
- Encourage clubs to volunteer together
- Report service in Lion Portal
- Increase public awareness of Lions service impact
- Celebrate Lion Service Impact

LET'S BUILD SOMETHING TOGETHER

This year, the District Global Service Team has an exciting opportunity — and we'd love your help.

We're asking Lions from across District 5M-5 to share ideas to create one district-wide service project that we can accomplish together before June 30, 2027.

Maybe you have an idea that's been tucked away for years. Maybe you've seen service that inspired you.

Help shape district-wide service

If service is something that energizes you, we'd love to have you be part of the District Global Service Team.

- Share service ideas and help plan a district-wide service project.
- Encourage service participation by 5M-5 clubs of every size.

Interested in helping shape district service? I'd love to visit with you.

WHY REPORT SERVICE?

Every service activity tells the story of Lions. Reporting service helps celebrate your club, inspire others, and show the difference Lions make in our communities and across the world.

As your club completes service, please enter it into Lion Portal. If you need assistance in how to report service, please contact me.

LIONS GLOBAL CAUSES

Childhood Cancer	Humanitarian Efforts
Diabetes	Hunger
Disaster Relief	Vision
Environment	Youth

JULY SERVICE FOCUS

This month we're laying the groundwork for our district-wide service project while encouraging every club to develop a monthly service plan. It's also a great time to mark your calendars and begin planning for Lions International's Weeks of Service.

Vision Oct 8 – 18; **Youth** Feb 13 – 21, 2027;

Environment May 29 – June 6, 2027.

THREE QUESTIONS

1. What service project has your club found most meaningful?
2. What needs have you discovered by talking with people in your community?
3. If clubs worked together across 5M-5, what could we accomplish?

AROUND THE TABLE

"We've always done it this way" is not a legally-binding phrase.

- Maybe this is the year we encourage and welcome new ideas and try something different.

CLOSING THOUGHT

No club is too small to make a difference, and no Lion has to serve alone.

Keep sharing ideas and service as you make a difference — one project at a time.

Have a service idea, a great project to share, or a question about service or Lion Portal? I'd love to hear from you.

Lion Sara
5M-5 GST coordinator
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Note from the Editor: At the Mid-Winter Convention ID A. P. Signe spoke about the tear drop during the worldwide induction of new Lions. One of our members was moved to write this and wanted to anonymously share with everyone.

A single tear falls—quiet, almost unnoticed—into the vastness of the ocean.

For a moment, it seems insignificant against something so immense.

Yet the instant it touches the surface, it creates a ripple.

Then another.

And another.

Circles widening far beyond the point of impact, reaching places the tear itself will never see.

That is how service works.

As Lions, it's easy to wonder if one small act matters. A single conversation, a single meal served, a single child helped to read—these can feel like drops in an ocean of need. But the ocean is nothing more than countless drops, each one contributing to its depth and power.

The ripple is where growth begins.

One act of kindness inspires another. One service project sparks curiosity in a volunteer. One partnership—perhaps with a local library or community center—opens doors to programs that shape lives for years. Like the ripple, our impact expands outward, touching people we may never meet, influencing outcomes we may never witness.

And here's the deeper truth: the tear does not lose itself in the ocean—it becomes part of something greater. In the same way, when we serve, we don't diminish; we grow. Our empathy deepens. Our leadership strengthens. Our sense of purpose becomes clearer.

To grow as Lions is to trust the ripple.

It means believing that small beginnings are not small outcomes. It means showing up consistently, even when the result isn't immediate. It means creating spaces—through Service Carnivals, youth programs, and community partnerships—where more “drops” can fall, multiplying the ripples beyond what any one of us could do alone.

So let the tear fall.

Let it remind us that no act of service is ever wasted.

Because somewhere beyond what we can see, the ripple is still moving—and because of it, the ocean is changing.

JUNE 2026

LIONS QUEST

AWARENESS BEGINS

Lions across 5M are embarking on an exciting new journey—our Quest for Impact. This initiative invites every Lion to play a role in shaping the future of our youth through Lions Quest, a proven program that equips young people with the skills they need to succeed in school and in life.

So, what is Lions Quest? At its core, it is an evidence-based social and emotional learning program designed for schools and youth organizations. It focuses on building life skills such as responsible decision-making, emotional awareness, leadership, and positive relationships. In today's world, these skills are more important than ever.

If Quest is new to you or your club, we would be happy to visit your club, zone, or cabinet meeting. This would be a chance to provide you / your club with specific information about Quest and answer any questions to help start Quest in your area. You can reach out to either of us with any questions or schedule a visit using the contact information below.



THE ASK....

This month, our focus is simple: awareness. We are asking every club to learn about Lions Quest and begin conversations within your meetings. Share what you learn. Discuss how this program aligns with your club's mission to serve.

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Email: liondaren5m5@gmail.com

**Lead the Pride.
Launch the Quest.**

WE NEED YOU!

5M is hosting a series of 5 Webinars this year to educate Lions and Clubs about Lions Quest and how to get this curriculum into schools and community groups.

Please join us for the 1st in our series, "Ignite the Quest" on Tuesday, June 16th from 7:00 - 8:00pm. All Lions are welcome to attend to learn more!

To join, go to www.zoom.com, click "Meet", select "Join a Meeting" and enter

Meeting ID: 828 0316 4131
Passcode: 087451

ZONE 1 CHAIR	(term ends 2027)	Laurie Carlson	lcarlson@candocanines.org
<i>Loretto Lions</i>		<i>Mpls. Can Do Canines Lions</i>	<i>New Hope Lions</i>
<i>St. Louis Park Lions</i>		<i>Wayzata Lions</i>	
ZONE 2 CHAIR	(term ends 2027)	Regina Aiken	raiken@tonkafinancial.com
<i>Eden Prairie Lioness Lions</i>		<i>Eden Prairie Lions</i>	<i>Edina Lions</i>
<i>Hopkins Lions</i>		<i>Northwest Tonka Lions</i>	<i>Orono Lions</i>
<i>Saint Bonifacius Lions</i>			
ZONE 3 CHAIR	(term ends 2027)	Amber Georgeson	georgeson.amber@gmail.com
<i>Hopkins Noontime Lions</i>			<i>Mpls Ambassadors Lions</i>
<i>(now meets evenings and name changing soon)</i>			
<i>Mpls Next Generation Downtown Lions</i>		<i>Mpls Northeast Lions</i>	<i>Mpls Northside Roaring Lions</i>
ZONE 4 CHAIR	(term ends 2027)	Andy Leifort	andy.nextgenlions@gmail.com
<i>Bloomington Lions</i>		<i>Camden Lions</i>	<i>Excelsior Lions</i>
<i>Mpls Riverview Lions</i>		<i>Mpls Southwest Lions</i>	<i>Mpls Special Olympics MN Lions</i>
<i>Richfield Lions</i>			
ZONE 5 CHAIR	(term ends 2027)	Michael Crenshaw	bplionmichael@gmail.com
<i>Brooklyn Center Lady Lions</i>		<i>Brooklyn Center Lions</i>	<i>Brooklyn Park Lady Lions</i>
<i>Brooklyn Park Lions</i>		<i>Crystal</i>	<i>Osseo Lions</i>
<i>Robbinsdale Lions</i>			
ZONE 6 CHAIR	(term ends 2026)	Vickie Parks	vickieparks@gmail.com
<i>Corcoran Lions</i>		<i>Dayton Lions</i>	<i>Hamel Lions</i>
<i>Maple Grove Lions</i>		<i>Plymouth Lions</i>	<i>Rogers Lions</i>

LIONS SERVING

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

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

Haskell's Port Fire - Employee Fundraising Campaign-Haskell's Port has always been a champion of the Excelsior Lions Club and has been an important gathering spot for our community. After the devastating fire that was a total loss for Haskell's, the Excelsior Lions Club came together and coordinated an online and multi-event fundraiser with our community partners for employees that were displaced. With the help of our downtown businesses, our volunteers, and individual donors, we were able to exceed our fundraising goal and ease the financial burden of our local friends and neighbors. We wrapped up our campaign at the American Legion in Shorewood.



THANK YOU
\$35,202
was raised for Haskell's employees



Excelsior - Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce-The Excelsior Lions Club hosted the Chamber's "Coffee and Commerce" meeting, celebrating community and fellowship with local businesses.



2026 Special Olympics USA Games-The Excelsior Lions Club served in hospitality, volunteering at the Pioneer Food Hall, serving athletes, their friends and families!



The Grief Club of Minnesota - Fore! Grief Club Golf Tournament-The Excelsior Lions Club volunteered and sponsored The Grief Club of Minnesota's golf event at Legends Golf Club. The Grief Club of Minnesota provides services by licensed mental health counselors at no cost to Minnesota families.





Maple Grove Lion Tony Burnello receiving a lifetime achievement award from our club. Lion Tony is 98 and is celebrating his 60th Anniversary with the Lions. He was the DG for District 5m7. He played the harmonica for years at our dinner meetings when we sang God Bless America.

Maple Grove Lions added two new members.

Lion Tanya Hamilton with sponsor Lion Cheryl Schissel.

Lion Janell Johnson with sponsor Lion Cheryl Kozicky.



Maple Grove Lion Mike Peach received the Melvin Jones Award.

Maple Grove Lion Jeanne Kling received our Lion of the Year award.





Maple Grove Lions' Gift of Sight Golf Tournament.

Maple Grove Lions who received awards at our recognition ceremony.





Maple Grove Lions at the
D-Feet Walk for Hearing

Maple Grove Inducted their new officers for the 2026-2027 year.

Lion Mike Peach is our new Club President.

Lion Kevan Lindley is 1st VP.

Lion Dana Menard is 2nd VP.

Lion Cheryl Schissel is Secretary.

Lion Nell Campbell is Treasure but not present at the meeting.

Board members are Lions Jim Miller, Maureen Major, Jeanne Kling Mike Stiefel, Nickie Ashbach, Dana Menard and Jim Culhane (not present).

Lion Tamer is Lion Claudia Newman.

Tail Twister is Lion Dr Phil Detlefsen.



Over the weekend, Lions Kidsight vision screening for children saw 231 kids. This is a new record for Maple Grove Lions Club KidSight events. We referred 29 children including a 6 month old child. We had 19 volunteers for this event.



The Hopkins Lions club participated in the D-Feet Hearing Loss walk on June 6 at the MN Landscape Arboretum.



Brooklyn Park Lions celebrated their 65th Anniversary.
Here are some members who received special recognition during the celebration.

Lion Michael Crenshaw & Lion Michael Reeves
Lion of the Year



Lion Michael Crenshaw & Lion Michael Reeves
Helen Keller award



**Lion Michael Crenshaw & Lion Carl Rice
Secretary Award**



**Lion Michael Crenshaw & Lion Carol Rice
Melvin Jones Fellowship Award**



PID Lion Ross Guest Speaker



**Lion Michael Crenshaw & Lion Brenda Reeves
Hearing Foundation Award**



Brooklyn Park Lions Club Photo



St. Louis Park Lions Club Annual Awards Ceremony that we had on Tuesday June 23. We wanted to congratulate all of our award recipients, and we are excited for all the fun ways we can continue to serve our community next year!



New Hope Lions club members helped with carnival games, including minnow races, at Sonnesyn School carnival on May 15, 2026.

Pictured here are Lions Jen and Colleen enjoying some fun face painting.

New Hope Lions club members Cindy, Rob, Louis and Tag volunteered at Special Olympics in the Healthy Athletes Opening Eyes section. They helped check in athletes and tested the athletes distance acuity. This was the first step in the entire eye exam process for the athletes. A total of 1,121 athletes completed Opening Eyes. Lions Louis and Tag also assisted with Family Movie Night featuring Toy Story 5. What a wonderful experience!



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



Lions Clubs have a powerful opportunity to shape the future by sponsoring a Leo Club at their local high school. Eden Prairie High School has seen firsthand how youth service transforms communities.

By bridging the generational gap, sponsoring a youth club infuses your existing organization with fresh energy, diverse perspectives, and enthusiastic volunteers eager to step up for local causes. For students, a Leo Club offers a structured environment to build critical leadership skills, manage responsibilities, and spearhead humanitarian initiatives. High schoolers possess an incredible drive to make a difference, but they often lack the foundational mentorship that experienced Lions can provide. Sponsoring a club gives them that essential launchpad while expanding the sponsoring club's local footprint.

Sponsoring a Leo Club also secures the long-term legacy of your civic mission. Cultivating a passion for service in young adults creates a natural pipeline for future Lions members, ensuring your club remains sustainable for decades to come. If your club wants to take this step but is unsure where to start, you do not have to figure it out alone.

The Eden Prairie Leo Club recently successfully navigated the foundational process with the support of the Eden Prairie Lions Club, and they are ready to share the roadmap, from pitching the idea to school administrators and recruiting charter members to organizing initial service events.

Sponsoring a Leo Club is a direct investment in your community's youth. Bring purpose to your local high school, expand your community impact, and inspire the next generation of leaders by establishing a Leo Club.

Currently the Leo Clubs in District 5M5 are at Eden Prairie HS, Maple Grove HS, Rogers HS, Champlin Park HS, Robbinsdale Cooper HS and Northeast MS.

For more information contact District 5M5 Leo Club President and Eden Prairie Leo Club President - Leo Audra Houdek at ephs.leos@gmail.com

District 5M5 Leo Club Chair - Lion Jane Hansen at ljionjanehansen@gmail.com

KidSight is closing out a successful Lions year with an increase in number of children screened last year as well as an increase in the number of Lions participating in the events. We screened 1186 kids in the 4th quarter with 188 referrals, a 15.85 % referral rate.. That brings us to a yearend total of 8428 kiddos and 1175 referrals, a 13.9% referral rate. It's a great increase over last year. More elementary schools are becoming aware of the benefits of screening their students and are requesting our services. Reaching more kids is a goal of the program as it's proven kids can't learn if they can't see.

Shout out to the Eden Prairie Lions who were featured in an article in the Eden Prairie News. They had given a Sight Saver Partner Award to Lauren Puchtrel, the EP Schools Public Health Coordinator, by Lions Chris Dorn and Lion Therese Johnson. Eden Prairie Lions Club are rock stars participating in the KidSight Program. This is the link to read about the great job they are doing:

<https://eplocalnews.org/2026/05/26/eden-prairie-lions-honor-effort-to-expand-student-vision-screenings/>

Also going above and beyond were the Maple Grove Lions KidSight group who screened a record 231 children at the Maple Grove Chalkfest weekend event. Of those kiddos screened 29 needed a referral to an eye-care professional. This includes a 6-month-old, who has a chance to have his near-sightedness entirely corrected by being caught so young. Lion Tim Conaway reported there was a great effort to bring in many families to their not-so-great location, and the families were processed quickly and professionally by everyone.

We need to have more clubs like Eden Prairie and Maple Grove to be involved in KidSight screenings. From our years of experience, we believe strongly that childhood vision screening and correction of poor vision is one of the most effective and cost-efficient health care interventions in the world. Give the children in your clubs that opportunity to be screened. Contact us to come to your clubs meeting to tell you more and get you started.

Don't forget the **MN State Fair**! We need volunteers to help with vision screenings, especially on Wednesday, September 2 and Labor Day, September 7.

Link to Sign Up Genius is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-63293948-state>

We are introducing our new KidSight Director Lion Dave Williams of the Hopkins Lions club. Lion Dave will be assuming the director position on July 1 as Lion Shari Thurston will be retiring. Lion Dave and his wife Lion Linda are actively involved in KidSight. We look forward to Lion Dave's leadership and increased participation in the KidSight program.

From a personal standpoint I am honored, gratified and delighted to have seen the growth of KidSight over the years. I was one of the original directors of the foundation and in 2017 we screened 337 children with 31 referrals. Lion Bill and I worked very hard to get the word out about this new foundation knowing that the more we get involved the more children could have eyesight saved. We thank so very many of you that have gotten on board and helped grow this wonderful program. We will continue to screen as many as we can and plan to be of assistance to Lions Tim and Dave as they need.

Lion Shari

Lion Dave Williams
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612-638-8730

Lion Tim Conaway
liontimconaway@gmail.com
612-269-0027



A HELPING HAND

Hamel Rodeo, Lions Club rally around young cancer patient

Hamel, Minn. – June 22, 2026 – For a while, Elizabeth Watkins lived her life one hour at a time, watching her child go through treatment for pediatric cancer. That’s how it is, when your eight-year-old daughter is fighting neuroblastoma.

Elizabeth and Aaron Watkins’ daughter Viola was diagnosed with the cancer in August of 2025 when doctors found a seven-inch mass in her abdomen. Chemotherapy did not shrink the tumor. Doctors at a world-renowned hospital in New York recommended chemoimmunotherapy, which shrank it, but not by much.

In April, doctors were able to surgically remove eighty percent of it, but the remaining twenty percent was wrapped around an artery and could not be removed.

Now Viola is undergoing twenty rounds of proton radiation at Mayo Clinic, with the goal of killing the rest of the tumor.

Like any eight-year-old, she misses her home in Maple Grove, her brothers, her pets, and her friends. “Instead of going to birthday parties, she’s been in the hospital,” Elizabeth said.

It hasn’t been easy on her parents, either. “When she’s feeling good, it’s easier,” she said. “When we’re in the hospital with a fever or doing chemo it’s hard.”

Aaron has been able to work full time, but Elizabeth, a part-time bartender, has been off work since Viola was diagnosed. They’ve had extra expenses, even with health insurance paying for most of the treatment.

The Maple Grove Lions Club, along with the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, has come alongside them, giving financial help to the family.

The money helped pay medical bills, Elizabeth said, “which has been such a relief, not to have that worry hanging on top of everything else.”

Her parents have provided whatever food suits her appetite at the moment, as chemo treatments change her taste buds. It’s ranged from mac and cheese to orange chicken and cream cheese puffs. At one point, Viola lost ten pounds.

Gary Stevens
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edenprairiegary@gmail.com

Corneal Transplant Lifetime Benefits

Every year, through the generosity of cornea donors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota, Lions Gift of Sight provides more than 1,000 corneas to help patients in the U.S. regain their sight. The lifetime economic impact of these transplants with Lions Gift of Sight tissue exceeds \$200 million!

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) compared the medical costs of transplant procedures to the direct and indirect lifetime costs of the alternative – living with blindness or severe vision impairment. With a corneal transplant, an individual avoids the direct expenditures that come with vision loss, such as higher routine medical costs and long-term care costs, and the indirect costs of potential years of lost productivity to both the patient and their caregivers. This tremendous benefit is not possible without the thousands of cornea donors who give the gift of sight.

Lions are a part of the eye bank's miraculous work. Thank you!

Lion David Danielson

612.327.5872

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Lion Kathy Barclay

952.201.1348

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EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or Event information to:

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BROOKLYN CENTER *LADY LIONS* STEAK FRY & BAKE SALE

JULY 8, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

CRYSTAL VFW POST #494

5222 BASS LAKE ROAD, CRYSTAL

\$15

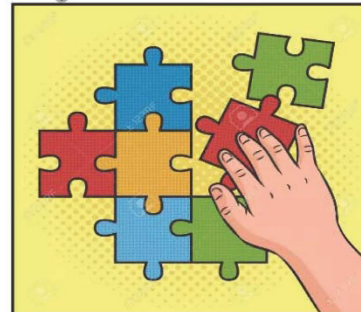
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BAKED POTATO
COLESLAW
TEXAS TOAST
WATER &/OR COFFEE

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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Robbinsdale Lions Club "Kick off to Whiz Bang" Jigsaw Puzzle Contest



Wednesday, July 8, 2026 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wicked Wort Brewing Company
4165 West Broadway, Robbinsdale



\$10/person
2 - 4 players per table

Gift Cards from local merchants awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

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.

[Click here for the Sun Post Article on Whiz Bang Days](#)

07/09/2026

Robbinsdale Lions
"Bistro on Broadway"
Enjoy Hackenmueller's
hot dogs, brats & Burgers grilled by the
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Served on the Wicked Wort Patio

- Entrance on West Broadway,
parking lot and both bars.

Collection drop off for used glasses

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July 9th is
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
 Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!




For every ticket sold for the July 10th show,
MNLCCF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

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

5 shows throughout the weekend

Thu. 7-9	Fri. 7-10	Sat. 7-11	Sat. 7-11	Sun. 7-12
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

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

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Limited Offer!
 Only 250 Tickets
 Available!

**WHIZ BANG DAYS
 2026**



RED, WHITE & BOOZE
 Pub Crawl

More Info,
 Registration &
 Tickets



Friday, July 10th
 6:00 PM
 \$25.00

Participating Locations



An Event
 Hosted by the
 Robbinsdale
 Lions Club

OFFICIAL RULES – RED, WHITE, and BOOZE PUB CRAWL

- Ticket sales end on July 9th at midnight
- A ticket to the **Red, White, and Booze Pub Crawl** must be purchased to participate.
- You can start playing bingo on **July 5**, it will end on **July 11**.
- When you complete one of the tasks, have the participating location sign, stamp, or place a sticker on the square.
- A total of **250 boards** were printed, and each board is unique.
- The free space may or may not appear on your board. If your board includes a free space, it will **not** be in the traditional center location.
- Your first and last name, along with your email address and phone number, must appear on the back of your board before dropping it off.
- Completed BINGO cards must be dropped off at one of the following locations by **12:00 p.m. on July 12. No exceptions:**

Wicked Wort	Pig Ate My Pizza
Eagles Nest	Risata Cucina
The Birdhouse	Tootie’s on Lowry
- Prizes will be drawn at random. Winners will be notified during the LIVE Facebook broadcast:
<https://www.facebook.com/RobbinsdaleLions> and via email
- The LIVE Facebook broadcast will take place on **July 12 at 6:00 p.m.**
- The prize pickup location will be announced during the LIVE broadcast and via email.

Maple Grove Days Corn Feed



Saturday, July 18
11:00am - 6:00pm

Our buyer tracks down the sweetest, freshest Corn on the Cob available, we then steam it, then drenches it in a crazy amount of butter.

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Register Now!

WELCOME HOME Celebration

for

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as we honor Bert's dedicated service on the Board of Directors for Lions Clubs International.

★ FRIDAY, ★

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2nd Annual

LAKESIDE CAR SHOW

in conjunction with

Buckhorn Days

JULY 25TH, 2026



Gates Open at 11 AM

SHOW

12 PM - 3 PM

NELSON LAKESIDE PARK
LONG LAKE, MN





EDEN PRAIRIE LIONS PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

CORN FEED



A great summer event at the Round Lake Park with fun and games and (of course) all the corn you can eat.

Starts at 11:00am and goes to 5 pm.

Enjoy fresh, hot, unlimited corn, a sloppy joe sandwich or hot dog, and chips.

All you can eat prices! Beverages extra.



AUGUST 1ST, 2026

PROCEEDS FROM THE FUNDRAISER will be used for local community projects including: Camp Eden Wood, True Friends, scholarships for local high school seniors, PROP (People Reaching Out to People), the PROP Shop, and more.

Location: Round Lake Park

16691 Valley View Rd,
Eden Prairie, MN 55346



www.eplions.org



NEW HOPE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CORN FEED

ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN!

Adults **\$12** Kids **\$8**

For an additional cost, also serving:
Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pop/Water, Ice cream

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5*
4:30PM – 8:00 PM

Unique Thrift Store Parking Lot
4471 Winnetka Ave. N.
New Hope, MN

*weather permitting

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Eden Prairie Lions Charity Golf Tournament August, 10th 2026

Join us for a fun, relaxed day of golf, laughter, and giving back at Dahlgreen Golf Club. Located in Chaska.

Sign up today and secure your spot.

Visit www.eplionsgolf.org.

If you want to be added to a Foursome, email Lyle Hookom at lhookom@comcast.net



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- Shotgun Start and Scramble
- 18 Holes, Cart, and Dinner
- 1st Place Foursome \$800
- 2nd Place Foursome \$600

- Random Draw Foursome \$300
- Last Place Foursome \$200
- Add'l Course Contests and Prizes

Please forward and share!

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



August 12, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

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Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

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08/24/2026
ALL CLUB MEETING

21st Century Bank Event
Center
12716 Main Street
Rogers, MN 55374

Social & Gather at 5:30 PM
Meeting Start at 6:30 PM

More details to come.



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MUSIC STARTS: 4 PM

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Paul Peterson and the Minneapolis Funk All Stars

RIVAL 5

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LOOKOUT BAR AND GRILL
EXPERIENCE MAPLE GROVE

Maple Grove Parks and Recreation
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Brooklyn Park Lady Lions Tenderloin Steak Fry

Silent Auction & Raffle
Friday- October 2, 2026
5:30 pm Social 6:30 pm Dinner
Palmer Lake VFW
2817 Brookdale Drive
Brooklyn Park

**Bacon Wrapped Tenderloin
And Side Dishes**

Tickets Advance Sales Only
Contact Lion Julie Foster 651-334-1803

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5M5
Past District Governor
Fellowship



STEAK DINNER
\$15



Includes: 7-8 oz. Steak, Coleslaw,
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More Details Coming Soon!
ChatGPT

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



November 11, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$15 Includes:

8 Oz. Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

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11/24/2026
ALL CLUB MEETING-
Save the Date

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

Social & Gather at 5:30 PM
Meeting Start at 6:30 PM

More details to come.

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans

"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET OR SCAN THIS CODE:

2026

MINNESOTA

RETREATS

2026 MAY 1-3
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN

2026 JUNE 5-7
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

2026 OCTOBER 2-4
Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN

2026 DECEMBER 4-6
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN



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