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October 2024

Make Your Mark!

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**Congratulations to**  
**Eden Prairie Lions Celebrating 64 Years!**  
 (October 17, 1960)

**Minneapolis Riverview Lions Celebrating 62 Years!**  
 (October 17, 1962)

**Hamel Lions Celebrating 47 Years!**  
 (October 16, 1977)

# 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 25<sup>th</sup>

To this email:

[lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com](mailto:lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com)

## October 2024

### [October 1 to October 20](#) [October 1 to November 8](#)

Hopkins Lions Gertens Holiday Items Fundraiser  
5M5 District Wide Food Collection

[October 9](#)

PDG & Crystal Lions Steak Fry (and Robbinsdale Lions Bake Sale)

[October 9](#)

Guiding Lion Training (RSVP by 10-01-2024 or ASAP)

[October 20](#)

Brooklyn Center Lady Lions Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale

[October 20](#)

Maple Grove Waffle Breakfast

[October 20](#)

Riverview Lions French Toast Breakfast

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO HELP YOUR FELLOW LIONS!!](#)**

[October 21](#)

Tech Talks via Zoom (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

[October 24](#)

Leos Feed My Starving Children Activity

[October 25](#)

MN Lions Vision Foundation Eye Ball

October 26

Thanksgiving for Vision

[October 26](#)

Osseo Lions Kids Trick or Treat Parade

[October 28](#)

Cabinet Meeting-02 (RSVP by 10-18-2024)

## November 2024

### [November 1 to January 1, 2025](#) Physical Activity Challenge

[November 9](#)

Maple Grove Holiday Craft Boutique

[November 11](#)

All Club Meeting-02

November 13

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

[November 18](#)

Tech Talks via Zoom (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

## December 2024

[December 16](#) Tech Talks via Zoom (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

## January 2025

[January 10 to 12](#) 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention (NEW LOCATION!!)

## March 2025

[March 29](#) Go for the Gold Gala



**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!

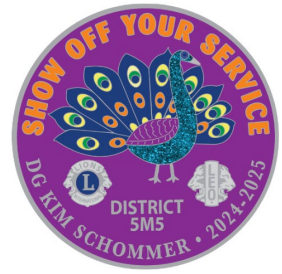
Learn more (and subscribe for free) [www.YouTube.com/@USLionsRock](https://www.YouTube.com/@USLionsRock)

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



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello 5M5 Lions,

Happy Fall! I can't believe it is October already! where does the time go? September was a very busy month for Lions of 5M5!

A lot of clubs have been ramping up their service and fundraising projects. Great work Lions! Our ultimate goal is to serve as many individuals as possible - find a need in your community and then find a way to solve it! Make your Mark!

One of my goals this year is to have each club do a service project in the area of Youth Services and Childhood Cancer. The reason I chose Youth was because it is one of the new service pillars that was recently added. I chose Childhood Cancer in memory of Lion Jeannine "Niner" McDonald who was a MN Lions Childhood Cancer Trustee and a very beloved member of our 5M5 Lion family. I wanted to find a way to honor her in the daily work we do as Lions.

I visited several clubs this month including Maple Grove, Bloomington and Rogers. Thank you all for your hospitality and for the work you do in your communities. Northern Pride Lions Forum was held September 20 -21 in St. Cloud. I was not able to attend because of a family wedding. I hope that everyone who did attend had a great time and learned a lot.

This issue of The Informer has a lot of interesting opportunities and information that may be of interest to you, such as information on the Mid Winter Convention, the nomination forms for the MD5M Hall of Fame award (due Dec 1), and the application for Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) which is due October 11. RLLI is a great institute for all Lions, whether or not you aspire to become a leader or not, it is full of valuable information and it is fun making connections with Lions in other districts. The Eye Ball will be Friday, October 25th. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per couple. Tickets can be purchased through me or our MN Lions Vision Foundation directors Kathy Barclay and David Danielson. Thanksgiving for Vision will be the following day at the Earle Brown Center.

Lastly, please consider asking your friends, family members and associates to consider joining our great organization. More hands allow us to provide more service and have more fun! If you have not yet scheduled a time for me to come visit your club, please do so soon. My schedule fills up quickly.

Thank you all for everything you do to make our district great!

Yours in Lionism,

Kim Schommer  
District Governor



## 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Greetings Lions,

### ***It's time to bring out the Lion in You!***

Throughout our District our Lions are on the move daily. We serve with passion.

- We perform service in our communities.
- We plan events and fundraisers.
- We raise funds to devote to special needs in our communities and our Lions foundations
- *We make a difference.*

### **Take the Opportunity**

Wherever you are, *you* have an opportunity to ignite more Lion passion.

- Talk about a Lion impact fact.
- Invite a friend or colleague to participate in your service activity.
- Welcome a potential Lion at your club meeting.
- Share the energy and fun that comes with being a Lion.

### **Be Bold and Roar!**

**I'm challenging your club to invite four (4) potential Lions to a club meeting, a club service activity, or a club fundraiser during October.**

As you are out and about as a Lion during October, talk with your friends and colleagues about what Lions do and the impact we have.

### **Be ready to share fun facts about your Lions club's impact.**

Share how many dollars your club donated to which community need, how many eyeglasses your club collected / sorted and donated, how many children's eyes your club helped to screen, how many pounds of food your club collected for your local food shelf, what your club did to clean up your community environment, etc. *It is very important to share this information in person but also remember to share your club's impact through social media and other communications.*

***There are so many Lions impact stories you can share about your club!* Bring in new members by welcoming them to join in service with your club to experience the fun and impact.**

Lion Sara

Sara McFee

5M-5 First Vice District Governor

5M-5 Co-Trustee

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club

**[LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com](mailto:LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com)**





## 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota

Greetings from your 2nd VDG Lion Bruce Strachota.

August was a busy month for me. I started my online training, I continued to attend zoom meetings, I helped with KidSight at the MN State Fair, and I sold tickets at the Midway.

In September I attended the Maple Grove Lions meeting with DG Kim and thoroughly enjoyed it. I was fascinated with the tail-twisting which lasted at least 15 minutes.

On Sunday, September 29 I will be volunteering at the St Jude Walk/Run at Elm Creek Park in Maple Grove.

I am anxious to continue my training. One of my passions is singing and at one of the USA Canada forums I attended I sang with the Lions Chorus. That was a very enjoyable experience. I would like to start a Lions Chorus in our district. Any takers?

I hope everyone is asking people to join our great organization.

Remember DG Kim's goal of +1 member for every club.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Bruce Strachota  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor



### Certified Guiding Lion

Empowerment is  
the key to success!



#### 5M5 5M6 5M7 Guiding Lion Training

October 9, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

**Training Location:**

Switchback Medical  
7625 Boone Ave North  
Brooklyn Park

***Register by October 1, 2024***

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are ***newly-chartered, established or are rebuilding.***

**Plan on attending Guiding Lion training if you:**

- Want to help strengthen and grow your club
- Want to meet and share ideas with Lions from 5M5, 5M6 & 5M7
- Would like to serve as a Guiding Lion for existing and new clubs
- Need to renew your Guiding Lion certification

Guiding Lions are assigned by the District Governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president.

Even if you are an experienced Guiding Lion, you will benefit from this course because it provides the most comprehensive overview available of the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion.

**The Certified Guiding Lion Course will help you:**

- Provide you with knowledge and skills to help your club, even if you choose to not serve as a Guiding Lion.
- Help you develop a plan to guide a club to become self-sufficient and strong.
- Provide tools to help club officers manage their club.
- Establish a system to track development during your Guiding Lion term.

**To register, or for more information about this training, or Guiding Lions, contact:** PDG Lion Jennifer Gilbert, 5M5 Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator: [Winn0004@gmail.com](mailto:Winn0004@gmail.com)



## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

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



*Congratulations Excelsior Lions for Pumping up the Pride! Top recruiting Club for the 2023-24 Year with 25 added members!!!!*

### STATS As Of 8/30/24

District 5M5 Membership:	1,330
To Date Added Members:	19
To Date Dropped Members:	-30
Net Gain/Loss:	-11

### **WELCOME NEW LIONS MEMBERS! THANK YOU SPONSORS!!**

08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024

#### **BROOKLYN PARK - LIONS CLUB**

PHILLIP GRAY Sponsored by MICHAEL CRENSHAW

#### **EDEN PRAIRIE LIONESS LIONS CLUB**

BARBARA SENN Sponsored by CINDY THOMPSON

#### **MAPLE GROVE LIONS CLUB**

CARRIE PETRIE Sponsored by CHERYL SCHISSEL

#### **PLYMOUTH LIONS CLUB**

RON MOORE Sponsored by EUGENE MILLER

MEGHAN B RILEY Sponsored by KATHY SHAUGHNESS

Lion Heidi Zaworski

[LionHeidiZaworski@Gmail.com](mailto:LionHeidiZaworski@Gmail.com) 612.408.0242

Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator



## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood  
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vivion



Youth

### Upcoming Monthly Service Projects:



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**DISTRICT 5M-5 CLUB COLLABORATION**

**HELP US COLLECT 1,000 LBS OF FOOD!**

Clubs can work w/other clubs or do a food drive on their own.  
Food & money collected donated to your local Food Shelf.  
Club can pick the time of day that works for their club.  
Club picks where they want to do the food drive - local grocery store or collection points in their community.  
Clubs to invite potential new members to help with food drive.

Please send total lbs of food, monies collected, # of potential new members & pictures of your event to [Bernxio@gmail.com](mailto:Bernxio@gmail.com)

October – **World Service Day**. Looking for new ideas! Check out and fill a need in your community.

November 9<sup>th</sup> - **District Wide Food Drive**. Participate in our District Food Drive to help stock the shelves before the Holidays. The goal is to collect 1,000 lbs. of food and have all our clubs participate in this Food Drive. See flyer for more details.

December - **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**. Sign up and support this project.

Check out the **GST Facebook page** which is: **District 5M5 – Lion Service**. Follow the page. Respond to Postings, add Comments, or Share it with others.

**Lion Portal** - report the great service work your club is doing. The District Governor's Goal is to have a total of 900 service project done by the clubs in this District by the end of June 2024.

We can do it, but we need your clubs service projects reported so we can reach this total!!!

Lion Bernie Braegelmann

Lion Jodi Altenhofen

## MID-WINTER CONVENTION

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There are links on the District 5M5 website (<https://lions5m5.org/mwc-links>) that will take you to all of the following forms. But, for your convenience here are some copies of the forms.



**January 10-12, 2025**

**Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel**

**12201 Ridgedale Dr  
Minnetonka, MN**

**Reserve your sleeping room today!**

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1714578768673&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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



## MID-WINTER CONVENTION-APPROVED PROJECTS

### 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Green, Approved Projects

This time of year, we cabinet members and zone chairs get a lot of questions about whom the clubs can write checks for the Mid-Winter Convention Parade of Checks. We've put together this partial list of activities sponsored by our district and the name and phone number of the Cabinet Chairperson.

If your club is using Gambling Funds, we have noted the 501(c)3 organizations.

Any check made out to 5M5 cannot be paid with gambling funds as 5M5 has no tax status.

CAN DO CANINES ASSISTANCE DOGS			
Yes-501c3	The Lions have been supporting this program to provide 5 types of specially trained assistance dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hearing Assist</li> <li>- Diabetes Assist</li> <li>- Seizure Assist</li> <li>- Mobility Assist</li> <li>- Autism Assist</li> </ul>	<b>Cabinet Chair:</b> Daren Johnson 4910 Washburn Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-720-0271 E: <a href="mailto:Daren.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us">Daren.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us</a>	<b>Can Do Canines</b> 9440 Science Center Dr. New Hope, MN 55428 B: 763-331-3000 F: 763-331-3009
CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER			
Yes-501c3	Also known as Camp Confidence, it is an outdoor center for persons with developmental disabilities. The program at Camp Confidence is aimed at promoting self-confidence and self-esteem and the necessary skills to become contributing members of society.	<b>Cabinet Chair:</b> Not Assigned	<b>Contact:</b> PID Ross Thorfinson 612-819-1743 <a href="mailto:rthorfi@aol.com">rthorfi@aol.com</a>
LCIF, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION			
Yes-501c3	Lions Clubs International Foundation provides money and services throughout the world such as fighting river blindness in remote regions of the world, providing seed money for Diabetes programs, relief for natural disasters, and for national emergencies such as the World Trade Center attack.	<b>Cabinet Chair</b> Rob Hed (Rhonna) 17440 45 <sup>th</sup> Ave N Plymouth, MN 55446 C: 763-300-9454 E: <a href="mailto:hedrob33@yahoo.com">hedrob33@yahoo.com</a>	<b>LCIF</b> Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547  The Melvin Jones Fellow Award is given for contributions of \$1,000
LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND			
Yes-501c3	Located in Rochester, Michigan this Lions sponsored service trains dogs for the visually impaired. The dog recipient attends Leader Dog, receiving his/her dog and training at no personal cost.	<b>Cabinet Chair:</b> Michael Crenshaw (Flora) 5313 68 <sup>th</sup> Ave N Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 C: 651-500-9400 E: <a href="mailto:bpilionmichael@gmail.com">bpilionmichael@gmail.com</a>	<b>Leader Dogs for the Blind</b> PO Box 5000 Rochester, MI 48308 248-651-9011  <a href="http://www.leaderdog.org">www.leaderdog.org</a>
LEOS			

No	<p>Our Leos program has some ancillary costs associated with creating new clubs, start-up money, officer training, etc.</p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> District 5M5 with a memo to "Lions Leos"</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Chair:</b> Mike Peach 8923 Annapolis Ln N Maple Grove, MN 55369 C: 651-369-5045 E: <a href="mailto:medicpeach@comcast.net">medicpeach@comcast.net</a></p>	<p>Currently, the district asks to hold donations to Lions Quest, but donate to LEOs or Youth Exchange instead.</p>
<b>MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION</b>			
Yes-501c3	<p><b>Send your checks to:</b> Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416  H: 952-920-4320</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416 C: 612-790-7367 E: <a href="mailto:withurston@comcast.net">withurston@comcast.net</a></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Tim Conaway 11949 90<sup>th</sup> Ave N Maple Grove, MN 55369 C: 612-269-0027 E: <a href="mailto:LionTimConaway@gmail.com">LionTimConaway@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION</b>			
Yes-501c3	<p><b>Provides services and resources</b> for survivors of childhood cancer and their families. Such as Camp KACE (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere).</p> <p><b>Supports research</b> by providing funds to the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center or such other organizations that engage in research and/or treatment or care of childhood cancer as the board of directors may from time to time approve.</p> <p><b>Provides service</b> for the support of families of childhood cancer patients. <i>Clubs can receive matching grants up to \$500 for a family in their district.</i></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Lion Gary Stevens 18320 Cascade Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55347 C: 612-867-7249 E: <a href="mailto:edenprairiegary@gmail.com">edenprairiegary@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Mail checks to:</b> MN Childhood Cancer Foundation % Tom O'Brien 5028 Norwood Street Duluth, MN 55804</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Lion Colleen Patterson 4516 Grimes Ave N Robbinsdale, MN 55422 C: 612-275-7785 E: <a href="mailto:cmp55422@gmail.com">cmp55422@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Pay Online at:</b> <a href="http://www.mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org/donate-1">www.mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org/donate-1</a></p>
<b>MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION</b>			
Yes-501c3	<p>Raises funds to support research for a cure for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, and treatments for diabetes. Provides funding for education, health screening and programs, services and activities related to diabetes.</p> <p><a href="http://www.MNLionsDiabetes.org">www.MNLionsDiabetes.org</a></p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Sara McFee (Mike) 2101 Inca Lane New Brighton, MN 55112 C: 612-269-8709 E: <a href="mailto:LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com">LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Mail checks to:</b> Lion Mike Edwards 11070 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE St. Michael, MN 55376</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Paul Newman 20006 Texas Ave Prior Lake, MN 55372 C: 612-799-4165 H: 952-447-4594 E: <a href="mailto:penewman@cbburnet.com">penewman@cbburnet.com</a></p>
<b>MN LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION, INC</b>			
Yes-501c3	<p>The MN Lions Hearing Foundation - Lions 5M International Hearing Center,</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Cheryl Jechorek (Bob)</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Kevin Walsh</p>



	<p>Lions Children's Hearing Center, Lions Voice Clinic; Cochlear implants, hearing tests, infant hearing testing, hearing aids, and research are among the many important works of the Lions Hearing Foundation.</p> <p><b>Children's Hearing Center</b> - You may also designate in the memo line that you wish your contribution to be used for the Children's Hearing Center.</p>	<p>5400 Morgan Ave N Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 H: 763-560-1132 C: 763-300-6749 E: <a href="mailto:ciechorek28@gmail.com">ciechorek28@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Send checks to Cheryl or Kevin</p>	<p>2005 E 122nd St; Apt A10 Burnsville, MN 55337 C: 612-810-6075 E: <a href="mailto:kwals75@live.com">kwals75@live.com</a></p>
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### MN LIONS VISION FOUNDATION, INC

Yes-501c3	<p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> MN Lions Vision Foundation, Inc.</p> <p><b>Lions Gift of Sight</b>, dedicated to recovering, processing, and distributing donated eye tissue for use in sight-saving corneal transplants, vision-enhancing surgery, research, and education. Lions Gift of Sight is one of the most successful eye banks in the country, and more than 29,000 people have received the gift of sight with donated eye tissue provided through the eye bank</p> <p><b>Children's Eye Clinic</b>, established in 1969, where more than 8,000 children are seen every year. The clinic is the second largest and best-staffed clinic of its kind in the country.</p> <p><b>MAC Center</b>, Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC), established in 1998, researches and treats macular degeneration, a disease that affects the central vision. Macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the United States. The MAC brings together the expertise of physicians, the research of various departments around the University, and the knowledge of those in the medical technology industry. It is a powerful collaboration of resources dedicated to fighting macular degeneration.</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> David Danielson (Barb) 6221 Boulder Ridge Drive Rockford, MN 55373 C: 612-327-5872 E: <a href="mailto:daviddanielson2@gmail.com">daviddanielson2@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Kathy Barclay PO Box 601 Chanhassen, MN 55317 H: 952-201-1348 E: <a href="mailto:1kathybarclay@gmail.com">1kathybarclay@gmail.com</a></p>
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### PROJECT NEW HOPE

Yes-501c3	<p>The mission is to provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime services.</p> <p>They do this by offering retreats for the whole family.</p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN, Inc</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Kevin Harris (Alissa) 4911 Vincent Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 C: 612-581-7056 E: <a href="mailto:ukharris31@gmail.com">ukharris31@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.projectnewhope.net">www.projectnewhope.net</a></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Dick Kentzelman (Amanda) 9928 95<sup>th</sup> Ave N Maple Grove, MN 55369 H: 763-425-5225 C: 612-889-1435 E: <a href="mailto:rkentzelman@hotmail.com">rkentzelman@hotmail.com</a></p>
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### SPECIAL OLYMPICS-MINNESOTA

Yes-501c3	<p>The 5M-5 Lions have been helping Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the state Competitions of the</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> James Cain</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Ray Moonen</p>
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	<p>University of MN.</p> <p>We incur some miscellaneous expense that are not in the District's budget.</p> <p><b>Checks can be made to:</b> Special Olympics Minnesota 100 Washington Ave S., Suite 550 Minneapolis, MN 55401</p>	<p>5151 Russell Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55430 H: 612-521-1903 C: 763-232-0790 E: <a href="mailto:jhcain2@gmail.com">jhcain2@gmail.com</a> B: 612-333-0999 or 800-783-7732 F: 612-333-8732</p>	<p>6143 Brookview Ave S Edina, MN 55424 H: 952-926-3166 C: 952-201-7031 E: <a href="mailto:moonen@myinfmail.com">moonen@myinfmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org">www.specialolympicsminnesota.org</a></p>
<b>TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION</b>			
Yes-501c3	<p>Named after 2021 2022 International President and Minnesota Lion Brian Sheehan, the T.E.A.M. Sheehan Charitable Foundation was established to raise funds and support the global causes of Lions Clubs International: Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision, and Childhood Cancer. The foundation is governed by trustees appointed by the District Governors in each of the districts in MD5M.</p> <p><b>Mail checks to:</b> PDG Merlin Athmann, Treasurer P.O. Box337 Bird Island, MN 55310</p>		<p><b>Cabinet Chair</b> Rob Rand 6600 Lyndale Ave S., #600 Richfield, MN 55423 C: 612-715-6055 E: <a href="mailto:robrandmn@gmail.com">robrandmn@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>TRUE FRIENDS</b>			
Yes-501c3	<p>True Friends is the umbrella organization which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Camp Courage</li> <li>- Camp Friendship</li> <li>- Camp Eden Wood</li> <li>- Camp Courage North</li> </ul> <p>Each camp provided a great experience for persons with physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities.</p> <p><b>Make checks payable to:</b> True Friends-A specific camp can be designated by putting its name in the memo portion.</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Chair:</b> Not Assigned</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> PID Ross Thorfinson 612-819-1743 <a href="mailto:rthorf@aol.com">rthorf@aol.com</a></p>
<b>YOUTH EXCHANGE</b>			
No	<p>This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa.</p> <p><b>The district recommends that all checks go to 5M5 with Youth Exchange in the memo.</b></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Chair:</b> Grant Hendrickson 9025 Telford Crossing Brooklyn Park, MN 55443</p>	<p>H: 763-391-7628 C: 612-508-9461 B: 612-721-1696 E: <a href="mailto:grant@southsideservices.org">grant@southsideservices.org</a></p>

Nomination for the John Lutter Memorial Award  
To Be Presented at the Mid-Winter Lions Awards Dinner

The Past District Governors of 5M5 are seeking nominations for the John Lutter Memorial Award. This award is given annually to a Lion who has given extraordinary service to Lionism and to his or her community. Past International Director John Lutter, who inspired us all with his strong cooperative spirit, enthusiasm, and his willingness to respond to the needs of his fellow Lions, passed away in December, 2002. John lived the motto, “We Serve.”

The recipient of this award must be a current club member in good standing of his or her Lions club, must have been a Lion member for at least 15 years, and cannot be a District Governor or past District Governor.

Name of Nominated Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of local Lions club: \_\_\_\_\_ A Lion since (year): \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why you think this Lion deserves this award. To help us fully appreciate the service and dedication of this Lion, please give specific details. Use the back of this form or separate sheets if needed. The Past District Governors will use the information you provide when choosing a recipient for this award. **Nomination is due by December 1st.**

This Lion has served the Lions club in these ways: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Lion has demonstrated an eagerness to help others in these ways: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Lion has served the community by: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

Nomination can be submitted by email to Robert Vokes (hisfootness@comcast.net) or mailed to:

PDG Robert Vokes  
7220 York Ave S; Apt 307  
Edina, MN 55435

Note: A fillable application form can be found in the District 5M-5 web site under “More” and “Award Links.”



## [\*\*CLICK HERE FOR FILLABLE FORM ONLINE\*\*](#)

### **Appendix 28.0 MD5M HALL OF FAME Procedure**

#### **Purpose**

To honor those Lion members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

#### **Award**

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and they are in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

#### **Criteria**

A candidate may be a Lion, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and they should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions Club at the time of their death.

#### **Process**

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lions Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor

shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

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MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
(year)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:**

Name  
Address  
Address  
Club Name

**Sponsor:**

Name  
Address  
Address  
Phone Number  
Club Name

**Nominee's Biographical Information**

Lions, Community Service, Family, Work.  
Include Length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects.  
Attach additional/separate sheet if more room is required.

**Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?**

***Nominations MUST be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 (US funds) must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and must be accompanied by the nomination fee.***

MID-WINTER CONVENTION-AWARD FORM, EVERY DAY HERO

District 5M5 Everyday Hero Nomination Form

Every club has members who can always be counted on, always there to help with the next project. Every year at the 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention we celebrate the Lions who truly make a difference. Those Lions who embrace the vision of Lions International. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple:

We serve. It's something that unites Lions around the world.

It's unconditional. Lions aren't limited by continents or restricted to certain causes.

Lions help wherever, whenever and however we can.

Nominate "those" Lions...

Name of Nominating Club:

Club Address:

Nominated Lion's Name:

Short Bio and Reason for Nomination:

Please include a picture of nominee.

Please include a check for \$80.00.

A nicely framed certificate and one (1) meal ticket is included.

\*\*\* Payment must accompany the application for the Everyday Hero \*\*\*

Additional tickets for the banquet can be purchased separately, so family and other club members can attend.

Include \$59.00 each, for additional meal(s)

Deadline for nominations is January 1st, 2025

Award will be presented on Saturday, January 11th, 2025 at the Mid-Winter Convention

Submitted By:

Extra meal tickets:

Phone:

Email:

Send application, picture and check to:

Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group  
300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Email: rthorf@aol.com

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9<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Crock-Pot Challenge



Friday Night January 10, 2025



The clubs of 5M-5 are invited  
to participate in  
The Friday Night CROCK-POT CHALLENGE!

To participate we need you to make your most yummy crock-pot dish  
to share at the convention.

The theme for 2025 is Mexico City, Mexico!  
We will judge the dishes and the winner will be presented with  
the traveling trophy and bragging rights

'till next years challenge.

This will be going on during the Hospitality Room fun and our  
Friday night events.

**District 5M-5  
MidWinter Convention  
Make your Mark!**

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fabulous Dessert Challenge

Saturday Night January 11, 2025

Which club of 5M-5 will make the best Mexican Themed Dessert?

Who will take home the Dessert Trophy?

To participate we need you to make your most  
Fabulous Dessert to share at the convention.

The Lions of 5M-5 will judge the desserts and the winner will be announced at the Sunday Morning breakfast.

A traveling trophy has been created and will be displayed at the convention

Help us make Saturday night a great event



*District 5M-5  
2025 Mid-Winter Convention*



MID-WINTER CONVENTION-HOSPITALITY ROOMS-LARGE

2025 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention  
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, Minnetonka, MN  
January 10-12, 2025

Large Hospitality Room Reservation Form - two nights \$680 total

Lions Club:

Lion Checking In/Picking up Key:

Phone Number:Email:

Address:

City:

State:Zip Code:

Large Club Hospitality Room - two nights \$680 total

**The only acceptable form of payment for a large hospitality room is by check.**  
*A credit card will be required at check-in to cover incidentals.*

**Form AND Check for payment must be received by October 31, 2024**  
*There is no advantage to a club that submits their form and payment earlier.*

**Large rooms are assigned by lottery only.**  
*There are three large adjoining rooms available, all located on the 1st floor. They are assigned by lottery only.*

**Four additional sets of adjoining rooms are also available - two nights \$680 total.**  
*These four adjoining rooms will be drawn after the three large rooms are chosen.*

*If not chosen for a large or other adjoining room the payment will be applied to a small room.*  
**Refund of the difference, if applicable, will be sent to the club.**

**Optional 8 ft. table available for \$25.00 - Must be reserved in advance.**

**To pay by check, make check payable to:**  
**5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention**

Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group  
300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
[lions5M5conv@aol.com](mailto:lions5M5conv@aol.com)

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# MID-WINTER CONVENTION-HOSPITALITY ROOMS-SMALL

2025 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention  
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, Minnetonka, MN  
January 10-12, 2025

## **Small Hospitality Room Reservation Form - two nights \$450 total**

Lions Club:	<input type="text"/>		
Lion Checking In/Picking up Key:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
City:	<input type="text"/>		
State:	<input type="text"/>	Zip Code:	<input type="text"/>

## **Small Club Hospitality Room - two nights \$450 total** (Reduced \$10 from last year)

**The only acceptable form of payment for a small hospitality room is by check.**

*A credit card will be required at check-in to cover incidentals.*

**Form AND Check for payment must be received by December 16, 2024**

*Room numbers will be sent to the clubs once they've been assigned.*

**Clubs must contact the hotel directly a minimum of 3 days prior to check-in, to have beds removed or other special requests.**

*The club is responsible and must pay for these requests.*

**Optional 8 ft. table available for \$25.00 - Must be reserved in advance.**

*Will be charged to your incidentals card. Include table with Hospitality Room? Y / N*

**To pay by check, make check payable to:**  
**5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention**

Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group  
300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
[lions5M5conv@aol.com](mailto:lions5M5conv@aol.com)

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## MID-WINTER CONVENTION-HOTEL RESERVATIONS,

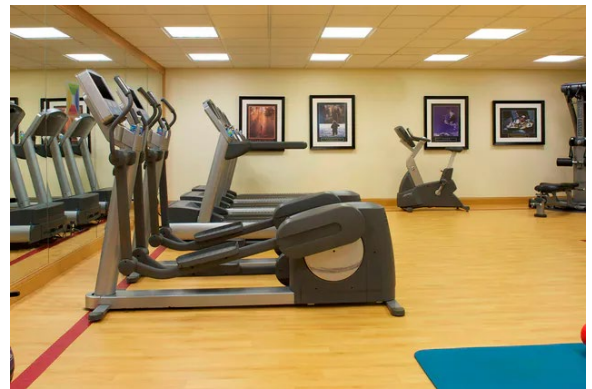
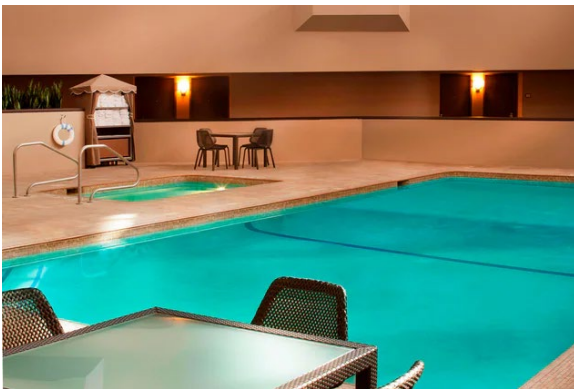
## SLEEPING ROOMS



### Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

12201 Ridgedale Drive  
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Direct Link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1714578768673&key=GRP&app=resvlink>



MID-WINTER CONVENTION- MEAL TICKETS

2025 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention  
Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN Hotel  
January 10-12, 2025  
Meal ticket requests must be received by December 31st

Hospitality Book and Individual Meal Ticket Form

Lions Club:

Lion Picking Up Books/Tickets:

<b>Full Hospitality Book(s)</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
Hospitality Book(s):		\$135	per books ordered by 12/1 \$145 between 12/1 - 12/31 \$150 at Convention - only if tickets are available.	
Includes: Saturday Luncheon				
Saturday Evening Dinner				
Sunday Brunch				

<b>Individual Meal Ticket(s)</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>PRICE</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
Saturday Luncheon:		\$48	per ticket	
Saturday Evening Dinner:		\$59	per ticket	
Sunday Brunch:		\$38	per ticket	
Grand Total:				

Please note if you have special dietary needs:

Gluten Free	Vegetarian	Diabetic	Allergy (type):
No	No	No	

To pay by check, make check payable to: 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Mail this form and check to:  
Lion Ross Thorfinnson, Spectrum Financial Group  
300 Prairie Center Drive, Suite 210  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

To pay by credit card, you must use the form on the District website (www.lions5m5.org)  
and pay via PayPal - our secure vendor. (PayPal fee will apply).

Meal ticket requests must be received by December 31st.

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# MID-WINTER CONVENTION-MEMORIAL PROGRAM FORM

## 2025 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention

Sheraton Minneapolis West  
12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55305

January 11, 2025  
Saturday 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
Ballrooms 2 & 3

### Memorial Service Program Form

This form is to notify the Memorial Service Program Committee of the death of a Lion in 2024 and ensure that he/she is remembered in the upcoming service.

1. Mail or email a high quality color photo. Digital photos should be 300 dpi/ppi in size.  
*If a group shot, please identify the departed member in the photo.*
2. Include 3 or 4 bullet points about the departed member.
3. Designate someone from your club or a family member to participate in the candle lighting ceremony.  
*The person must meet us 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the service for instructions.*

### Information about Departed

Name					
Title (circle all that apply)	Lion	Lioness	PDG	PCC	PID
Club Name					
Comments about their: Charter or regular member and number of years a Lion					
Comments about their: Club/Lions offices and awards					
Comments about their: Favorite projects or notable accomplishments					
Comments about their: Why member was special to your club					

### Contact Info of Person Filling Out This Form

Name & Office		
Club Name		
Phone Number		Email Address

### Contact Info of Person Who Will Be Lighting Candle at the Service

Name		
Relationship		
Phone Number		Email Address

### Please complete this form and return it to:

Lion Jennifer Marshall, Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club  
1000 Westgate Drive - Suite 260 St. Paul, MN 55114  
Phone: 612-626-6081 Fax: 612-625-4265 [LionJenniferMarshall@gmail.com](mailto:LionJenniferMarshall@gmail.com)

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## MID-WINTER CONVENTION-SCHEDULE

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### 2025 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Schedule

January 10-12, 2025

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel  
12201 Ridgedale Dr, Minnetonka, MN

#### Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

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

#### **Doors open at 11:15 AM**

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

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

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

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

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

#### Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

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

#### **Doors open at 8:30 AM**

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

## ZONE CHAIRS

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### **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

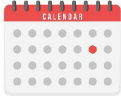


### Lions of the United States are more than just volunteers.

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](http://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](http://Lions5M5.org)



**[5M5 District Website Update](#)** - 5M5's website has a fresh look! Check out the website for information, resources, and calendar. Click on the above title to learn more.



### Share Your Club Service and Activities on Facebook

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

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



**Lions License Plates for your cars** - After January 1, 2024, you will be able to purchase special Lions plates for your vehicles! Minnesota lawmakers approved a Lions Club special plate for use on passenger automobiles, non-commercial one-ton pickup trucks, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. Ask to purchase the Lions plates at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicles office. The plate includes the Lions logo.

### **LCI's Eight Global Causes**



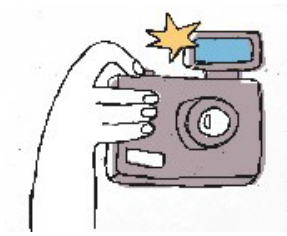
While LCI's website is still being updated, it is true that Lions Clubs International's Eight Global Causes now include Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision, and Youth. This is great info to share with your club, potential members, and your community!

### **2029 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis**

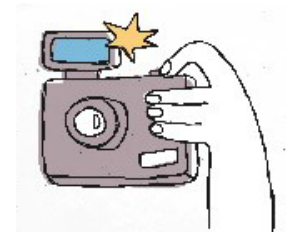
Volunteers will be needed before and after the Lions International's annual convention in Minneapolis. From planning to hosting to help with airport arrivals and departures, there will be opportunities to welcome and connect with Lions from around the world. Watch for updates. (The last Lions International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



## LIONS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF SERVING



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



### **JULY 2024**

Here is a picture from the Lions Youth Exchange that stayed in our district this last July. The two boys closest Lion Grant were with Lions Mike and Brenda Reeves from the Brooklyn Park Lions.

The one on the far left was with the Mahlen's, who will be Eden Prairie Lions.



Lions Shari Thurston,  
Sherri Buda & Bill Thurston

**ALL CLUB MEETING,  
AUGUST 26, 2024**



Lions Pat Fuller, Shirley Seid, Beth  
Crandall



Lions Grant Hendrickson &  
Joe Delany



Lion Jim Webb



Lions ??, ??, ??  
Sue Lyon





Lion Chuck Rue



Lion Heidi Zaworski &  
Bernie Braegelmann



Lions Sandy Becker,  
Sue Arneson,  
??  
?? Lorraine Shinneck ??



Lions Kenn &  
Colleen Patterson



Room full of Lions. . .



And MORE Lions!!

## KidSight at the State Fair







### ***KidSight at Brooklyn Center***





**NE Lions having fun making activity bags for kids in the hospital suffering the effects of Childhood Cancer.**



**Maple Grove Lions at Osseo Lions ROAR**



**Maple Grove September 3  
Dinner meeting.**

**DG Kim inducts new Lion Carrie  
Petrie and her sponsor Lion  
Cheryl Schissel.**





***DG Lion Kim with  
President Phil Letich.***

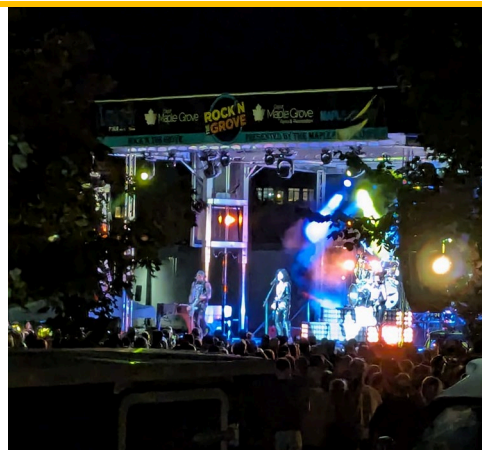
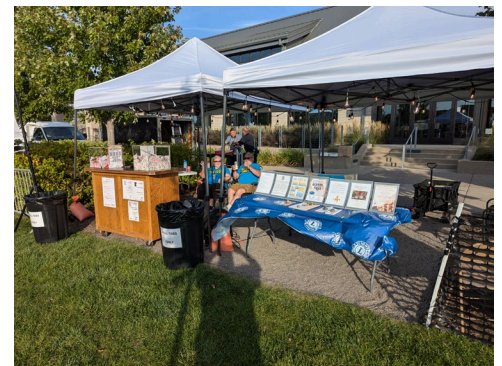
***Previous President  
Lion Jay Boatman  
receives an  
appreciation award  
from the current  
president. Lion Jay  
is now the Assistant  
Tail Twister.***



## ***MAPLE GROVE LIONS ROCKIN' THE GROVE***











We have much to celebrate about the 2024 Can Do Woofaroo! Those who raised funds worked incredibly hard and brought in some impressive totals, an army of volunteers stepped up with time and talent, and the dog costumes were a huge hit ... just to name a few.

Thanks to you, we have raised over \$106,000 for this important event. There is still time for people to support our efforts to make even more assistance dog teams possible.

Share the fundraising page through September 28 to keep raising the "woof."

### [Donate to the Woofaroo](#)

For a complete look at the event please visit the link below!

<https://mailchi.mp/candocanines.org/2024-woofaroo-thank-you?e=debae84a60>







- \$6,500 FROM THURSDAY NIGHT'S ATTENDANCE.
- \$11,000 DONATION.
- MATCH OF \$3,250 FROM SPONSOR, POPE BUCKNELL.

HAMEL RODEO TREASURE ROWDY DORWEILER, PDG ROD HED, LION GARY STEVENS, LION COLLEEN PATTERSON, HAMEL RODEO PRESIDENT TOM DYKOFF

2024  
RODEO

DONATION OF \$20,750 TO:  
Minnesota Lions Childhood  
Cancer Foundation

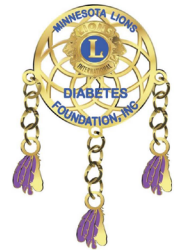
SUBMITTED BY : 5M-2 DG LISA KAUFMANN, LIAISON TO  
THE MINNESOTA LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION

# MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION



## Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

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



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

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

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

### **We are asking your club to:**

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

### **Physical Activity Challenge**

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

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

### **Challenge Registration and Donations**

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

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

Please contact us to schedule a club visit, and for diabetes service project ideas.

Lion Sara McFee  
5M-5 Trustee  
[LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com](mailto:LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com)

Lion Paul Newman  
5M-5 Trustee  
[penewman@cbburnet.com](mailto:penewman@cbburnet.com)



## MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT



Wow! Lions MD5M-5 KidSight has been busy!

Screenings at the Health Fair 11 building during the State Fair set a new record. All Districts in MD5M participated during the 12 days. We screened 3158 kiddos, with 325 needing referrals. Our District screened on two of those days. Thanks to everyone who came out to help, including a few Lions from other Districts.

In September, MD5M-5 screened more than 480 kids at community events, with just over 60 needing a referral.

And that doesn't include the 690 kids with 290 referrals during a three-day screening at Brooklyn Center Elementary School. Thanks to Lion Cheryl Jechorek for setting this up, and the Lions from Brooklyn Center, Eden Prairie, Edina, Maple Grove, St. Louis Park and Wayzata for working through this tremendous event. Also, a shout-out to school officials, teacher, and especially the nursing staff for coordinating.

Does your club have an event coming up where there will be lots of children? Let us know at least two weeks in advance so we can get things set up. If your club needs all hands to work the event, we can recruit trained Lions from other clubs to do KidSight.

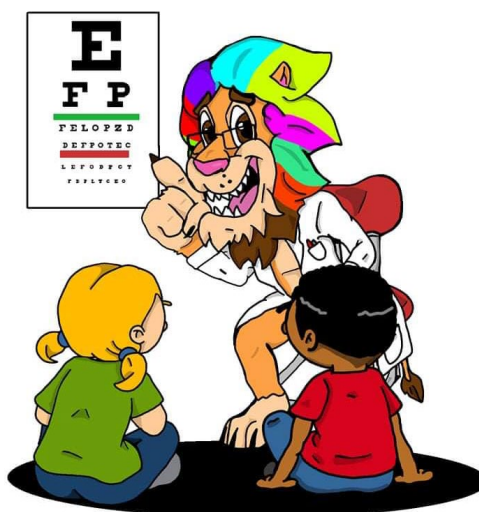
Do you have an "in" with a local pre-school, day care, or elementary school? Hook us up so we can present our fast, free, no-touch service (see above—690 kids in 3 days!)

If your club want to know more about KidSight, we would be glad to present the program at one of your meetings. And if you want to set up a KidSight training session, we're ready to get you started.

Lion Bill Thurston

[wjthurston@comcast.net](mailto:wjthurston@comcast.net)

612-790-7367



Lion Tim Conaway

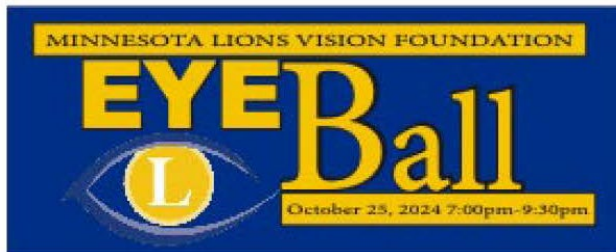
[liontimconaway@gmail.com](mailto:liontimconaway@gmail.com)

612-269-0027

## Minnesota Vision Foundation

Please join the Vision Foundation for two great events this fall!

Heritage Center – 6155 Earle Brown Drive – Brooklyn Center, MN 55430



Featuring

**The Jammers**

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb at [liondebbialke@gmail.com](mailto:liondebbialke@gmail.com)

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room •

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

All proceeds to benefit Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

The Eye Ball is a ticketed event. All are welcome.

### Thanksgiving for Vision

Saturday, October 26, 2024



#### Schedule of Events

Registration and Coffee	9:00 a.m.
Silent Auction	9:00-11:30 a.m.
Symposium	9:30 a.m.
Featuring Ophthalmology faculty	
Lunch and Program	11:30 a.m.
Featuring music, food, & speakers	

Thanksgiving for Vision is an invitation-only event. Club presidents (or their designees) and the past fiscal year's Helen Keller recipients are invited to this annual celebration.

LCIF  
(LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION)

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**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**





Founded by Lions Club members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has a long- standing, deep connection with the Lions Clubs International community.

We've partnered with over 4,900 Lions clubs worldwide to serve more than 17,000 clients across the globe, including many in your own neighborhoods.

Lions are integral to our mission. They identify community members who could benefit from our services, provide direct assistance to clients, and help spread awareness about our programs.

Lions contribute as Leader Dog Chairs, puppy raisers, and hosts for breeding stock dogs, while also advocating for the blind and visually impaired in their communities. By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind, your club will help empower people with independence and mobility, fostering stronger, more inclusive communities.

A small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan was purchased for \$1 and assumption of the mortgage. Over the years, additional land was acquired to make the 14- acre campus it is today.



The first class graduated in October 1939 at the cost of \$600 per client/dog team. Clients were charged \$150, a practice that was ended in 1958 when we made our services free of charge to clients, opening the door to everyone in need regardless of ability to pay. All services are still provided free of charge.

We began expanding our program offerings in 1992 by offering a dedicated program to train people who are Deaf Blind and instructed using American Sign Language with a guide dog.

Interesting Fact: Leader Dogs for the Blind only use Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers or Labrador/Golden crosses.

Lion Michael Crenshaw  
[bplionmichael@gmail.com](mailto:bplionmichael@gmail.com)  
5M5 District Chairperson  
Leader Dogs For the Blind





Hello from the 5M5 District Leo Club!

I'm happy to announce we will hold our first meeting of the year on October 8th at 6:00pm at the Brooklyn Park Library.

The Leos will work to plan service projects for the upcoming Midwinter Convention in January.

In other news, there are volunteer events coming up open to all Leos:

September 28th the Lions have organized the Maple Grove Highway Clean up.

October 24th there are spots reserved at Feed My Starving Children for Leos/Lions. Sign up for FMSC [here](#).

Happy volunteering!

Leo Eleanor Martenson  
5M5 District Leo Club President

## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM 2024



There were over 80 different seminars all dealing with different lion topics and missions.

There were over 20 different vendors in attendance, from spot welch machines to Leader dogs for the Blind, to Diabetes and many others.

There was pin trading going on and the best part of the forum is connecting with many different lions from across the world.



We liked that each day you got to meet new people at lunch or Dinner.

This is a learning experience that everyone should try to attend.

Lion Michael Crenshaw had a personal reason he attended; he received his bachelor's degree at this year's forum.



Lion Grant Hendrickson & Lion Michael Crenshaw stopped at the Lions International Headquarters on their way to the forum in Louisville, Kentucky. Lion Grant and Lion Michael expressed how just stopping at the Lions International Headquarters made that whole trip perfect and how eye opening it was for both of them in different ways.

Arriving they ended up meeting Lion Hannah and they all expressed how much fun and great the time was.

It has driven all 3 Lions to do more and advance on their leadership skills.



## EVENT FLYERS

**ONGOING**

### 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](mailto:schox3@comcast.net) or  
612-716-0936

\*RIDE WITH OR MEET DG KIM AT THE MEETING

**OCTOBER 4**



**Brooklyn Park Lady Lions**

### Tenderloin Steak Fry

Silent Auction & Raffle

**Friday- October 4, 2024**

**6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner**

**Palmer Lake VFW**

**2817 Brookdale Drive Brooklyn Park**

**Bacon Wrapped Tenderloin  
And Side Dishes**

**Tickets \$25 (Advance Sales Only)**  
Contact Lion Julie Foster 651-334-1803

**OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 20**



**Hopkins Lions Club fundraiser supporting our global causes!**

Please join us by purchasing some Holiday Items. Pricing and pictures are available when you go to the link below. Please feel free to pass this information on to family, friends and co-workers! These make great office gifts too!

To access the site and place an order for your fundraiser group:

1. Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)
2. Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.

Store ID code for Hopkins Lions Club: **803**

Delivery on 11/18 with pick up during that week (11/18 through 11/23)  
Address: 1811 Traymore Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
Home of Regina Aiken – please call 952-200-5618 with any questions.

**The site will close at 10 PM on Monday October 21.**  
**We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline.**

Thank you for your support!

Hopkins Lions Club  
P.O. Box 701  
Hopkins, MN 55343

**OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 9**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

# FOOD DRIVE

**DISTRICT 5M-5  
CLUB COLLABORATION**

**HELP US COLLECT 1,000 LBS OF FOOD!**

Clubs can work w/other clubs or do a food drive on their own.  
Food & money collected donated to your local Food Shelf.  
Club can pick the time of day that works for their club.  
Club picks where they want to do the food drive - local grocery store or collection points in their community.  
Clubs to invite potential new members to help with food drive.

Please send total lbs of food, monies collected, # of potential new members & pictures of your event to [Bernxio@gmail.com](mailto:Bernxio@gmail.com)



OCTOBER 9

5M-5 PDG Fellowship

\$13



Tickets Available at the door

**Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner**  
**Crystal VFW #494**  
5222 Bass Lake Rd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429



OCTOBER 9



**Robbinsdale Lions Club**



**Lions Steak Fry and Bake Sale**

**Wednesday, October 9th, 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

Crystal VFW  
5222 Bass Lake Rd, Crystal, MN

\$14 Includes 8oz steak, baked potato, coleslaw, texas t

Proceeds benefit our community and Lion's Projects!

Bring your old eyeglasses to donate for those in need

OCTOBER 20



**Minneapolis  
Riverview  
LIONS**



**FRENCH TOAST  
BREAKFAST**



**Sunday October 20**  
**9:00am to 12:00pm**  
**St. Albert The Great Catholic Church**

Corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 29<sup>th</sup> St, Minneapolis, 55406  
Please enter thru the elevator located behind the statue of St. Albert.  
Breakfast is in the Social Hall.

Information? call Grant (612) 508-9461



OCTOBER 20

**Waffle Breakfast**

**Sunday, Oct 20**

**Maple Grove  
Community Center**



**You'll LOVE our Waffles**

Delicious waffles with toppings,  
sausage links, beverages &  
served with a smile!



Brought to you by the  
Maple Grove Lions



All proceeds support our local community



**OCTOBER 20**



*Brooklyn Center  
Lady Lions Club*

**Spaghetti Dinner**



**\$10 per person**

**&**

**Bake Sale**



**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Osseo / Maple Grove American Legion Post 172

260 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S.E., Osseo

(4<sup>th</sup> Ave & Hwy 81)

Net proceeds benefit our community, and Lions foundations supporting health, humanitarian, and disaster-relief needs.

**OCTOBER 21**



Help with Lion Portal and other technology via Zoom

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

**OCTOBER 24**

*District 5M5 Lions &  
Leo Clubs*

**Feed My  
Starving  
Children**

**DATE:** Thursday, October 24, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**LOCATION:** FMSC 401 93rd Ave Coon Rapids

Sign up on sign up genius link or use FMSC join code of  
161NPM

**FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN**



TO SIGN UP - CLICK ON THIS LINK  
[FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN - OCTOBER 24, 2024](#)

**OCTOBER 25**



*Featuring*

**The Jammers**

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

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**OCTOBER 26**

Osseo lions presents

## Halloween

kids fun day

Saturday October 26

11:00 am

Kids trick or treat parade

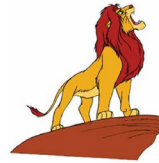
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fire station to

Party in Boerboom park

Treats, games, fun

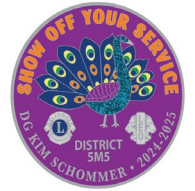
**OCTOBER 28, RSVP BY 10-18**



District 5M-5

Second Cabinet Meeting

Monday, October 28, 2024



**Tuttle's**

107 Shady Oak Road

Hopkins, MN 55343

6:00 pm social; 6:30 pm dinner

Dinner: PIZZA (veggie, cheese, pepperoni, sausage)  
and cookies/bars.

Cabinet members please RSVP by October 18th!!

E-mail Lion Rebecca MacKenzie

[rjmackenzie64@gmail.com](mailto:rjmackenzie64@gmail.com)

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

## ONGOING FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



**November**

**National Diabetes Month**

More than 38 million Americans have diabetes.  
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### STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

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diabetes and improving health.

## NOVEMBER 9

### Maple Grove Lions & Seniors Holiday Craft Boutique



Maple Grove Community Center

Saturday Nov 9 (9AM-4PM) 2024

See You there!!!



For vendor information: [jeanneking25@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneking25@gmail.com)



NOVEMBER 11



107TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
**MEXICO CITY**  
2025

**5M-5  
ALL CLUB  
MEETING**

**NOV  
11th**

► 5:30 PM Social  
6:00 PM Dinner

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

RSVP by Sunday, November 3rd  
with your Name, Club Name and  
Meal Choice/or choose no meal to  
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com

► Bring a Friend & Join Us For

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

\$20. Per Person  
Checks made Payable to  
Lions 5M-5  
Baked Chicken or Turkey  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
& Baby Green Salad  
Desserts courtesy of  
the Zone Chairs

NOVEMBER 18 and

DECEMBER 16



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## Presidential LCIF Supporter

Recognizing individual generosity

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

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

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

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







## Lions Clubs International

### Lions Abbreviations and Terms

This is a helpful reference, but not a complete list.

<b>ALLI</b>	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	<b>MC</b>	Membership Chair
<b>CBL</b>	Constitutions and By-Laws	<b>MD</b>	Multiple District
<b>CC</b>	Council Chair	<b>MJF</b>	Melvin Jones Fellow
<b>CEP</b>	Club Excellence Process	<b>MMR</b>	LCI monthly membership report
<b>CGL</b>	Certified Guiding Lion	<b>MyLCI</b>	LCI electronic membership database
<b>COG</b>	Council of Governors	<b>MyLion</b>	LCI app for connecting members, setting up and promoting activities, etc.
<b>CP</b>	Club President		
<b>CS</b>	Cabinet Secretary (District)	<b>NPLF</b>	Northern Pride Lions Forum
<b>CT</b>	Cabinet Treasurer (District)		
<b>CSC</b>	Club Service Chair	<b>PCC</b>	Past Council Chair
<b>DA</b>	District Administrator	<b>PDG</b>	Past District Governor
<b>DG</b>	District Governor	<b>PID</b>	Past International Director
<b>DGE</b>	District Governor-Elect	<b>PinS</b>	Partner in Service
		<b>PIP</b>	Past International President
<b>ELLI</b>	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	<b>PMJF</b>	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
<b>FDI</b>	Faculty Development Institute	<b>PU-101</b>	Club Officer Reporting Form
<b>GAT</b>	Global Action Team	<b>RC</b>	Region Zone Chair
<b>GLT</b>	Global Leadership Team	<b>RLLI</b>	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
<b>GMA</b>	Global Membership Approach	<b>STRIDES</b>	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
<b>GMT</b>	Global Membership Team		
<b>GST</b>	Global Service Team	<b>TT</b>	TailTwister
<b>ID</b>	International Director	<b>VDG</b>	Vice District Governor
<b>IP</b>	International President	<b>1VDG</b>	First Vice District Governor
<b>IPCC</b>	Immediate Past Council Chair	<b>2VDG</b>	Second Vice District Governor
<b>IPDG</b>	Immediate Past District Governor	<b>VDGE</b>	Vice District Governor-Elect
<b>IPID</b>	Immediate Past International Director	<b>1VDGE</b>	First Vice District Governor-Elect
<b>IPIP</b>	Immediate Past International President	<b>2VDGE</b>	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
<b>IVP</b>	International Vice President	<b>WCD</b>	White Cane Day
<b>LCI</b>	Lions Club International	<b>WSD</b>	World Sight Day
<b>LCICon</b>	Lions International Convention	<b>YE</b>	Youth Exchange
<b>LCIF</b>	Lions Clubs International Foundation	<b>ZC</b>	Zone Chair
<b>LEHP</b>	Lions Eye Health Program		
<b>LEO</b>	Leadership Experience Opportunity		
<b>LERC</b>	Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center		
<b>LIONS</b>	Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations' Safety		
<b>LT</b>	LionTamer		

## WEB SITES & LINKS

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Awards	<a href="https://lions5m5.org/awards"><u>lions5m5.org/awards</u></a>
District 5M5	<a href="https://lions5m5.org"><u>lions5m5.org</u></a>
Lions Clubs International	<a href="https://lionsclubs.org"><u>lionsclubs.org</u></a>
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	<a href="https://lionsmd5m.org"><u>lionsmd5m.org</u></a>

### **District Approved Projects & Links**

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