

# INFORMER



**December 2024**

**Make Your Mark!**

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**Congratulations to**  
**Corcoran Lions celebrate 59 Years!!**  
*(December 1, 1965)*



# 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)

## December 2024

<a href="#"><u>December 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup></u></a>	Cruising with the DG
<a href="#"><u>December 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup></u></a>	Mid-Winter Convention Meal Tickets, full price
<a href="#"><u>December 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup></u></a>	Physical Activity Challenge
<a href="#"><u>December 1</u></a>	Mid-Winter Convention Awards, Al Jensen
<a href="#"><u>December 1</u></a>	Mid-Winter Convention Awards, John Lutter
<a href="#"><u>December 6</u></a>	KS95 for Kids Radio Thon
<a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>	Brooklyn Park Lions Breakfast Waffles with Santa
<a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>	St. Louis Park Lions Breakfast with Santa!
<a href="#"><u>December 8</u></a>	Rogers Lions Pancake & French toast with Santa
<a href="#"><u>December 9</u></a>	Master Class-Is your Membership Happy & Healthy? (Via Zoom)
<a href="#"><u>December 10</u></a>	Mid-Winter Convention Awards, MD5M Hall of Fame
<a href="#"><u>December 16</u></a>	Eden Prairie Lions Wild Game Dinner
<a href="#"><u>December 16</u></a>	Mid-Winter Convention Memorial Program Entries Due
<a href="#"><u>December 16</u></a>	Tech Talks via Zoom (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month)

## January 2025

<a href="#"><u>January 1</u></a>	Mid-Winter Convention Awards, Every Day Hero Nominations Due
<a href="#"><u>January 10 to 12</u></a>	5M5 Mid-Winter Convention (NEW LOCATION!!)
<a href="#"><u>January 8</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<a href="#"><u>January 23</u></a>	Feed My Starving Children, Leo's & Lions
<a href="#"><u>January 25</u></a>	MD5M Convention Fundraiser, Best Western Kelly Inn 100-4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Cloud

## February 2025

<a href="#"><u>February 3</u></a>	5M5 Succession Planning Webinar
<a href="#"><u>February 12</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry

## March 2025

<a href="#"><u>March 12</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<a href="#"><u>March 13</u></a>	ELLI Training
<a href="#"><u>March 29</u></a>	LCIF Gala
<a href="#"><u>March 31</u></a>	Master Class-Recruiting & Engaging Membership (in-person)



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello Lions,

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends. I look forward to December as this is a great time of year for Lions to make a difference in their communities - whether by having a food drive, hosting a holiday party for children, bell ringing, toy drive or countless other service projects and fund raisers. This time of year, your efforts mean more than ever when you help fill a community need.

December also means the Mid-Winter Convention is right around the corner (January 10 -12). The theme is Mexico or Florida. Please see the 5M5 website or this issue of the information on Every Day Hero Awards, Meal Tickets, Sleeping Rooms, memorial service inclusion, John Lutter and MD5M Hall of Fame award nominations. Most of these items have deadlines so be sure you check to make sure you do not miss them. Also remember we will be having the Crock Pot Challenge on Friday night and the Dessert Challenge on Saturday night. The Mid-Winter Convention is a wonderful opportunity to introduce potential members to Lions. Please bring any friends or family members that you feel would make great Lions with you!

I visited several clubs in November and have a few more scheduled for December. I have visited about half the clubs in our district so far. If I have not visited your club or you do not have a visit scheduled please reach out to me to schedule a visit, even if that visit will be quite a ways out. My schedule fills up quickly!

Please remember to report on all of your service in the portal! This is especially important! We need to keep track of all the wonderful things we do in District 5M5. I suggest logging them as you complete them or at least on a monthly basis.

Thank you all for the wonderful things you do for others. Each and every one of you makes a difference!

Yours in Lionism

Lion Kim Schommer  
District Governor



## 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Lion Sara McFee



Greetings Lions,

Throughout December our Lions will be celebrating their clubs, their members and their service. **Our clubs will continue to make their marks, especially within their communities**, with toy drives, Santa breakfasts, food baskets, gift cards, Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army and more. Join in on the fun and service info in this Informer and on our District website. ([lions5m5.org](http://lions5m5.org)).

Also in December, 5M-5 Lions are invited to a GMT Masterclass. The focus? **How to learn if your club is healthy and happy**. Zoom December 9 at 6:30 p.m. ([Dec. 9 Masterclass Happy & Healthy Clubs Zoom link](#))

**We're looking ahead to January. Our District jumpstarts 2025 with our Mid-Winter Convention.**

- **January 10 – 12** our District will be at the **Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel on Ridgedale Drive in Minnetonka**. Our Mid-Winter committee chose this hotel location for its accessibility for Lions and guests, and better pricing for guest rooms and meals.
- **Take time to meet and greet our Leos!** They will be onsite Friday afternoon for a meeting followed by their service projects.
- **Hospitality Rooms** open Friday (opening 5 p.m.) and Saturday (opening 8 p.m.) evenings. Hospitality rooms offer free fun, friends, food, beverages and competitions. **Crock-Pot Challenge** ([5m5mwc.com/crock-pot-challenge](http://5m5mwc.com/crock-pot-challenge)) on Friday and **Dessert Challenge** ([5m5mwc.com/dessert-challenge](http://5m5mwc.com/dessert-challenge)) on Saturday.
- Saturday morning we remember Lions we've lost in the past year at our annual **Memorial Program** ([5m5mwc.com/memorial-program](http://5m5mwc.com/memorial-program))
- Saturday includes some business with a **Cabinet Meeting** (8 a.m.) and **Business Meeting and Voting** (1:30 p.m.) ([5m5mwc.com/schedule](http://5m5mwc.com/schedule))
- We have **special meals** throughout the weekend starting with Saturday's luncheon with our visiting International Director, learning about our Lions foundations and honoring the **Peace Poster** winner.
- Saturday's dinner is a special time of awards including **Every Day Heroes** our clubs are honoring our **John Lutter Memorial Award** recipient.
- Sunday's **Celebration Breakfast** (Tail Twisting, Parade of Checks, Live Auction and more) follows the **PDG meeting** and **Club President's meeting** with the visiting ID.
- **Order your meal tickets or hospitality books by December 1 for lowest price!** ([5m5mwc.com/meal-tickets](http://5m5mwc.com/meal-tickets))
- Experience the weekend! Avoid commuting in bad weather. **Reserve your hotel guest room by December 20** for a special discount rate.

Your club may be decorating your hospitality room with a Mexican or Orlando, FL theme – or a mix of both. That's okay! We'll be having lots of fun meeting new and connecting with friends.

Lion 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

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Greetings from your SVDG Bruce Strachota.

I just finished my online training for SVDG. What a relief! I learned so much more about leadership, LCIF, and lifting people up to become better leaders. It has been fun working with my fellow SVDGs as we go along on our journey of becoming District Governors.

As clubs continue their efforts to get new members, please make any potential new member a hometown hero by letting them lead a project of their choice. No judgments please. Collaborate with them to be creative in service.

I am anxious to visit clubs after New Years. If anyone needs a speaker, I am the one to call. I will make your meeting fun! I am also willing to lead a Lions Chorus (I can sing, and I can read music).

I hope every one of you has a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Yours in Lionism  
SVDG Bruce Strachota



## GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM (GET)

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

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

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

Please Email or Text

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Lion Michael Crenshaw  
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(651) 500-9400  
We meet on Zoom once a month.

### **Did you know that Lions International has added a few more core services areas?**

Even though we were already doing service in these areas, we now have Vision, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Environment AND NOW Humanitarian, Disaster & Youth. See the Global Service Team's awesome articles with service ideas!

### **Did you know that there are different types of Lion's memberships?**

Regular (most common), Family (Lions living in the same house - reduced rate), Student (enrolled in an educational institution, under 30 - reduced rate) and Leo-Lion (former Leos, now Lions, under 30 - reduced rate).

### **Did you know what the difference between the Constitution and By-Laws are?**

The Constitutions contain items which are more permanent and are amended by a 2/3 vote of members; and that Bylaws contain items which are less permanent and are amended by a majority vote?

### **Did you know that each club has delegates who can vote at the district midwinter convention?**

The District Secretary has sent the delegate information to club presidents and secretaries. Please come to the convention and vote!



## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

Each year in December, there is a significant increase in membership drops, as club secretaries update their rosters in preparation for the upcoming annual dues payment. Now is the time to be proactive to keep Lions from leaving. Here are some things you can do to reduce membership losses:

- Encourage club membership chairpersons to reach out to Lions who have missed recent meetings and other club events. A personal invitation to a club event can go a long way for a member who feels disconnected from their club.
- Ask club treasurers to call members who are behind on their dues to convince them to pay before they are dropped. Clubs shouldn't wait until the last minute to collect.

### STATS

**District 5M5 Membership:** 1,332 (As Of 10/30/24).

To Date Added Members: 39

To Date Dropped Members: -48

Net Gain/Loss: -9

### WELCOME NEW LION'S MEMBERS!

#### **EXCELSIOR LIONS CLUB**

TANA DENARVAEZ

JESSICA GALOW

#### **MAPLE GROVE (002961) - LIONS CLUB**

FARIHA GRIEME

MARK KARRELS

TIM MCCLURE

#### **MINNEAPOLIS AMBASSADORS LIONS CLUB**

KAREN R. ARMBRUST M.D., PH.D

LULWA EL ZEIN M.D

JOHN D. HULLEMAN PH.D.

MEREDITH STALLONE O.D.

#### **NEW HOPE LIONS CLUB**

CHRISTINE FRIDAY (26835271)

### THANK YOU SPONSORS!!

Sponsored by KATHY BARCLAY

Sponsored by ERIN FISCHER

Sponsor: KEN KUMPULA

Sponsor: LEE NEWMAN

Sponsor: KEN KUMPULA

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Sponsored by KATHI HEMKEN

The **District 5M-5 Global Membership Team** is here to support you and your Club's needs. If you're interested in turning **Mission 1.5** into reality, we need to PUMP UP the PRIDE!

Please reach out if you'd like to participate on the GMT team or need any assistance recruiting and retaining members.

Together We Make a Difference! 🌞 🦁

Lion Heidi Zaworski

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Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator

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

## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

### WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood  
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

**Do you question what to report as service for your Lion or Leo Club?**  
**Per Lions International this is what they want you to report.**

## What is service?

Lions and Leos serve in many ways, including:

**Service activities:** Hands-on service activities, such as tree planting, vision screening, rebuilding homes after disaster strikes or serving meals to those in need.

**Advocacy:** Raising awareness of the causes that are important to Lions, educating our communities on issues that impact them and working with others to bring about positive change. Some examples include hosting a Strides walk for diabetes awareness or visiting a local lawmaker to discuss the needs of the blind or visually impaired.

**Donations:** Making charitable donations to individuals or organizations, including Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Funds donated to LCIF are tracked by the foundation and should not be reported as a service activity.

**Fundraising:** Raising funds to enable our service.

### Service support:

- 1) Holding meetings to strengthen your club, educate members, or plan service activities.
- 2) Fulfilling administrative tasks, such as running errands or maintaining club records.
- 3) Marketing your club to attract new members or forming new clubs.
- 4) Attending Lion events such as conventions and forums.
- 5) Engaging in fellowship and fun, together with other Lions.

These activities contribute to Lions' impact in various ways, but all prepare clubs to serve.

## Benefits for your club

Reporting our service helps us highlight our global achievements. But it also provides even more value for your club, including:

- Celebrating the impact your club is making
- Inspiring potential new members to add to your impact
- Providing leaders with insight on outcomes to better guide your service





## 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](#)

[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 2009.)

# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS



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



Lions All:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee





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



## **TABLE SPONSORSHIP**

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

### **Four meals at the MD5M 2025 Convention:**

Saturday Breakfast  
Saturday Lunch  
Saturday Banquet  
Sunday Brunch

### **Terms of sponsorship:**

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

### **Table Sponsorship registration:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee





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



[5m7lions@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lions@gmail.com)

11/1/2024

Greetings!

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

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

We have several levels of support available:

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration and support,

**Lion Lyle Goff**  
5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee  
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# Ignite the Lions Pride Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025

[5m7lions@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lions@gmail.com)



## ADVERTISING IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET

ALL ADS ARE **FULL COLOR**

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

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

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

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

Inside Front Cover - Full Page	8½" x 7"	\$750
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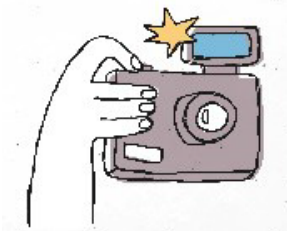
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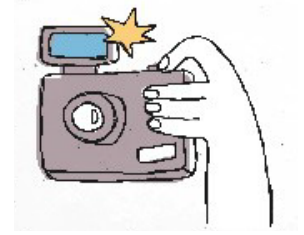
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**Thank you for your support!**

## LIONS SERVING



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



*New Hope Lions volunteered at The Food Group on October 24. They repackaged bulk long grain rice into 1-pound bags that get redistributed to food shelves. They processed 1150 pounds of rice which is approximately 958 meals!*



*Riverview Lions Grant Hendricksen & Lion Mike Franz presented the Salvation Army with 75 Cub Foods \$25 gift cards for a total of \$1875. The needy families in the community will hopefully have a chance to enjoy a better meal for their Thanksgiving.*



## Maple Grove Lions

They include our waffle breakfast and bake sale and KidSight.







New members Mark Karrels and sponsor Lion Lee Newman.



New member Fariha Grieme and Tim McClune and sponsor Lion Ken Kumpula



PID Ross Thorfinnson speaking at a dinner meeting.



Our food drive at CUB with Lions Teresa, Sharon, Claudia and Vickie.



## CAMP CONFIDENCE

<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<p>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.</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>
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## CAN DO CANINES



<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<p>The Lions have been supporting this program to provide 5 types of specially trained assistance dogs:</p> <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>	<p><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></p>	<p><b>Can Do Canines</b> 9440 Science Center Dr. New Hope, MN 55428 B: 763-331-3000 F: 763-331-3009</p>
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## LCIF (LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION)

<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><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></p>	<p><b>LCIF</b> Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547  The Melvin Jones Fellow Award is given for contributions of \$1,000</p>
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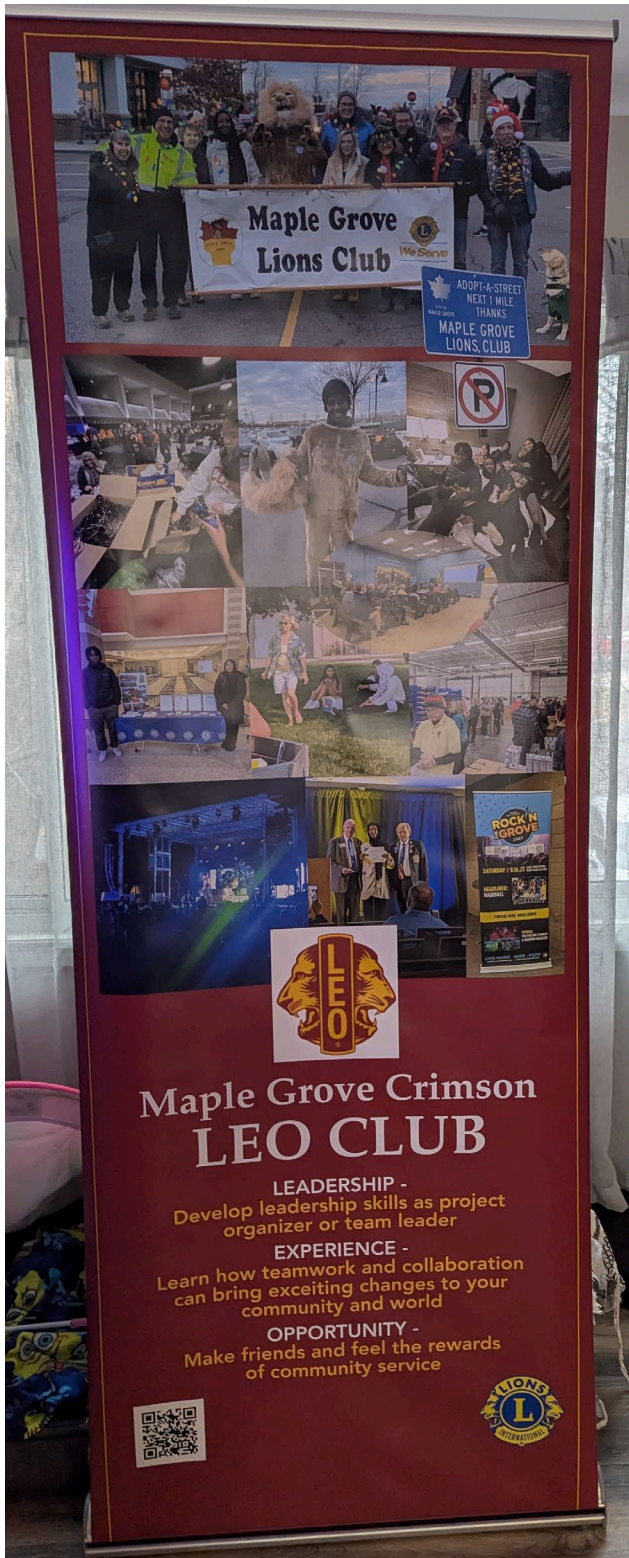


Our mission is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

The organization provides guide dogs to those in need completely free of charge. This includes not just the training of the dogs but also travel, room, and board for the clients who participate in their residential programs. These programs ensure that clients leave with both the skills and confidence to use their guide dog effectively. Leader Dogs for the Blind also offers a variety of services like orientation and mobility training and specialized training for individuals who are deaf-blind, helping people to improve their independent travel skills.

Lions Clubs have a special relationship with Leader Dogs, not only due to their shared vision mission but also because Lions often sponsor guide dogs. Local Lions chapters raise funds to cover the cost of training and providing Leader Dogs, which can be as much as \$40,000 per dog. This generous financial support ensures that clients are never burdened with the cost of receiving a guide dog, making the program accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial situation.

When a Lions Club donates to Leader Dogs for the Blind, it's much more than a financial contribution—it's a profound act of service that changes lives. The donation represents a gift of independence and mobility to people who might otherwise be limited in their daily activities.



Hello from the 5M5 Leo Club! Since last month we've had another meeting and made progress on planning our service projects for the Midwinter Convention on January 10, 2024. Our wonderful Leos have been hard at work to plan fidget kits for children in hospitals, comfort kits including blankets and pillows, and seed kits to brighten up a local senior living center. We're planning to have about 100 Leos at the Midwinter Convention to help assemble these kits and we can't wait to see all of you there!

On Thursday, January 23 from 5:00-7:30 pm there is packing food for Feed My Starving Children open to all Leos and Lions. [Sign up here!](#) Thank you to everyone who made it to our last FMSC event, the Leos and Lions did a great job.

Eleanor Martenson  
5M5 District Leo Club President



Look what I picked up!!  
The Leos designed it and it will be on display at Maple Grove Senior High to recruit new Leos.

Lion Mike Peach



# LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB (LITPC)



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

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

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

**Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman    763-786-8072**  
**9 101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448    [bmguthrie9@g.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@g.com)**

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

**THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!**

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



MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION



<p>Yes-501c3</p>	<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 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 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>
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MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



SCAN TO DONATE

Trustees from MN Luons Childhood Cancer Foundations will be helping hand phones at this event on December 6<sup>th</sup> in the rotunda at Mall of America.  
Stop by and say hi!!



# 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 continues through the holiday stretch of gatherings and feasts of food and beverage!**

Our **STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge** began **November 1, 2024**, and **extends 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**

- Challenge Link open **November 1, 2024**, through **January 1, 2025**.
- The Challenge Registration / Donation link is 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 (including diabetes-friendly foods for food drives)

*Thank you for your support!*

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612-799-4165

## MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION



<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<p><b>The MN Lions Hearing Foundation -</b> Lions 5M International Hearing Center, 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><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Cheryl Jechorek (Bob) H: 763-560-1132 C: 763-300-6749 E: <a href="mailto:cjechorek28@gmail.com">cjechorek28@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Send checks to Cheryl or Kevin</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Kevin Walsh C: 612-810-6075 E: <a href="mailto:kwash75@live.com">kwash75@live.com</a></p>
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## MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION



### Parade of Green Donations

Happy holidays to everyone! We wish you peace and prosperity in the new year.

Our Mid-Winter Convention is on the horizon. Please remember the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation in your Parade of Green donations! Your support helps the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the Lions Eye Surgery Center, the MAC Center, and many ophthalmology research efforts. And every gift is appreciated.

Donations can be brought to the convention or mailed to a director (see info at left). Please make sure that checks are made out to "Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation," which is a 5-1(c)(3) entity. Gifts qualify you for Helen Keller awards. As ever, thank you for being Knights of the Blind.

**Lion David Danielson**  
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[daviddanielson2@gmail.com](mailto:daviddanielson2@gmail.com)

**Lion Kathy Barclay**  
952.201.1348  
[1kathybarclay@gmail.com](mailto:1kathybarclay@gmail.com)

<b>Yes-501c3</b>	<p>The mission is to provide Veterans and their families with 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) 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) H: 763-425-5225 C: 612-889-1435 E: <a href="mailto:rkentzelman@hotmail.com">rkentzelman@hotmail.com</a></p>
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## MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT



<b>Yes-501c3</b>	<p><b>Send your checks to:</b> Shari &amp; Bill Thurston 3817 Lynn Ave S St. Louis Park, MN 55416  H: 952-920-4320</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Bill Thurston C: 612-790-7367 E: <a href="mailto:wjthurston@comcast.net">wjthurston@comcast.net</a></p>	<p><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Tim Conaway C: 612-269-0027 E: <a href="mailto:LionTimConaway@gmail.com">LionTimConaway@gmail.com</a></p>
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At the recent MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation meeting, we discussed that screening kids from six-months-old to six-years-old is still the founding goal of the program.

During the past few years, we have increased the age range for kids we screen to 18-year-olds. That is because in the course of screening families at community events, we were naturally willing to screen kids over the age of six in the same family with young children.

As a result, we saw that children older than six needed referrals. Our average referral rate of about 10 percent applies to this older age range as well as to the younger kids. And as we have started to screen in more and more public and private schools, we noticed that same referral rate in kids in their teens.

But it is the six-month to six-year group where finding a vision problem can result in treatment that corrects the problem. And when we find indicators for amblyopia, a complete examination can lead to action that prevents permanent eye damage, including blindness.

Any of you with kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews or neighbor's children who attend preschools are in a pivotal position to help us out. Let us know where the children attend, and the parents' names. We can approach the school and refer to the child, giving us some kind of better "in" to start the conversation.

The winter months are relatively quiet in terms of community events, where we ordinarily see many young kids. It would be a great season to do screenings in as many pre-schools as possible. Your help getting us in the door would be greatly appreciated.

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612-790-0027

Lion Tim Conaway  
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612-269-0027

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS



<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<p>The 5M-5 Lions have been helping at the Special Olympics with their Healthy Athletes program at the state Competitions of the University of MN.</p> <p>We incur some miscellaneous expenses 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><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> James Cain 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><b>Cabinet Co-Chair:</b> Ray Moonen 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>  <a href="http://www.specialolympicsminnesota.org">www.specialolympicsminnesota.org</a></p>
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## TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<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>
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## TRUE FRIENDS



<p><b>Yes-501c3</b></p>	<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: True Friends-A specific camp can be designated by putting its name in the memo portion.</b></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>
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## YOUTH EXCHANGE and YOUTH CAMPS



No	<p>This Lions program has students from all over the world visiting the United States and vice versa.</p> <p>The district recommends that all checks go to 5M5 with Youth Exchange in the memo.</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@southsideservies.org">grant@southsideservies.org</a></p>
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## EVENT FLYERS

### INTRODUCING.... CRUISING WITH THE DG

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



- Receive an exclusive "Cruising With The DG" pin
- See what other clubs are about
- Hang out with DG Kim & learn more about what the DG does
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- 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



**November**  
**National Diabetes Month**  
More than 38 million Americans have diabetes.  
More than 97 million Americans are pre-diabetic.



### STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

*Physical Activity Challenge*

November 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Register / Donate at [MNLionsDiabetes.org](http://MNLionsDiabetes.org)

Registration opens November 1, 2024

Commit to a minimum of 15 miles of activity each month. (2,000 steps = 1 mile) You choose your:

- Activities
- Days and times
- Locations (indoor / outdoor)

**Be active on your own.**

**Be active with a team.**

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



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



**Give Today!**

Call 877-253-KIDS or scan  
the QR Code below!



### Brooklyn Park Lions Club

### Belgium Waffle Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY • December 7th • 7:30 • Noon

• Lady Lion's Baked Goods Sale

• Santa's Crafty Elves Shop

• Lion's Kidsight

• Pictures with Santa

**\$10 • Adult**

**\$6 • Children 3-7**

**Veterans - FREE**

**National Pearl Harbor**

**Remembrance Day**

**December 7th, 1941**



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

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
Huge Belgian Waffles  
Delicious Sausage  
Maple Syrup  
Strawberries  
Whipped Cream  
Orange Juice  
Hot Coffee  
Yum, Yum, Yum!

Buy Tickets Online Now!



# St. Louis Park Lions Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th  
8:00AM - Noon  
SLP REC Center  
3700 Monterey Drive

10 Years and up \$7  
3-9 Years \$5  
2 and under are free

And Vendor Fair



Enjoy  
Donuts  
Fresh Fruit  
Various Vendors  
Free Vision  
Screening

For tickets visit  
<https://st-louis-park-lions-club.square.site/>  
or scan this QR code!



Don't forget your camera for photos with Santa!




ROGERS LIONS CLUB  
PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST

## Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 8 | 8:30am - 12:30pm | 21st Century Bank Event Center

Take your own photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus when you bring a non-perishable food donation for CROSS

**Free-Will Donation**  
All money raised goes  
back into the community!

**Raffle (\$5/ticket)**  
1st Prize: 22" Blackstone On-the-Go Griddle &  
Yeti Hopper Soft Sided Cooler  
2nd Prize: \$150 Cash  
3rd Prize: \$50 Gift Card to R Social on Main

\* Need not be present to win raffle | Drawing held Sunday 12/8

For updates on our events: like us on facebook.com/RogersLionsMN or visit [www.rogersmlions.org](http://www.rogersmlions.org)






## LIONS 5M-5 MASTER CLASSES

RECRUITING & RETAINING MEMBERS



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

MON DEC 9TH Zoom-  
Is your Membership Happy and Healthy?  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

MON MAR 31st  
In Person.  
Recruiting & Engaging Membership  
6:30 - 8:00 PM

MON MAY 12th-  
6:30-7:30pm- TBD



<https://bit.ly/4dZleaN>

 DISTRICT 5m5 - LIONS MEMBERSHIP

VISIT OUR WEB  
<https://lions5m5.org>

## Crystal Lions Steak Fry

December 11, 2024

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$13

### Include:

8 Oz. Sirloin Steak Baked Potato  
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!



**EDEN PRAIRIE LION'S 51th WILD GAME DINNER**  
 (\$30.00)  
**DECEMBER 16th, 2024, 6pm social**  
 with smoked salmon and other appetizers

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
 16516 Luther Way  
 Eden Prairie, MN. 55346

Our famous wild game chief **Ron Rodenwald** will be tickling your tastebuds with savory Venison, Moose, Bear, Goose, Duck, Pheasant and other assorted items along with a great dessert.

**LION MIKE GRANT, EP FOOTBALL COACH**  
 will be our speaker along with former Viking Greats

THE NIGHT WILL END WITH A FANTASTIC RAFFLE WITH  
 100% OF THE PROCEEDS DONATED TO CHARITIES  
 SUPPORTING THE SHELTERING AND ADOPTION OF ANIMALS,  
 GIVING THEM A SECOND CHANCE

(ITEMS ARE DONATED FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS)

**RESERVATIONS BY DEC 11 2024**

**FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS**

**CONTACT MIKE GRUIDL 612-644-2323**

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**Or**

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[steve@learning-opp.com](mailto:steve@learning-opp.com)



**Crystal Lions Steak Fry**

**JANUARY 10-12, 2025**

**January 8, 2025**

**[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE SLEEPING ROOM](#)**

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

**\$13**

**Include:**

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak   Baked Potato  
 Coleslaw   Texas Toast   Beverage

**We Appreciate your support!**

**Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!**



January 10-12, 2025

**Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel**  
12201 Ridgedale Dr  
Minnetonka, MN

**Reserve your sleeping room today!**

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

**Hospitality Rooms** • Theme for 2025 is Mexico City and/or Orlando •

**Leo Service Projects** • **Crock Pot Challenge** •

**Dessert Challenge** • **International Speaker** • **Tail-Twisting** •

**Parade of Checks** • **Lions Awards: Everyday Hero Awards,**  
**John Lutter Memorial Award, International Awards**

**January 25MD5M Convention Fundraiser,**



## District 5M5 Leos and Lions Feed My Starving Children

**JOIN US!**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025**

**7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**COON RAPIDS SITE**

**401 93RD AVE NW, COON RAPIDS**

To sign up: e-mail [Jane.Hansen@ahschools.us](mailto:Jane.Hansen@ahschools.us)

## 5M5 Succession Planning Webinar

**February 3,  
2024 6:30 p.m.**

**Join online!**

### What can you expect?

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



Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://umn-private.zoom.us/j/94260902996?pwd=Mw4xE7Cg\\$QlauEcnLrcGOLRcrEri0U.1](https://umn-private.zoom.us/j/94260902996?pwd=Mw4xE7Cg$QlauEcnLrcGOLRcrEri0U.1)

*All Lions are welcome  
and encouraged to  
join the webinar!*

### Questions?

#### Contact

Lion Jennifer Gilbert  
651-226-0205  
or  
[winn0004@gmail.com](mailto:winn0004@gmail.com)

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## Crystal Lions Steak Fry

February 12, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

**\$13**

**Include:**

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak   Baked Potato  
Coleslaw   Texas Toast   Beverage

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### LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM

**RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)**  
November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



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

**ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)**  
March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



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

**You qualify for trainings if you:**

- Are a current member in good standing
- Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.
- Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas
- Like having FUN!!!!

**Participants are required to:**

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

Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register



# Go for the Gold Gala

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







**LIONS 5M-5  
MASTER  
CLASSES**

SERVICE Marketing  
RECRUITING  
& RETAINING  
MEMBERS



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

**MON DEC 9TH Zoom-**  
Is your Membership  
Happy and Healthy?  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

**MON MAR 31st**  
In Person.  
Recruiting & Engaging  
Membership  
6:30 - 8:00 PM

**MON MAY 12th-**  
6:30-7:30pm- TBD



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 DISTRICT 5m5 - LIONS MEMBERSHIP

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## 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>ELLI</b>	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	<b>PIP</b>	Past International President
<b>FDI</b>	Faculty Development Institute	<b>PMJF</b>	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
<b>GAT</b>	Global Action Team	<b>PU-101</b>	Club Officer Reporting Form
<b>GLT</b>	Global Leadership Team	<b>RC</b>	Region Zone Chair
<b>GMA</b>	Global Membership Approach	<b>RLLI</b>	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
<b>GMT</b>	Global Membership Team	<b>STRIDES</b>	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
<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>