

# INFORMER



**March 2025**

**Make Your Mark!**

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## ***Congratulations to***

***Orono Lions celebrate 73 Years!!***

*(March 16, 1952)*

***Brooklyn Center Lions celebrate 70 Years!!***

*(March 30, 1955)*

***Maple Grove Lions celebrate 62 Years!!***

*(March 5, 1963)*

***Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions  
celebrate 16 years!!***

*(March 18, 2009)*

***Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions  
celebrate 9 years!!***

*(March 25, 2016)*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!



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

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

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Aneilla Sutton	Amy Sutton	Robbinsdale Lions
Courtney Kirkeeng	Lorrie Cegla	Robbinsdale Lions
Lindsay Grady	Melody Neff	Robbinsdale Lions
Melissa Steward	Steven Caryle	Robbinsdale Lions
Patricia Jasinski	Kim Schommer	Minneapolis Riverview Lions
Sara Griffin	Anne Abel	Wayzata Lions
Steven Caryle	Eric Hillman	Robbinsdale Lions
Steven Cuning	Sara Griffin	Wayzata Lions

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

*We couldn't be happier to have you as a Lion!*

[Click here for more information from Lions Club International](#)

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

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

<u>STATS</u> (As Of 02/24/2025)	Total Clubs: 37
District 5M5 Membership: 1,347	Net Gain/Loss: +8
Membership update Added: 92	Membership update Dropped:-84

# 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)

MARCH 2025	
<a href="#"><u>03/01/2025</u></a>	Cruising with the DG
<a href="#"><u>03/03/2025</u></a>	LCIF Gala-Go for the Gold-Registration Due
03-08-2025	Daylight Savings-Spring Forward
<a href="#"><u>03/08/2025</u></a>	Maple Grove Sip & Sample
<a href="#"><u>03/12/2025</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<a href="#"><u>03/14/2025</u></a>	ELLI Training (March 14 to 16)
<a href="#"><u>03/18/2025</u></a>	Lions Day at the Capitol
<a href="#"><u>03/19/2025</u></a>	Minneapolis NE Lions Pot o' Gold
<a href="#"><u>03/21/2025</u></a>	Rogers Lions Fish & Shrimp Fry
<a href="#"><u>03/22/2025</u></a>	Brooklyn Park Lions Waffle Breakfast & Silent Auction
<a href="#"><u>03/24/2025</u></a>	District Cabinet Meeting
<a href="#"><u>03/26/2025</u></a>	Jersey Mike's Sub Day of Giving for Special Olympics
<a href="#"><u>03/28/2025</u></a>	Rogers Lions Fish & Shrimp Fry
<a href="#"><u>03/29/2025</u></a>	LCIF Gala-Go for the Gold-Invitation
<a href="#"><u>03/29/2025</u></a>	LCIF Gala-Go for the Gold-Keynote Speaker
<a href="#"><u>03/31/2025</u></a>	Radical Learning
APRIL 2025	
<a href="#"><u>04/01/2025</u></a>	Brooklyn Center Lions 70th Anniversary
<a href="#"><u>04/06/2025</u></a>	New Hope Lions Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction
<a href="#"><u>04/07/2025</u></a>	All Club Meeting (RSVP by March 30)
<a href="#"><u>04/09/2025</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<a href="#"><u>04/10/2025</u></a>	Feed My Starving Children
<a href="#"><u>04/10/2025</u></a>	Circus Volunteers-Earn Money for YOUR club

<a href="#"><u>04/25/2025</u></a>	MD5M Convention
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<a href="#"><u>04/27/2025</u></a>	Eden Prairie Pancake Breakfast
<b>MAY 2025</b>	
<a href="#"><u>05/05/2025</u></a>	Officer Training for Incoming Club Officers
<a href="#"><u>05/10/2025</u></a>	Maple Grove-Half Marathon
<a href="#"><u>05/12/2025</u></a>	Master Class-TBD
<a href="#"><u>05/14/2025</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<b>JUNE 2025</b>	
<a href="#"><u>06/11/2025</u></a>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<b>JULY 2025</b>	
<a href="#"><u>07/10/2025</u></a>	Hamel Rodeo-MN Lions Childhood Cancer Night (7:30 PM)
<a href="#"><u>07/11/2025</u></a>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
<a href="#"><u>07/12/2025</u></a>	Hamel Rodeo (1:00 PM and 7:30 PM)
<a href="#"><u>07/13/2025</u></a>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
07/13/2025	LCI Convention, Orlando
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>	
<a href="#"><u>09/13/2025</u></a>	Maple Grove-Rock n Grove-Hairball

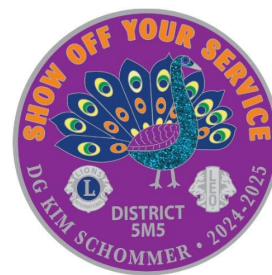






## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello Lions

I can't believe Spring is almost here! This year is going so fast! I am enjoying my year as Governor and love visiting our clubs and seeing the great things that everyone does for our community. Most of you have already had me visit or have scheduled my visit to your club, but there are still a few clubs that have not scheduled a time for me to join you. Please schedule my visit to your club if you haven't already done so. My goal is to visit all clubs in 5M5 by June 30. The visits are my favorite part of being a DG, please don't wait until the last minute to schedule a date and time. My calendar fills up quickly.

There are a lot of great things coming up this Spring! PCC Rob Rand and PDG Rob Hed are hosting an MD5M Webinar on Attracting and Keeping New Members Through Service on March 13th (see flyer in this newsletter). There is an LCIF Gala Fundraiser on Saturday, March 29th at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud - all are invited to attend. The MD5M convention is April 25 -27 at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton in Bloomington. International President Fabricio Oliveira will be speaking at this convention. If you haven't been to an MD5M convention in the past, this is a great opportunity to check it out. Information on all these events can be found on the MD5M website and in this newsletter.

I know that spring is also a big time for fundraisers and service projects. There are lots of pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers this time of year, as well as service projects such as road side clean ups, tree and flower planting, etc. Please support other clubs events by attending their fundraisers or helping them with a service project. Please remember to log all of your service in the portal.

Just a reminder, as Governor, i was asked to pick two key areas of service for the year. I selected Childhood Cancer, in honor of Niner, and Youth. I would like each club to do a service project in each of these areas prior to June 30.

If your club is looking for a way to increase your administrative fund, the Bloomington Lions are once again looking for volunteers to help with the Royal Canadian Circus - the circus will be at the Mall of America April 10 -20 and over 300 volunteers are needed. The funds raised will be equally divided by the shifts that are worked, meaning clubs that assist will receive approximately \$35 -\$40 per shift that will be mailed to your club after the event. Please visit the sign up genius at <https://RB.GY/V7VWZ0>.

Lastly, please don't forget that club officer elections are coming up in April, please start working on your nominations for new officers if you haven't already;

Enjoy the warmer weather that is coming our way and have a great St. Patrick's Day!

Yours in Lionism,

5M5 District Governor Kim Schommer



## 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



### *Unbecome to Become*

Last month I attended DG “boot camp” (my term for it). More than 700 District Governor – Elects and group leaders from 20 some countries attended.

Within minutes of finding my shuttle stop for my ride to the training center site Lions from Portugal were showing me the phone app I needed so we could talk with each other.

Throughout the week that app opened new friendships as we shared about Lionism and life in our respective countries. Handheld wands live-translated large group English sessions into Swedish, German, Spanish, Hindi, Korean, Nepali, and many other languages.

Our groups that had been Zoom meeting for months became friends as we met in person in small group classroom settings.

We shared much in a week packed with learning, teaching and fun. We affirmed that in order to continue to serve our communities and the world that Lions need to make some changes.

We need to welcome, listen, mentor, stay connected with each other, encourage and inspire new ideas and all members, promote opportunities, have fun and tell — actually shout out — our Lions stories so everyone knows why and how we serve.

At boot camp, Lions International First Vice President A.P. Singh noted Lions need to unbecome to become. We need to shed and freshen up longstanding habits and ideas in order grow our service through growth in membership.

Lions are a family. We welcome each other in our communities and across the world. We serve together.

*Thank you – for everything you do to improve our world.*

Lion Sara

Sara McFee  
5M-5 District Governor-Elect  
5M-5 Co-Trustee, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation  
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club

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# GLOBAL EXTENTION TEAM (GET)

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## **Mission of the Global Extension Team (GET)**

The Lions International Global Extension Team (GET) is dedicated to expanding the reach of Lions Clubs by chartering new clubs and strengthening existing ones. Their mission at the district level includes:

- Expanding membership and service by identifying new communities that would benefit from a Lions Club.
- Supporting the formation of new clubs and guiding them through the chartering process.
- Strengthening existing clubs to ensure sustainable growth.
- Providing leadership training and resources to new and existing clubs.
- Promoting innovative club formats to meet evolving community needs.

## Types of Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs come in several formats to meet the interests and availability of members while maximizing service impact:

- Traditional Lions Club: A standard community-based club that meets regularly and engages in service projects.
- Specialty Lions Club: Focuses on a specific cause or shared interest, such as vision care, veterans, or the environment.
- Campus Lions Club: Based at colleges/universities, engaging students in service and leadership development.
- Branch Lions Club: A smaller club operating under a parent Lions Club until it grows to be independent.
- Virtual Lions Club: Meets online, allowing members from different locations to serve and network remotely.
- Leo-Lions Club: A transition club for young Leos (ages 18-35) who want to continue serving as Lions.

## Role of a Sponsoring Club

A Sponsoring Club plays a vital role in supporting new Lions Clubs by:

- Providing mentorship and guidance on Lions values and service.
- Assisting with the chartering process and administrative setup.
- Helping recruit at least 20 charter members.
- Offering financial and organizational support during the early stages.
- Maintaining a partnership with the new club for at least one year to ensure stability and success.

The Global Extension Team (GET), along with the sponsoring club and district leaders, ensures that new Lions Clubs start strong and have a long-term vision for service and growth.

### This month's Did You Know column focuses on Officer Elections!

#### +Did you know it is time to:

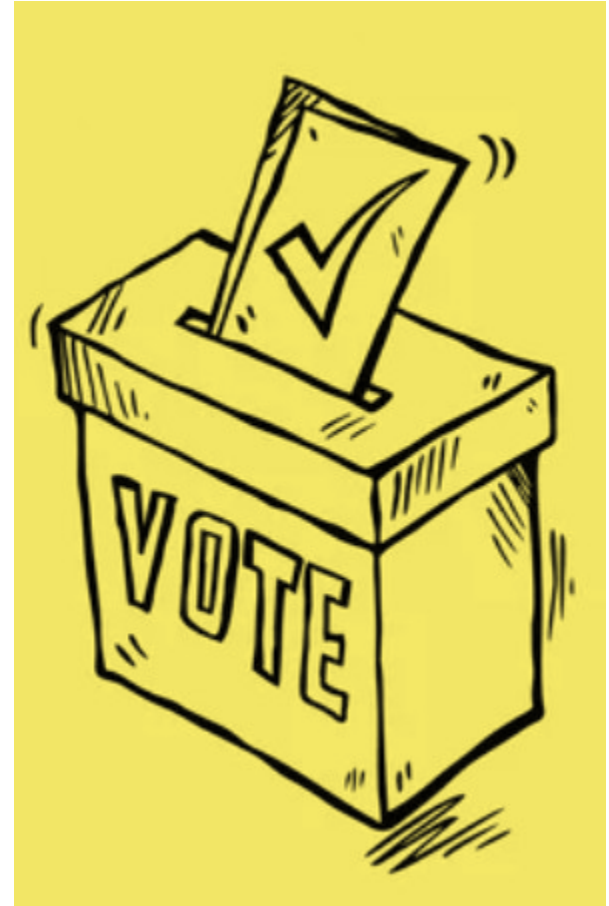
- ❖ Recruit officers and share officer position descriptions with club members.
- ❖ Plan and hold a meaningful Club election.

#### Elections can be done in different ways!

- ❖ In-person balloting (voting with paper) and free online options such as
- ❖ SurveyMonkey.com.
- ❖ Nominate and elect club officers for the 2025 - 2026 Lion Year.
- ❖ Invite incoming officers and any Lion interested in future officer positions to District

#### 5M5's Club Officer Training on May 5 at Can Do Canines! (See flyer in Informer.)

- ❖ Celebrate and mentor club officers into new club officer roles.
- ❖ Assign a mentor for each officer and attend 5M5 Club Officer training May 5
- ❖ List officers for upcoming Lion Year in Lion Portal by May 1
  - Go to **My Club**
  - in the **Member Actions** section on right select blue-colored **Manage Club Officers** tab
  - select **Create New Assignment**
  - select **Upcoming Lion Year**
  - select **Officer**
  - select **Official**
  - select **Member Name**





## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

### SAVE THE DATE!

🎉 Join us for an Unforgettable Evening of mini-Educational Sessions! 🎈 🎊

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

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

This is a must-not-miss event that promises to entertain and educate. We've got a fantastic 80's/90's themed event that will keep everyone engaged and excited throughout the night.

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

Sessions to choose from- Making Meetings Fun! Facebook/Social Media  
Retaining Members, Strive for Club Excellence, Service Ideas/Mini Service Projects for Your Meetings  
and more.

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

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

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

Yours in Lionism,

Your Global Membership Team: Lion Judy Rue, Lion Hannah Maxwell, Lion Shari Thurston, Lion Denise Dietz, GET Chair Michael Crenshaw, PDG Kristine Morin, PDG Dick Kentzelman, PDG Jennifer Marshall, DG Kim Schommer, DGE Sara McFee, 1<sup>st</sup> DGE Bruce Strachota, and GMT Chair Lion Heidi Zaworski

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Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator

# GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

## WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood  
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

## Global Service Update

by Lions Bernie Braegelmann & Jodi Altenhofen

The Lions clubs in our District do a lot of service in these four key areas of service:

**Vision      Hunger      Disaster      Environmental**

Clubs do the most service in this area:

### Humanitarian:

*We help many people, but we miss providing help to the elderly. Here are some service ideas to get you started in helping seniors:*

- Visit those who are elderly living alone or in care centers.
- Send cards to elderly living in senior centers.

*We are lacking service in these three key areas of service. Here are some impactful service ideas that don't require a lot of time or money to get you started:*

### Childhood Cancer:

- Fill cards with best wishes or other cheerful messages and donate them to impacted families or a cancer center.
- Organize a group activity for patients, like reading books or playing games.
- Provide crafts or games to children receiving cancer treatments.
- Volunteer at a cancer facility.
- Prepare meals for the family of a patient receiving treatment.

### Diabetes

- Organize a weekly walking club.
- Post articles about diabetes on your club website and Facebook page.
- Provide diabetes materials to your local schools.
- Host speakers to talk about diabetes. Share this information with your community.
- Sponsoring a cooking demo on healthy eating.

### Youth

- Host a story hour at your local library.
- Set up a KidSight Vision screening.
- Start a Leo Club - the club can be school based, or community based.
- Sponsor the Peace Poster and the Essay Contest at your local school.
- Host a youth as part of the Youth Exchange Program.

**Share your service ideas on our Facebook page: Lions Service – District 5M5**

## ZONE CHAIRS

### ZONE 1 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

#### Laurie Carlson

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

### ZONE 2 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

#### Regina Aiken (Gary)

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

### ZONE 3 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

#### Amber Georgeson

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

### ZONE 4 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

#### Heidi Zaworski (Marty)

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

### ZONE 5 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

#### Judy Rue (Chuck)

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

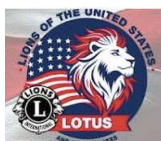
### ZONE 6 CHAIR (terms ends 2026)

#### Vickie Parks

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



## 5M5 DISTRICT INFORMATION



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

Volunteers will be needed before and after the Lions International's annual convention in Minneapolis. From planning to hosting to help with airport arrivals and departures, there will be opportunities to welcome and connect with Lions from around the world. Watch for updates. (The last Lions International convention was in Minneapolis in 2009.)



### Lions Clubs International – Partnerships Matter!

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."— Helen Keller*

How many of you have heard this Helen Keller quote before? This is one of the most quoted statements from a pivotal person in Lions Clubs International history. While this quote does describe the importance of Lions joining together to provide service to our communities and beyond, this insightful statement can also apply to how we Lions interact with others in our towns and globally.



All Lions clubs have groups and organizations in their communities that perform similar duties (service projects, fundraisers, community outreach, etc.). Many of these organizations we easily recognize (Rotary, Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Masons). We all know the youth-oriented organizations in our area (Leos, Scouts, youth sports teams, school teams & clubs). You also know of other groups that are active in your community (Firefighters, Police, City staff, Medical center staff, Professionals associations, Homeless shelters, Food shelves, etc.).



All of these various organizations are potential partners for your Lions club events and service projects. In addition, partnering with these other groups may provide you with opportunities to help those organizations with their community events and projects, or the possibility to collaborate on new community activities & fundraisers.

Make sure your Lions club reaches out to other community groups when promoting your events & projects. Develop a partnership with these organizations to help in the planning, promoting, and execution of these events. See if you can utilize the other organization's marketing contacts to help in promoting your individual and joint projects. Spend time meeting with these groups to learn about what they do in the community and how they do things when organizing and operating their projects. You may learn tips on how to better your own projects.

Lions and other local organizations should not be adversaries. All of these groups have a common goal: the betterment of our communities. Please reach out to these other organizations. Find ways to work together and make sure to promote your Lions club's involvement.

Yours in Lionism,

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# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Invitation Letter



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



Lions All:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee

# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Keynote Speaker



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



### Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee



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## 2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule “Ignite the Lions Pride”

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

**Airport Hilton Hotel**  
**Bloomington, Minnesota**

### Thursday, April 24, 2025

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

### Friday, April 25, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM **Breakfast**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM **Luncheon**

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

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

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

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

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

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

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

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

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

11:00 AM **Adjourn**

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





# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS-

## Table Sponsorship



# Ignite the Lions Pride

## MD5M Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025



### **TABLE SPONSORSHIP**

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

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

Saturday Breakfast  
Saturday Lunch  
Saturday Banquet  
Sunday Brunch

#### **Terms of sponsorship:**

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

#### **Table Sponsorship registration:**

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee

## LIONS SERVING

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

**Robbinsdale Lions dinner meeting on February 20 was so fun! Lindsay Grady, Melissa Erickson Steward, and Melly Kay were sworn in and Lion Joan Holtz was crowned as baking queen.**



**Robbinsdale Lions Bake Sale on February 12 was sweet success!!**





## ***KidSight Screening at Orono Elementary School***



## ***KidSight Screening at Lake Country School***



## ***KidSight Screening at Alice Smith Elementary in Hopkins***





### Can Do Canines to Host Open House March 8

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, March 8, from noon to 2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at [lcarlson@candocanines.org](mailto:lcarlson@candocanines.org) or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at [CanDoCanines.org](http://CanDoCanines.org).



## *In Every Leader Dog Lies the Heart of a Lion*

What began with "*\$400 and a hatful of ideas*," in the words of founder Donald P. Schuur, Leader Dog has matured into one of the world's premier guide dog and orientation and mobility organizations.

On April 4, 1939, Lion Schuur joined Lions Charles A. Nutting and S.A. Dodge, sparked by their desire to help a fellow Lion obtain a guide dog, signed Articles of Incorporation for the Lions Leader Dog Foundation.

Leader Dog has continuously expanded its services and broken new ground. It has added services for youth and adults, empowering visually impaired with navigation skills and increased confidence. Highlights of the last 85 years include:

- **1958 – Puppy Raiser Program** began when three Labrador retriever puppies were placed with 4-H Club members
- **1992 – DeafBlind Program** began, celebrating its first client-trained entirely through American Sign Language
- **1999 – International Guide Dog Federation membership** achieved
- **2002 – Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Program** began and now serves 200 clients annually
- **2007 – Teen Summer Camp** launched
- **2022 – Teen Orientation and Mobility Program** started

From modest beginnings to today, recognized as a comprehensive service provider, Leader Dog has transformed many lives through its unwavering dedication to empowering people who are blind, visually impaired, and DeafBlind to live their best life possible.

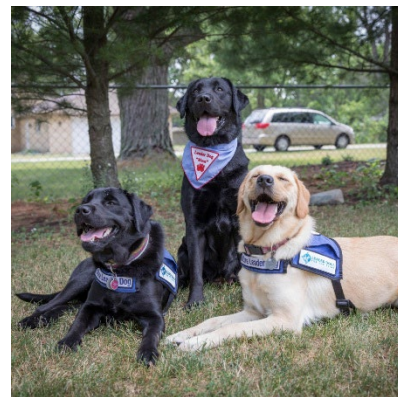
Leader Dog growth is a testament to its supporters — Lions, clients, volunteers, and donors. Trust in Leader Dog makes its community special and strong

Contact me for more information about Leader Dog, visiting your club, or becoming a Puppy Raiser (Leader Dog will teach you how or help you with an option like co-raising with a friend or co-worker).

*Thank you, 5M-5 Lions, for your support!*



Lion Michael Crenshaw  
5M-5 Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair  
651-500-9400  
[bpLionMichael@gmail.com](mailto:bpLionMichael@gmail.com)





Hello from the 5M5 Leo Club! Our Leos have been working hard this past month. Cooper HS finished their toy drive and is starting a clothing drive. They are also organizing a booth for a Black History Month expo. Maple Grove HS wrapped up their winter, hat, and glove donation collection and will be sending their winter items to Cross Services. At Champlin Park HS a clothing drive benefiting a local elementary school finished, extra clothes are being sent to Sharing and Caring Hands and Hope 4 Youth. Currently the Leos are collecting children's books for I Love to Read Month. Our next meeting is April 7th from 5:00 - 6:30 pm at the Brooklyn Park Library. This will be our last meeting of the year and a pizza dinner will be provided. We are so proud of all the Leos and Lions who are working hard to help their communities, happy volunteering!

Eleanor Martenson

Leo Club District 5M5 President





# MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION



***You're invited!***

## **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Diabetes Research Update**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**  
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud

***Attend In-Person or via Zoom***

### **Invite Others - Open to All**

**Lions, general public, health professionals**

Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes and research being done to develop treatments and a cure for diabetes may attend.

**Lunch & Program RSVP Deadline March 4**

**Program only (no lunch) RSVP Deadline March 10**

**Zoom link** will be emailed to those who request Zoom attendance.

**Email your registration to:**  
[\*\*MNLionsDiabetesFdn@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:MNLionsDiabetesFdn@gmail.com)

***Additional information on flyer in Informer.***

### **Diabetes Research Update Program Schedule**

- 11 a.m.** Registration & Social
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch
- 12:30 p.m.** Diabetes Research Update Program  
(*In-Person or via Zoom*)
- 2:30 p.m.** Meet & Talk with Researchers



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612-269-8709

Lion Paul Newman  
PENewman@cbburnett.com  
612-799-4165

# MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

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## LGS Eye Donor Recognition Program

On Sunday April 15, 2025, Lions Gift of Sight will hold its Eye Donor Recognition Program. All Lions are welcome!

The program will honor eye donors from 2024 and express appreciation for the people who help make donations happen – eye donor families and friends. It is an opportunity to express gratitude and support and also raise awareness about the work of the Lions, the University of Minnesota, and the eye bank.



Lions Gift of Sight has held donor recognition events since 2004, and more than 500 people now typically attend each one! In case you are not familiar with the programs, you can check out some past events on the Lions Gift of Sight website: <https://lionsgiftofsight.umn.edu/Recognition-Program>.

Please come as a guest or as a volunteer.

Reach out to Community Liaison Lion Jodi Altenhofen at 612-624-0446 or [magnu007@umn.edu](mailto:magnu007@umn.edu) for more information.

**Lion Kathy Barclay**  
952.201.1348  
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**Lion David Danielson**  
612.327.5872  
[daviddanielson2@gmail.com](mailto:daviddanielson2@gmail.com)

Our KidSight program is growing because of the interest of members are our Lions Clubs in MD5M-5. The KidSight Sight Saver Award is a way to recognize your club members who have taken an active role.

For every \$1,000 donated by your club to the KidSight Foundation, you are eligible for a Sight Saver Award. Now is the time to order the award, which includes both a handsome plaque and a pin. To see how many awards your club is eligible for, contact us.

KidSight got some great news that we will be part of the Minnesota State Fair this year. Yes, we've been there for several years, but everything changed after the 2024 Get-Together. The Health Fair 11 building will no longer be used for that purpose.

KidSight will now be located in the Education Building. The other change is that we will be seeing expenses that didn't exist before, or that could be covered by an LCIF grant.

Look for an announcement about the Sign Up Genius link and other details in the next month.

It is getting to be that time of year when many community events take place. KidSight wants to be at any Lion or local event where there will be lots of kiddos.

Please let us know about your event as early as possible so that we can work out the logistics.

Lion Bill Thurston  
612 790 7367  
[wjthurston@comcast.net](mailto:wjthurston@comcast.net)

Lion Tim Conaway  
612 269 0027  
[liontimconaway@gmail.com](mailto:liontimconaway@gmail.com)



# YOUTH EXCHANGE and YOUTH CAMPS



## Calling all Lions and Leos!

It's that EXCITING time of year when the lists of Youth Exchange applications is posted! We have already been reviewing the applicants to find the right match for us. If you have ever thought of hosting maybe this is your year? Youth Exchange is an incredible program, our family has really enjoyed getting to know all the youth we have hosted. If you are interested in getting more information about hosting a youth or two, please do not hesitate to contact me. Lion Wendy Graves, [lionwendygraves@gmail.com](mailto:lionwendygraves@gmail.com) 612-296-8879

Hosting youth need not be expensive to have fun! Some examples of free or nearly free activities we enjoy are

- Como Zoo, St Paul
- Willow River State Park, Hudson WI
- Cascade Falls & then Ice Cream Parlor for cones, Osceola, WI
- Farmers Market, Minneapolis
- Jay Cooke State Park, Carlton
- Hmong Village, St Paul
- State of MN Capitol free tours, St Paul
- Banning State Park, Sandstone
- Fireworks, nearly anywhere around July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Stone Arch Bridge, Minneapolis
- Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis
- Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis
- Minnesota Historical Center, Thursday nights are free, St Paul
- Central Park, check out summer concerts on event schedule, Maple Grove
- Feed My Starving Children volunteering events, multiple locations
- Canal Park, Enger Park, Lief Erikson Park and Park Point Recreational area, Duluth
- Check your community calendars as several communities have concerts in the park and they are usually free including Cambridge & Lindstrom
- Isanti has Street Dances, Main Street in Isanti

## A few brief facts about Youth Exchange

- The youth generally arrive about July 1st and leave about July 31st
- They spend a week at Camp Spicer
- You do not have to have a partner or children in the home to host
- You can host even if you work full time
- They bring their own spending money
- The lists of youths available starts in January
- Youth can usually leave Minnesota if you have a trip planned
- There is a small stipend available to hosts to assist with the cost of hosting

***This article was “borrowed” from District 5M7  
Please contact [Lion Grant Hendrickson](#) if you have questions or are interested.***

## EVENT FLYERS

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

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



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

Interested??? Contact DG Kim at  
[schox3@comcast.net](mailto:schox3@comcast.net) or  
612-716-0936

\*RIDE WITH OR MEET DG KIM AT THE MEETING

### MD5M "Go for the Gold Gala"

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make checks payable to: **LCIF Gala**  
**c/o Rose Thies**  
**21515 371<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Green Isle, MN 55338**

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

- o **PayPal:** Rosemary Thies [paypal.me/GreenIsleLions](https://paypal.me/GreenIsleLions)
- o Venmo: [@Rose-Thies](https://venmo.com/Rose-Thies)

#### Lunch Menu

Choice of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian)  
Choice of Penne, Cavatappi or Gluten-free Penne  
Choose two of Grilled Chicken, Meatballs, Broccoli or Mushrooms  
Choice of Garlic Alfredo or Marinara  
Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread sticks  
Dessert: Cupcakes

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

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&locateCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=STCMN&PMID=99801505&GPC=L107cn=no&viewfullsite=true> to book online. Block held until, Monday, March 3, 2025.



The Maple Grove Lions Club Presents

**SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025**

Maple Grove Community Center



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



## Crystal Lions Steak Fry

March 12, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

**\$13**

### Include:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak    Baked Potato  
Coleslaw    Texas Toast    Beverage

**We Appreciate your support!**

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



**LIVE WEBINAR**

MD5M GAT Webinar series

### ATTRACTING (AND KEEPING) NEW MEMBERS THROUGH SERVICE

March 13th, 2025  
7:00-8:00PM CST

with Lions  
**Rob Hed & Rob Rand**  
GST    GMT


Use this link to join the meeting:  
(registration not required)  
<https://tinyurl.com/2zbz3bmy>




Increase your Club membership by creating innovative service projects that resonate with diverse communities and leveraging digital tools to promote their impact. We'll share tips and strategies that will ensure growth and engagement. Join us for this interactive session!

**SAVE THE DATE**


**NEXT WEBINAR:**  
Thursday, April 10th  
7:00PM



**EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**  
**ELLI**



**Date: March 14-16, 2025**  
**Location: Holiday Inn, Wilmar**



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


**You qualify for trainings if you:**

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

**Participants are required to:**

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

Applications due by Friday, February 6, 2025  
Applications are due to the District Governor  
Questions, please reach out to your GLT Chair or your District Governor





### 16th Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Research Update March 15, 2025

Hosted by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation *Research Update* to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn first hand how these scientists, funded by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

Following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists one on one, learn more about their research, and ask questions. There will also be silent auction items where you will have the opportunity to support the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation in their mission.

#### Saturday, March 15, 2025

11 a.m. Registration and Social  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Program  
2:30 p.m. Meet n' Greet with Scientists

**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn  
State/Sunwood Ballroom**  
100 4th Ave. S.  
St. Cloud, MN 56301

#### Faculty Research Presentations:

Among the Faculty Research Presentations by scientists will be:

- Curing Diabetes by Stopping the Body's Immune System - Dr. Brian Fife
- Bringing Immune Tolerance to the Clinic for People with Diabetes and Kidney Failure - Dr. Sabarinathan Ramachandran and Dr. Singh

**RSVP by Tuesday, March 4**

**RSVP via email to [MNLionsDiabetesFdn@gmail.com](mailto:MNLionsDiabetesFdn@gmail.com)**

A Zoom Link will be emailed to those unable to attend in person.

Please request Zoom link by email above.

A confirmation email will be sent prior to event.



- o Highlight the importance of our advocacy work in newsletters and emails.

- o Organize a pre-event discussion to brainstorm ideas for showcasing **your** club's work.

## 2. Set Attendance Goals:

- o Aim for 5 - 10 attendees per club to ensure strong representation.
- o Encourage members to invite friends, family, and community partners.

## 3. Engage with Local Governing Representatives:

- o Schedule meetings with your local officials in advance to discuss key issues and invite them to attend.
- o Prepare examples of **your club's impact** to share during these conversations.

## Strategies for Success

- **Promote the Event Locally:** Work with local media and share updates on social media platforms to build excitement.
- **Collaborate Regionally:** Coordinate with nearby clubs to organize shared transportation and messaging strategies.
- **Highlight Impact Stories:** Prepare materials, such as testimonials or statistics, demonstrating how Lions Clubs improve lives in your community.

Let's work together to make this initiative a resounding success. We appreciate your dedication to serving others and enthusiasm for representing the Lions at this critical event.

Please follow this link to RSVP!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AE2DA3FCC34-54821515-lions>

**Subject:** Introducing Lions Day at the Capitol Initiative

Dear Lion Members,

We are excited to announce the launch of the Lions Day initiative at the Minnesota State Capitol. This initiative represents an incredible opportunity to highlight the outstanding contributions Lions Clubs make in communities across Minnesota while advocating for issues that affect our ability to serve. Below is an outline of our vision, purpose, and actionable steps to ensure success.

**When: Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 1:30 – 4:30**

**Vision and Objectives**

The purpose of Lions Day at the Capitol is to:

1. **Increase Public Awareness:** Showcase the impact of Lions Clubs on local communities through our charitable programs and initiatives.
2. **Advocate for Positive Change:** Address tax policies that negatively affect our programs, ensuring we can continue supporting those in need effectively.
3. **Strengthen Community Relationships:** Foster partnerships between Lions Clubs and local governing representatives to amplify our reach and advocacy efforts.

## Goals

1. **Increase Public Awareness:** Raise the visibility of the Lions' contributions and our challenges as a charitable organization.
2. **Advocate for Change:** Encourage legislative action to address tax policies that hinder our ability to deliver vital programs.
3. **Strengthen Partnerships:** Build relationships with local and state representatives to support long-term collaboration.

## How Clubs Can Participate

To make "Lions Day at the Capitol" a success, we need the active participation of every Lions Club in Minnesota. Here's how your club can contribute:

1. **Generate Enthusiasm:**
  - o Share the event details at club meetings.



NE LIONS CLUB

REQUEST THE HONOR OF  
YOUR PRESENCE AT OUR

# Annual Pot O' Gold Fundraiser Gala

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

JAX CAFE  
1928 University Avenue NE Minneapolis, MN 55418

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

Everyone is Welcome!!

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

NE Lions Community Foundation Licence # 95036



**Rogers Lions Club**

## Fish & Shrimp Fry

FUNDRAISER

Join us for our annual Fish & Shrimp Fry community fundraiser event!

**Friday, March 21**  
**Friday, March 28**

**21st Century Bank  
Event Center  
4:30PM - 7:00PM**

Adults	Children
<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$10</b>

Dinner includes: Fish, Shrimp, French Fries, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, and a Roll

Cash bar and family-friendly beverages available.

All proceeds go back into the community!

**SATURDAY March 22nd, 7:30 ~ NOON**

### Belgian Waffle Breakfast & Silent Auction

Brooklyn Park Crime Prevention Association  
& Brooklyn Park Lions

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



Please...  
Bring a CEAP  
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**BPCPA**

**\$9 - In Advance (QR Code)**

**\$10 - Adult at Event**

**\$6 - Children 3-7**

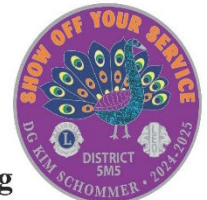
**We Serve**

Brooklyn Park Community Center  
5600 85th Avenue North Brooklyn Park, Minnesota  
All proceeds from this event will benefit BPCPA Programs.



## District 5M-5

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



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

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

**6:00pm social, 6:30pm dinner**

**Cabinet members must RSVP by March 17th!!**

E-mail Lion Rebecca MacKenzie  
rjmackenzie64@gmail.com

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





**100% of SALES** | Wednesday, March 26th on our **DAY OF GIVING**

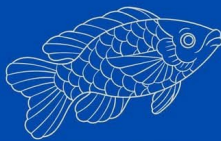
Proudly Supporting:  
**Special Olympics Minnesota**

**SAVE THE DATE: Day of Giving is March 26!**

Month of Giving will culminate with Jersey Mike's Day of Giving on Wednesday, March 26, when 100% of sales—not just profits—support Special Olympics Minnesota's mission of inclusion. Mark your calendar!



**Rogers  
Lions  
Club**



**Fish &  
Shrimp  
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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**



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

**LCIF Gala  
"Go for the Gold"**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud**

**75 37th Avenue South**

**St. Cloud, MN 56301**

**10:30 am to 4:00 pm**

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

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find the personal balance you donated to LCIF. If you have donated \$1,000 and want to be presented with an MJF plaque (or PMJF pin for each additional \$1,000) by PIP Doug Alexander, then you will need to order your plaque/pin by Feb 18, 2025.

You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you are attending. If you or your club want to present someone with a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, the same criteria applies. Remember this Gala is not for Lions members only. Invite people who are interested in learning about our Foundation and what it does. This year, there will be stories shared from around our Multiple about the impact our Foundation/Grants had on the community.

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

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

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

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

Anna Wickenhauser 952-913-1467 or [lionannaw@gmail.com](mailto:lionannaw@gmail.com)





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# RADICAL Learning

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**MARCH 31ST**  
HAMEL COMMUNITY CENTER  
3200 MILL ST  
HAMEL, MN 55340  
**6:30 PM - 8 PM**

- **A Night of Fun, Learning & Camaraderie!**
- **Rockin' 80s & 90s Theme** – Dress up & enjoy the vibes!
- **Engaging & Interactive Sessions** – Learn, laugh, and grow.
- **Connect with Fellow Lions** – Share ideas & build lasting friendships.
- **Open to All** – Whether you're a longtime member or new to Lions, there's something for you!

**RSVP today! Contact Lion Heidi Zaworski at**  
LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com or 612-408-0242.




**Brooklyn Center Lions  
70th Anniversary Celebration  
April 1, 2025**

Osseo – Maple Grove American Legion 260 4th Avenue SE, Osseo

5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Program


**Keynote Speaker: PID Ross Thorfinnson**  
\$35 per person

Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert,  
Beverage, Pay Bar

R.S.V.P. with payment by March 21, 2025 FIRM

Send to Lion Sandy Becker, 6433 Fremont Avenue N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_

 72 YEARS • WE SERVE • 1953-2025

## New Hope Lions Club Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SILENT AUCTION

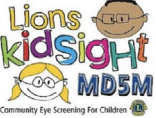
**Sunday April 6, 2025 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
Crystal Community Center 4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN

All you can eat pancakes served with sausage, coffee, and juice.

Adults	\$10.00
Kids (6-13)	\$5.00
5 and under	FREE

**Silent Auction/Raffle Items 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM**  
*Proceeds to benefit community and Lions international projects.*

Auction ends at 11:30 AM. Raffle winner drawings held around 11:30 AM.  
All winning items must be picked up no later than 12:30 PM day of event!!

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

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

 **ORLANDO 2025**  
107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



# 5M-5 ALL CLUB MEETING

**APRIL 7th**

**5:30 PM Social  
6:00 PM Dinner**

**Bring a Friend or Two & Join Us For**

- > Fun and Comraderie
- > Service Project Ideas
- > Making Meetings FUN Tips
- > Upcoming Events
- > Training Opportunities
- > Prize Drawings
- > Awards

**\$20. Per Person**  
Checks made Payable to  
Crystal VFW  
Baked Chicken or Pork Loin  
Baked Potato  
& Green Beans  
Beverages available for  
purchase.  
Desserts courtesy of  
the Zone Chairs

**CRystal VFW Post 494**  
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal  
55429 Lower level

**RSVP by Sunday, March 30th**  
with your Name, Club Name and  
Meal Choice/or choose no meal to  
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com





## Crystal Lions Steak Fry

April 9, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$14

### Include:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak    Baked Potato  
Coleslaw    Texas Toast    Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

## Come One, Come All Volunteer!

RAISE MONEY FOR  
FOR YOUR LIONS CLUB  
BY VOLUNTEERING FOR

THE ROYAL CANADIAN CIRCUS

AT THE MALL OF AMERICA'S NORTH LOT

11 DAYS!  
19 SHOWS!

APRIL 10 - 20th

[HTTPS://RB.GY/V7VWZ0](https://rb.gy/v7vwz0)

SIGN UP ON SIGN  
UP GENIUS!



WELCOME TO THE  
CIRCUS

CIRCUS DOES NOT USE EXOTIC ANIMALS

District 5M5 Lions and Leo's  
invited to pack food at

## Feed My Starving Children

Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Coon Rapids site  
401 93rd Ave, Coon Rapids

Sign up by Tue Apr 8 - email Jane Hansen at  
[Jane.Hansen@ahschools.us](mailto:Jane.Hansen@ahschools.us)



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



### Lions All:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



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



### Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration,

SM7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee



## 2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule "Ignite the Lions Pride"

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

Airport Hilton Hotel  
Bloomington, Minnesota

### Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration Opens

### Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 AM—12 Noon Council of Governors Meeting

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

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

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

5:00 PM—6:30 PM PDG Social & Dinner

6:00 PM—6:30 PM First-Timers Meeting

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

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

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

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM Breakfast

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

7:30 PM—8:30 AM Foundation Meetings

9:00 AM—5:00 PM Silent Auction Open

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

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

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

### Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM Luncheon

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

2:30 PM—3:30 PM Seminar II

CC Judy Zewers

DG Mary Curtis

3:45 PM—4:30 PM Seminar III

Lion Daniel Marney - Elkins

5:30 PM Reception & Cash Bar

6:30 PM—9:00 PM Banquet

IP Fabricio Oliveira

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 AM—7:45 AM PDG Business Meeting

7:45 AM—8:40 AM Int'l Convention Meeting

For those going to Florida

8:00 AM Silent Auction &  
Raffle Results Posted

8:45 AM—11:00 AM Brunch & Closing Session

PCC BJ Blahnik

11:00 AM Adjourn

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



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

5m7lions@gmail.com



11/1/2024

Greetings!

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

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

We have several levels of support available:

<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  
SM7 Lions Convention Planning Committee  
2357 Wight Bay  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
763-754-8921

**NE Minneapolis Lions  
Annual Charity Bowling Event**  
**saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:00AM**  
**Elsie's Bowling & Restaurant**

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

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

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

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

**Registration opens January 18<sup>th</sup>!**

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

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

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

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

Lane Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Register and Pay for the event online @ [www.nelions.org](http://www.nelions.org)**

THANK YOU!



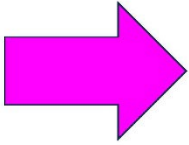


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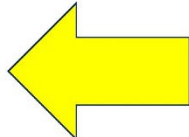
### Join us at the EP Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

*Pancake batter & syrup donated by Original Pancake House*



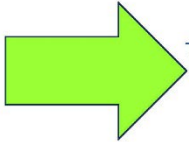
#### When

Sunday, April 27, 2025  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



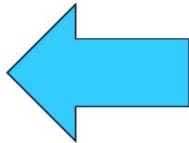
#### Where

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



#### Cost

Single Ticket: \$10.00  
Family Ticket: \$25.00  
Children under 5: Free



*Cash, check, credit cards accepted. Visit our website at: [www.eplions.com](http://www.eplions.com)*

## 5M5 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

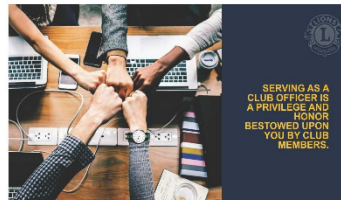
**MAY 5, 2025  
6 p.m.**

**RSVP due May 1**

*Hooray! Club officer training is in person again this year!*

- Training begins with a light dinner.
- Training presentations will be grouped by officer positions.
- Each session will last 45 minutes, including time for questions and answers.
- **RSVP by May 1** to Jennifer Gilbert: [winn0004@gmail.com](mailto:winn0004@gmail.com)
- \$10 per participant will be collected at check-in May 5.

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



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

#### Training for

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

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

#### Questions?

#### Contact

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

#### Sponsored by

5M5  
Global Leadership  
Team

## 5K (Walk or Run)



*"Enjoy the beauty of Maple Grove's lakes,  
streams and our beautiful maple trees"*

### Maple Grove Nature Run

**Saturday May 10, 2025**

*Brought to you by the Maple Grove Lions*



## Crystal Lions Steak Fry

**May 14, 2025**

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

**\$13**

#### Include:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak    Baked Potato  
Coleslaw    Texas Toast    Beverage

*We Appreciate your support!*

*Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!*

You're in Luck!!!  
It's time to think about the Hamel Rodeo!!  
July 10<sup>th</sup> is  
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation  
Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!



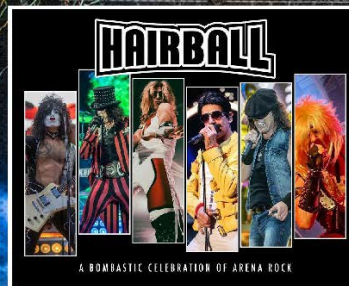
For every ticket sold for the July 10<sup>th</sup> show,  
MNLCCF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

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

**5 shows throughout the weekend**

Thu. 7-10	Fri. 7-11	Sat. 7-12	Sat. 7-12	Sun. 7-13
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

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



Presented by  
Maple Grove Lions  
**THE ROCK N GROVE**  
2025

**Hairball in Maple Grove!**  
**LIVE MUSIC \* BEER \* FOOD**  
**SATURDAY 9.13.25**

**Maple Grove Central Park**

Brought to you by the Maple Grove Lions



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

## 2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

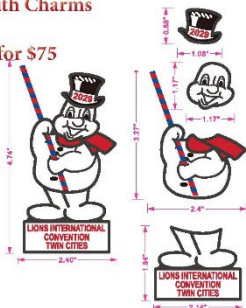
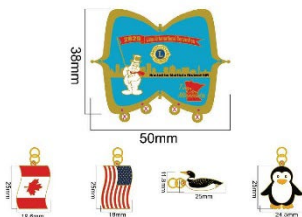
The International Convention is coming to  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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

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

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms  
Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



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

### MD5M PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM



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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email order form to Executive Secretary Cindy Walters at:  
[excutivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org](mailto:excutivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org)

Complete Form and Mail to:  
MD5M Lions  
1915 Waterford Circle  
Chaska, MN 55318

Checks can be made out to MD5M Lions.

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

#### Credit Card Information:

Name On card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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





## Lions Clubs International

### Lions Abbreviations and Terms

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

<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>