



MD5M News



*Happy New Year
and Merry Christmas!*



NEW YEAR WISHES

I WISH YOU HEALTH...

SO YOU MAY ENJOY EACH DAY IN COMFORT.

I WISH YOU THE LOVE OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY...
AND PEACE WITHIN YOUR HEART.

I WISH YOU THE BEAUTY OF NATURE...
THAT YOU MAY ENJOY THE WORK OF GOD.

I WISH YOU WISDOM TO CHOOSE PRIORITIES...
FOR THOSE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER IN LIFE.

I WISH YOU GENEROSITY SO YOU MAY SHARE...
ALL GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO YOU.

I WISH YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY...
AND BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I WISH YOU THE BEST OF EVERYTHING...
THAT YOU SO WELL DESERVE.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FRIEND!



**104th - MD5M Multiple Convention
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre
April 19th-21st, 2024, Winnipeg, MB, Canada**



2024 MD5M Registration Form

Date Rec: _____

You can put two names on a form

Lion Lioness Leo Guest 1st Timer

Name & Title _____ / _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____ State/Prov. _____
 Zip/Postal _____ Phone _____
 District & Club: _____ / _____
 Email _____ / _____

**2024 MD5M FULL
REGISTRATION
\$220.00 CDN
\$165.00 USD
MAKE HOTEL
RESERVATIONS EARLY**

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies _____

(Convention Committee is not responsible for any food allergy reactions - This is a **SCENT FREE** event)

I am attending the convention but **NO** meals are required, \$0.00 cost to attend

Full Hospitality Book (Inc. Friday night event, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet & Sunday Brunch)

	\$ AMOUNT	
Full Hospitality Book	\$220.00 CDN	\$165.00 USD
Friday Night Social	\$ 50.00 CDN	\$35.00 USD
Saturday Breakfast	\$ 35.00 CDN	\$27.00 USD
Saturday Lunch	\$ 50.00 CDN	\$35.00 USD
Saturday Banquet	\$ 65.00 CDN	\$48.00 USD
Sunday Brunch	\$ 45.00 CDN	\$33.00 USD

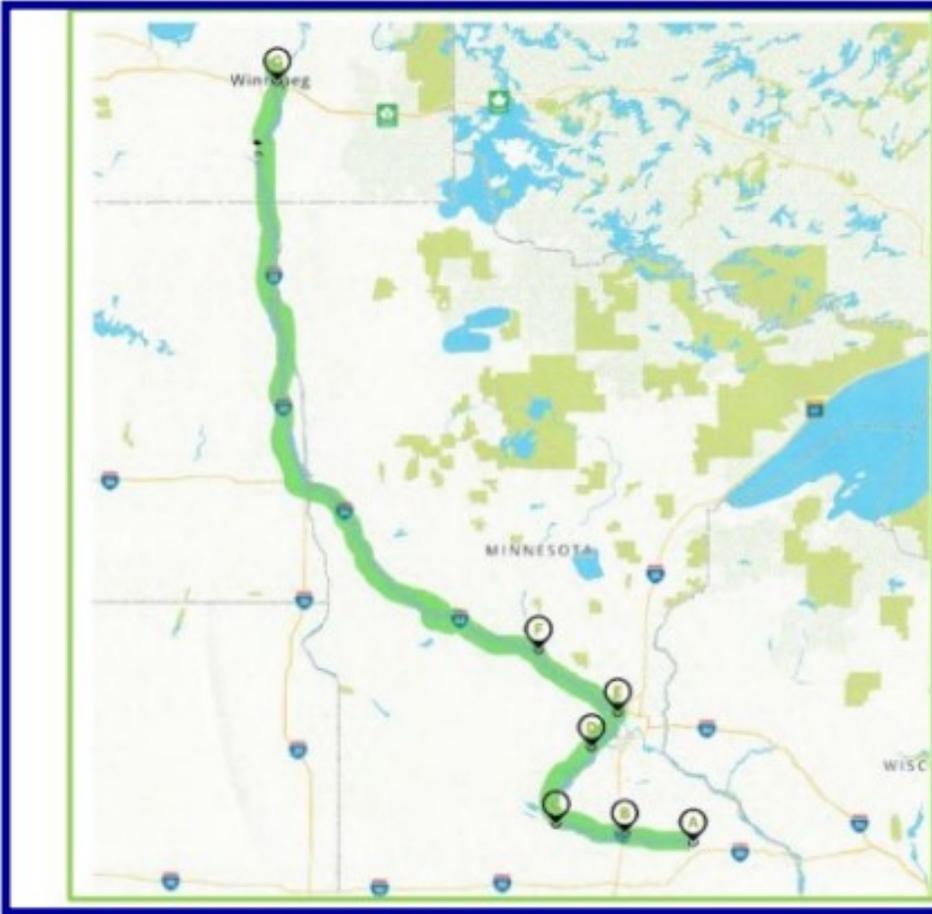
Place Total amount in this box if attending only separate events

NO meals available after March 31st, 2024 - **Make cheques payable to "Lions Convention"**

Mail registrations to: **MD5M Convention % PDG Dave Hollyoake, Box 204, Arnes, Manitoba, Canada R0C 0C0**

Cancellations prior to March 31st, 2024 will have a 25% processing fee applied, NO Cancellations after March 31st, 2024.

HOTEL INFORMATION: Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3H 0G3
 Call 204.786.4801 or 1.877.842.4667 email winnipeg.vicinn.com Ask for Group # 178163 "Lions Convention" rates
 For more information contact: Registration Committee PDG Dave Hollyoake e. 2024md5mconvention@gmail.com
 or his cell 1.204.797.5930 or Convention Chair PDG Doug Wens - cell 1.204.326.0189 e. dougwiens13@gmail.com
 Room rates CDN \$\$ - Standard \$134.00, Deluxe \$144.00, Corporate Floor \$154.00 & Suites @ \$184.00 CDN



Here is a proposed bus trip to the MD5M Convention April 18 to April 21, 2024.

The bus would depart from Rochester at 5:00 AM and make 10 minute stops in Owatonna, Mankato, Chaska, Brooklyn Center, and St. Cloud areas to pick up people.

The cost would be **\$250 per person** and we would need 50 people to cover the cost.

If interested please reply to Terry Zabel lionterryzabel@yahoo.com

MD5M Trip Rochester MN to Winnipeg CA			
	Arrive	Depart	
Rochester MN		5:00 AM	
Owatonna, MN	5:45 AM	5:55 AM	
Mankato, MN	6:45 AM	6:55 AM	
Chaska, MN	7:55 AM	8:05 AM	
Brooklyn Center, MN	8:45 AM	8:55 AM	
St Cloud, MN	9:55 AM	10:05 AM	
Winnipeg, CA		4:30 PM	



MD5M USA Canada Forum attendees!



Bert Nelson for International Director

Pam and I are hopeful that everyone is considering going to the MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, Canada April 19-21, 2024. It is a beautiful city with wonderful attractions. We especially enjoyed visiting the Assiniboine Zoo the last time we were there. The convention is a good place to visit with other Lions outside our own districts and learn what other clubs are doing. It is also the place to be when voting to endorse our next International Director from our great multiple.

I want to be an International Director for Lions Clubs as I want to be involved in keeping our association moving forward to help each other become better stewards of our motto "We serve". There is such a need in our world for Lions to step forward and help wherever we can.

I feel I have the right qualifications to run for International Director which include:

Zone 6 Chairman

District 5M9 Public Relations Chairman

District 5M9 Newsletter Editor

Chairman of three 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions

District Governor 2005-06

Council Chairman 2006-07

MD5M Long Range Planning Committee Chairman

MD5M Public Relations Chairman

MD5M Newsletter Editor

MD5M LCIF Chairman for past 11 years

Certified Guiding Lion

Global Extension Team

Global Leadership Team

Global Service Team

Training Instructor for six groups of incoming governors

Facilitator for 8 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institutes

Facilitator for 1 MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

Assisted on 5 International Director Campaigns for candidates from MD5M.

Campaign Chairman for IP Brian Sheehan

Planning Committee member of 2 USA/Canada Forums

Presenter at 5 USA/Canada Forums

Pam and I want to thank you for your consideration and continued support with my campaign for International Director. We plan to visit your Mid-Winter Conventions and we hope to see you in Winnipeg.

PCC Bert Nelson

lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com

218-298-0932

"LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson greeting volunteers during 5M9's district service project which was possible in part by a grant from LCIF."





Hello Lions,

As some of you already know I am seeking the endorsement of our Multiple District for the office of International Director of Lions Clubs International.

I began my journey as a Lion in 1976 in Warwick RI as a member of the Warwick Lions Club. I was a Lion until 1986 when I left due to a change in employment that prevented me from regularly attending my club meetings. Back then if you missed 3 meetings in a row and did not make them up you were asked to leave! Amazing how things have changed. It was during this time that I developed my passion for sight conservation serving as the vice president of the RI Lions Sight Foundation.

20 years later I was working in Washington DC for the Postal Service when I rejoined Lions as a member of the Springfield Franconia Host Club. I became the club president, served as a Zone chair and became the District Governor for the years 2011-12.

My wife, Lion Cheryl, is originally from Minnesota and in July of 2012 we moved to Stillwater MN to be closer to our shared daughters and grandkids and continued our Lions journey. We are members of the Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions Club in District 5M6.

My passions are sight conversation and leadership development.

I helped to launch the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc. in 2016 and have served as the board chairperson since its inception. To date, through KidSight, Lions in our Multiple District have screened 126,405 kids, with 14,196 referred. That is an amazing job and our Multiple District program placed in the top 10 KidSight programs in the US last year.

My passion for developing leaders began after I completed the Faculty Development Institute in Ottawa in 2011. The next year I was asked by the Leadership Development department at LCI to serve on faculty at an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). I discovered that I could help other Lions develop their true potential as leaders and help make our organization the best it could possibly be.

I have served our Multiple District as the Global Leadership Team Coordinator since 2019. I have been privileged to lead teams of amazing Lions who have helped our District leaders develop the skills necessary to be great leaders.

To read more about my experience and qualifications please visit my website: teamdennis.net and visit our Facebook page, DK3 for ID. You can also email with any questions or if you would like to support my campaign.

We hope to meet many of you at the mid-winter conventions.

Your consideration of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

Dennis W. Kelly, PDG



Happy Holidays from our
family to our Lions family!
Lions Dennis & Cheryl Kelly





Join us for our 35th Anniversary The Fetching Ball

Radisson Blu Mall of America | Saturday, February 17, 2024

Enjoy an evening celebrating the amazing teams of Can Do Canines, with dinner, games, and silent and live auctions – all benefitting the organization.

Visit [candocanines.org/fetching ball](http://candocanines.org/fetching-ball) for more information.

Master of Ceremonies: Rena Sarigianopoulos, KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor



MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Since the inception of the foundation's family needs matching grant program the foundation has provided \$13,000 in much needed financial assistance to 26 families dealing with childhood cancer issues. That number does not include the \$13,000 in club matching funds. Our little foundation is truly making a big splash in helping local children and their families in need.

The foundation has been a two-year minor participant in the July Hamel Rodeo, netting a \$15,000 donation via the rodeo committee and some of its other participants. Seeing what we have to offer, the rodeo committee is offering us an expanded role in 2024. Mark your calendars for July 11-14 2024, and keep your eyes open for more information.

The foundation is lacking one each director in 5M7 and 5M10. The foundation is also on the lookout for a new treasurer, as Lion Tom McCarthy has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2024.

As always, our directors are looking forward for opportunities to speak on behalf of our foundation and the programs we have to offer. Contact information is posted on the foundation's website [MN LIONS CCF \(mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org\)](http://mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org) .

Lastly, please be sure to include our foundation in your Parade of Green and other fundraising ventures.

PDG Jeff Thompson

LIONS PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

A companion to the Peace Poster contest, students who are blind or visually impaired have the opportunity to write on the same theme. The 2023-2024 theme is "Dare to Dream". The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2023. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2009 through November 15, 2012.

Local prizes are awarded as well as one grand prize of \$5,000. A Lions club will need to sponsor an entry. Essays will be due to a Lions Club on November 1, 2023, in order for them to meet the submission criteria to the District.

Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified. Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student. Essay entries cannot have already been published. Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions. Complete rules and entry form can be downloaded from the Lions International website or by this direct link:

https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_vpnlPNd61975.jpg.pdf?v=6.

Please feel free to call or email me if I can answer any questions or provide further information.

Lion Debra Wasserman liondebra@charter.net

Dare to Dream



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Dare to Dream



To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Lions International Peace Poster & Essay Contest

2023-2024 Theme:
Dare to Dream!

Questions:

Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman: liondebra@gmail.com

Peace Poster: PCC Rob Rand - robrandmn@gmail.com



Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. ALL Lions Clubs can sponsor the Peace Poster and Essay Contests. Order your kit today!

lionsclubs.org/peaceposter

[#peaceposter](https://twitter.com/peaceposter)

MD5M to Cairo and beyond...

Where does one begin sharing the experience that has been International Director thus far...It's been an experience that I truly treasure as the people I have met and the service that I have encountered are etched in my soul forever.



I am writing this as I begin my 4th visit as guest speaker and look forward



to the full slate of visits starting in the new year. There will not be a moment to take a breath as every weekend is booked until the end of May 2024 and many already booked for my 2nd year as ID. The visits throughout Canada and the USA are inspiring as I acquire stories of their service to their community and beyond and I share my stories that have inspired me in this Lionistic journey. The stories are what brings us new members and it's the service that will keep them in this organization.



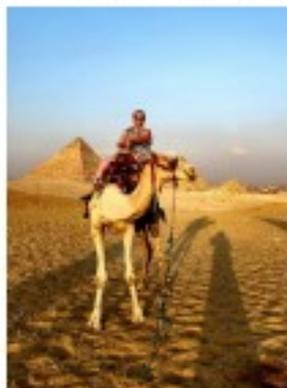
Our Board meeting was productive as we got down to the business within our committees and made sure that the voices from all District concerns and ideas brought forth were considered and addressed as needed. Please know that the role of ID is not only to advise of the business of the board but also to ensure that the issues, concerns, ideas and kudos of all our Lions are brought forth to the committees that will address them. Please share with me your thoughts and challenges as things cannot be addressed if they remain in your head!

Board and committee meetings are long days of discussion, idea formulation and review with the



executive of the strategic direction that our committee needs to consider. From our committees we heard that clarification on family membership needed to be addressed and because many voiced their concerns it was clarified. Family membership only restricts the vote count algorithm...it does not restrict who in the club can vote nor who can hold office. That remains unchanged. Concerns re: 2nd VDG qualifications were heard and a resolution has been approved to go to the

membership for voting on in Melbourne. Salesforce is moving forward and patience is required as staff ensure that it is fully vetted and all potential issues are addressed before moving us to a full transition of a platform that will be easier to use and deliver more of your own data to your own access! How great will it be to be able to



know what your LCIF donations are without having to make a phone call or send an email. Many more positives in the future but we need clubs to continue to report service activities and membership in our current platform as it will all transfer over with Salesforce...so please don't wait...get your info in!



Our travel partners were just as busy as they planted trees, cleaned plastic from the Nile and worked with Leos on local projects.

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Long days turned into enjoyable evenings as we were able to experience the wonder of the pyramids and the Sphinx as we were able to climb into the soul of the pyramid and see where the pharaohs were laid to rest. We listened to the history of these pharaohs in the light presentation in front of the sphinx and from the backs of camels as the handlers shared their knowledge.



We had the great fortune to be hosted by the Lions of Cairo and enjoyed the company, comradery and entertainment that they provided to us. Listening to the stories of service at the meal table brings the realization that even though we are light years apart in geography, we are so very similar in the needs of our communities.

The highlight of our trip however began after the board meeting closed and those of us who had paid to be a part of the service project moved on to Nairobi. There is no sleep involved in a service project event and our day that began with our final board meeting



continued into an evening at the Cairo airport moved into a 3am flight to Ethiopia airport and on to a noonish arrival to the wonderful welcome of the Nairobi Lions and our host Dr. Manoj Shah and his family. Our evening involved a briefing on how we would arrive to the service project site and what groups we would travel in via our Jeep. When I said no sleep, it was also



self inflicted as we chose to meet some of the Leos and Leo-Lions and recruit and induct them while we had a great crew cheering them on. A dozen or more Directors and executive cheered the new recruits into Lionism.



We also got to meet in person the lovely Leo Ivy whose personal mission is Period Poverty and education of the young females in Kenya. Many drop out or don't attend school because of lack of feminine products and how to use them. PDG Angela and I were able to bring supplies and funds for Ivy's mission as did several others. Our extra Kenyan schillings went to the Leos at the end of our trip also. The enthusiasm of this young lady leaves you excited for the future of Lions!



We did eventually sleep but up early the next day in 2 teams to board the small planes that would land us close to the game camps from which we would call home the next few

days. Our Jeep mates were 2 from Virginia State (ID Jay and Nancy) and our British commentator PCC Stewart-Board Appointee. (oh, the English words we learned together!) After a short flight we were greeted by Masaai warriors as they showcased traditional greeting through dance.



Our trip to our tent homes for the next few nights allowed us to bond and enjoy the game preserve and the animals that call it home. The pictures do not do justice to the awe of seeing a mamma elephant suckle her baby only yards from your jeep. Giraffe, water buffalo,



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zebra and gazelle abound on our journey as did our education from our tour guide. Jeep 8 and the best driver in Kenya, Joshua, would prove to be the funnest and perhaps the jeep that had the most conversation. (the things we learned was a reckoning!)



The next day was overwhelming, starting with a game drive very early and then moving into the service portion of our day. We started at the gates of the reserve where Partner in Service Lion Greg presented the environmental project started by he and IP Patti on their last visit. The containers will collect the plastics and hopefully will keep it out of the stomachs of the wild animals who do not know it will kill them if ingested. The containers are



a cost of 700USD and can be supported by any person or club that wishes. Our next stop was a food packaging event and families were presented a bag of goods that would last them about a month.



My heart broke as I handed my bag over, proud that we could help but wondering who would help feed them all next month.



We moved on to a school where, with the help of local lions, we would help do sight screening, dental assessments, diabetes education, feeding program for the kids and dedicate a Library in the name of the board attendees. The children greeted us in a welcome song and then broke into groups to take part in



all the stations.

The registration for screening is where I started and I soon realized getting the kids to "show me" how they could write their name was far more effective than me trying to spell some very unique Kenyan names. The laughter was infectious and it was amazing how so very quickly we all turned into children having fun. In the dental area ID Jay and I ended up being quite the source of entertainment...the glasses on the pale lady were very unique and soon everyone wanted to try them on

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and have their picture taken. Our rapid assistance in the lunch room indoors and outdoors soon had the 1000 students all fed, double their portion of rice and beans, a muffin, a piece of fruit and a soft drink had them eating like kings for a day. One young gal had an injury to her eye that the team from Dr. Shah's facility had assisted and were following to improve her sight in the damaged eye and protect the eye she had remaining.



The next stop had us presenting the solar cookers to families at the Nashulai Conservancy. Here through the auspices of LCIF, and some of the Nordic lions clubs we were able to give 20 or more solar cookers to families. These cookers allowed freedom to the ladies of

the families as they no longer had to chop and carry firewood, tend the fire while the food cooked and inhale the smoke produced. The children no longer needed to help and in turn had time to return to school to learn.

Only 120 USD provided this upgrade to the life and education of the family members. Totally solar driven it could cook a dozen eggs in about an hour and 10 minutes.



We then each planted a tree with village assistance...these trees were all fruit tree and will provide not only shade to the village but a source of food for the community as well. Its such a privilege to have planted a tree in the Lions Forest of Nashulai.



Many of us have pledged the price of a cooker and we are looking at an LCIF grant with several of the Nordic clubs to capitalize on our donation to this village.

We returned to our camp to assist screening the staff that were serving us during our stay. We

expected to screen about 40 and were surprised to have completed over 75 eye screens, diabetes and Blood pressure assessments. Any staff that had issues were immediately addressed by the doctors or optometrists on the team. It was inspiring to work along side our fellow Lions of Kenya.

We all have a skill, a desire to give back, to leave our districts and towns in a better place than they were but our world is so much bigger than we truly know, so many that need our help and so many reasons why Mission 1.5 is so important. We can serve so many more together both with senior Lions



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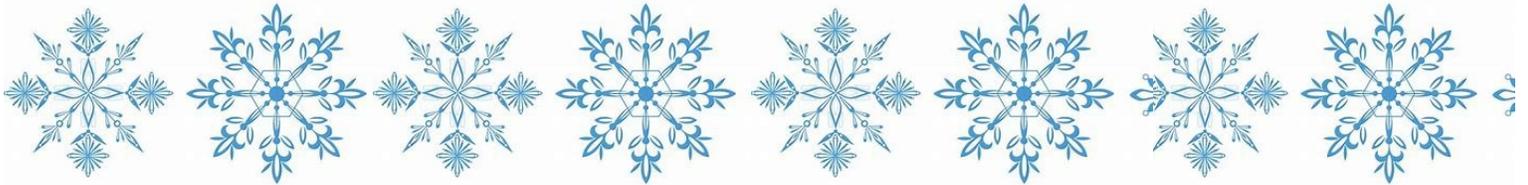
and those who are waiting to join. The need is great...lets all try to make our worlds just a little bit bigger, stretch our service just a little bit wider and do our part to recruit like-minded people to help us on this mission.

The sun will set on our day but somewhere in this world the Lions do not sleep...



International
Director

Joanne Ogdon



DID YOU KNOW!—Lions in Minnesota will be able to purchase Lions license plates for their vehicles starting January 1st, 2024. The initial cost will be \$25.00 for the application fee, \$10.00 for the plates + your normal tab fees. Every year after that is \$5.00 + your normal tab fees.

LET EVERY DAY BE CHRISTMAS

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself.*

Norman Wesley Brooks

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A festive photograph of Christmas decorations on a light-colored wooden surface. It includes a small gold Christmas tree, red and white ornaments, a white gift box with a red ribbon, and dried citrus slices.

MELISSA WEISSE APPOINTED AS LEADER DOG CEO



Leader Dogs for the Blind today announced the appointment of Melissa Weisse as its new President & Chief Executive Officer, following an extensive, national search process. Weisse will replace Susan Daniels, who in May of 2023 announced her intention to retire.

Weisse is an industry-respected nonprofit executive with over 20 years of experience in fundraising and senior management leading staff and services that support people who are blind or visually impaired. Weisse has served as the chief philanthropy officer at Leader Dog since 2008. During this time, Weisse has grown total philanthropic revenue at Leader Dog by 121% and estates revenue by 164% enabling greater client service provision. She also successfully led the largest capital campaign in Leader Dog's history, raising \$14.5 million for the renovation of its world-class canine development center. Weisse is one of just 117 people worldwide to hold the designation of Advanced Certified Fundraising Executive (ACFRE), the highest accreditation for professional fundraisers.

Prior to joining Leader Dog in 2003, Weisse worked for Christie's London as a private client advisor managing an international portfolio of high-net-worth individuals. Weisse graduated from the University of Notre Dame and has a master's degree from the University of Glasgow. She is a graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business Non-Profit Executive Leadership program and sits on the American Foundation for the Blind board of trustees. Weisse is also a proud member of Lions Clubs International.

Leader Dog Chair Kathie Davis said, "After an extensive, national search process, we are delighted to welcome Weisse as our new president & CEO. Weisse is an inspired, results-driven and values-driven leader who has a diverse background of experience and an excellent reputation of leadership in the nonprofit sector and field of blind rehabilitation. She is an industry thought leader with a proven track record of revenue and program growth. The Board looks forward to Weisse realizing the future vision and potential for Leader Dogs for the Blind and the entire community we serve.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Daniels for her leadership. The improvements she has made to the organization's structure, strategy and operations leave Leader Dog well positioned for success. Sue retires after an extremely successful 20-year tenure with our organization."

Weisse said, "Thank you to Sue Daniels for her longstanding dedication and tremendous service to the Leader Dog mission.

"I am honored to be selected as the organization's next President and CEO and to work with our clients and community around the world to advance our important work. I am looking forward to advocating for the Leader Dog mission with our clients to promote greater inclusion and access for people who are blind or visually impaired."

Weisse will commence her leadership role on December 12 with Daniels staying on in an advisory capacity until January 2024.

For additional information, contact Rachele Kniffen, director of communications and marketing at (248) 659-5013.





We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Eye Ball Gala and Thanksgiving events the most successful they have ever been!!!

We are happy to announce we made over \$17,000!! Thanks to all of you for your support!!

Deb Bialke & Kristine Morin



***Thank You for making the 2023
Eye Ball and Thanksgiving for Vision a success.***

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation



MD5M GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Greetings Lions and Leos.

I hope that you and your families are doing well and looking forward to a great holiday season.

Last month we conducted a very successful Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Bemidji MN October 12-15. 37 Lions attended. We had representation from all of our District with District 5M11 leading the pack with 12 Lions attending. We also had 9 Lions attending from Canada. We had an amazing faculty, and we would like to extend our thanks to Lions Matt Huggenvik, Don Kuehl, Linda Albrecht-Norby, Stefanie Nelson, Lisa Kaufmann, and Vince Thiel for giving of their time and effort to deliver a quality product for our attending Lions. We were also assisted by our Executive Secretary Cindy Walters. Our banquet speaker was PID Mike Molenda. Lion Mike was motivating and inspiring.

In the past RLLI was offered every other year. Based on the Leadership Crisis that we face in our Multiple District we will be offering RLLI every year. We will alternate locations between the northern and southern sections of our multiple. Our next session will be held in the southern part of our multiple in October of 2024. We truly believe that RLLI can be a leadership incubator and we hope that making it more convenient to attend will allow more Lions to take advantage of this great training opportunity.

In the spring of 2024, we will be offering an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI). ELLI is designed for Lions who have not yet served as a Club President. This institute will be held in the northern part of our multiple district. Information on location and dates will be released soon.

One week after RLLI we held our 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor Leadership Experience. We have a great group of future leaders, and the future of our multiple district is well assured.

Thanks to our outstanding faculty for their dedication and passion to help make our leaders the best ever. Lions Rob Wiener, Matt Huggenvik, Stefanie Nelson, Rob Hed, and Cindy Walters.

Soon we will be participating in our District's mid-winter conventions. This is a great time to get together, remember those Lions that have set the bar high for service but are no longer with us, and to increase our understanding of what it means to be a Lion.

This is also the time when we are looking for our future leaders to step up and answer the challenge of being a leader. Leadership is the ultimate form of service. We need quality leadership to continue to grow our clubs and members so that we can provide the service that our communities so desperately need.

Have you been asked to be a leader? If so, is this the right time for you? Remember you are not alone on this journey. You have a great team at the District and Multiple District level to help you and guide you on this path.

We are well on our way to alleviating our leadership challenge and making our multiple district what we all believe can be the best multiple district in North America. I hope that you will all join with me in answering this challenge.

Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, PDG

MD5M Global Leadership Team Coordinator



**RLLI
& VDG
training**





We're on a mission to grow.

Lions of MD5M,

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. **MISSION 1.5** starts with you.

When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than make our communities stronger, it makes the world a kinder, healthier and better place to live.

Our International President Dr. Patti Hill is challenging all of us to step up and help grow our association. Dr. Hill is asking all of us to go out and find at least one new member to join our association.

Now more than ever we need to step up and provide more helping hands for our mission. All Lions have been challenged to grow our association and International President Dr. Patti Hill is asking us as Lions to step up and show the world that as Lions we lead by example.

The challenge is simple, recruit at least one new member to our association. As lions of MD5M will you accept the challenge of our International President and sign up that new member?

The challenge is made! Will you accept the Challenge? I Have!!

If you are ready to accept our International Presidents Challenge, hit the reply all button and let your Fellow Lions know that you are on the team to grow our association.

PDG Jay Norby
CA1 GAT Area "C" Leader
IA/MN/ND/SD/WI
Lions International



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Multiple 5M Global Membership Team (GMT)



Multiple 5M Membership: 19,013 (As Of 11/8/23).

To Date Added Members: 657

To Date Dropped Members: 594

Net Gain/Loss: +63

The Global Membership Team (GMT) supports membership development by recruiting new members and promoting positive membership experiences. For membership support in your District, contact your District GMT Coordinator (listed below).

MEMBERSHIP REPORTING:

Please complete monthly membership reporting. Club secretaries need to report before the end of each month. It is important that you report your membership, even if there are no changes. Please note the average percentage of clubs reporting per district in the chart below. Your club secretary is responsible to enter membership. If your club needs help walking through the reporting process, please contact your District Global Membership Coordinator listed below.

<i>District</i>	<i>Total Members</i>	<i>Added Mem- bers</i>	<i>Dropped</i>	<i>Net Gain/ Loss</i>	<i>% Clubs reporting</i>	<i>District GMT Coordinator</i>
5M-1	1750	73	61	12	48%	5M-1 PDG Kerry Bien
5M-2	2272	67	81	-14	68%	5M-2 PCC Brian Thies
5M-3	1026	32	30	2	60%	5M-3 PDG Don Kuehl
5M-4	1457	44	41	3	40%	5M-4 Lion Jason Kerfeld
5M-5	1313	52	47	5	95%	5M-5 PCC Rob Rand
5M-6	1238	48	38	10	56%	5M-6 Lion Matt Trainer
5M-7	1712	80	76	4	45%	5M-7 PDG Judy Herrala
5M-8	2838	109	75	34	63%	5M-8 PDG Terri Bailey
5M-9	1958	72	57	15	58%	5M-9 IPDG Scott Rolfe
5M-10	1047	21	34	-13	36%	5M-10 IPDG Kathryn Smith
5M-11	1574	43	39	4	42%	5M-11 PDG Kami Anderson
5M-13	828	16	15	1	34%	5M-13 IPDG Dwayne Moncur
<i>Total</i>	19,013	657	594	+63	53%	

Let's make this an amazing year for membership in Multiple 5M!

PCC Rob Rand

robrandmn@gmail.com

Global Membership Team (GMT) Multiple Coordinator





MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc.



MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc.

Greetings Lions and Leos,

Our participation at the Minnesota State Fair in the Health Fair 11 building was the best year ever!!!!

Many thanks to the 200+ Lions and friends and family that volunteered to enable us to screen 23,104 kids. We had 350 referred for further evaluation by an eye care professional.

One of the best parts about being at the Fair is the feedback we get from parents who had their kids' eyes checked in the past

"In 2019, we took our baby, Audrey, to the fair and visited the Health Fair 11 vision screening booth organized by the Lions. Now we have three daughters and made sure to visit the vision screening booth again this summer. This time, Audrey was 3 years old and failed the vision screening, despite passing it at her checkup in January 2022.

We took her to the ophthalmologist, and she got her first pair of glasses. There were no other indications she needed glasses, so the doctor told us that we are lucky to find this vision issue at such a young age. We have noticed an increase in her confidence, and she has shown a greater interest in reading books and drawing. We are so grateful!

We visited on Sunday, Sept 4th, and the team of people working the vision screenings were so kind. We hope to continue bringing our kids to the State Fair and will be visiting the vision screening booth each year so our younger daughters (age 2 and 6 months) can have their vision checked too!"

This is what participating in the KidSight program is all about. You have the ability to make a life changing impact in the life of a child. So, why don't we have more Lions and Clubs stepping up to get involved? You did join Lions to serve, didn't you? And this is such an easy way to serve. Please contact your District KidSight director and find out how you can be an active part of this great program.

So far this year Lions have conducted 197 vision screening events, screened 24,153 kids with 3,053 referred for a 12% referral rate.

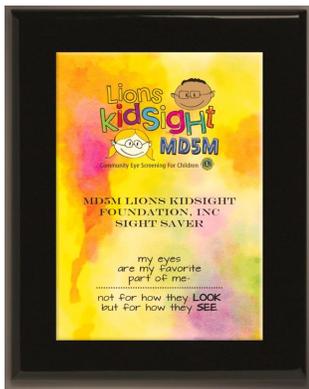
This brings our program total to 134,282 kids screened, 15,187 referred for a 11% referral rate.

Here is a list of your District Directors and their contact information.

Continued on following page.....



District	Name	Email
5M1	David Laechel	dlaechel@charter.net
	Larry Stryker	larryinmn@gmail.com
5M2	Harry Klenke	Lm.klenke@outlook.com
	Margie Jacobson	Lionmargie11@gmail.com
5M3	Cindy LaBrie	Kidsight5m3@outlook.com
	Mark Tollefson	tollie724@gmail.com
5M4	Sara Stricker	sjstrickes@yahoo.com
5M5	Bill Thurston	wjthurston@comcast.net
	Shari Thurston	seethurston@comcast.net
5M6	David Meyer	Dhm49@comcast.net
	Sharon Pitala	sharonpitala@yahoo.com
5M7	Mary Lea Curtis	lionmaryleacurtis@gmail.com
	Deb Johnson	KidSightMD5M.Treasurer@gmail.com
5M8	Carol Breitkreutz	Caroljbreitkreutz@gmail.com
	Sandy Hansen	Sjh361@yahoo.com
5M9	Joe Juettner	bigjoejet@hotmail.com
	Sandy Remington	Purplesandy07@gmail.com
5M10	Dr Jim Molde	nortoneye@gmail.com
5M11 USA	Kevin Reich	kwrrlf@gmail.com
	Dan Vandeventer	Danvan07@gmail.com
5M11 Canada	Bon Popowich	bonniepopowich@gmail.com
	Robert Gosselin	Goodgoose56@gmail.com
5M13	Donna Illerbrun	meridawn12@gmail.com



Award time is fast approaching.

The MD5M Lions KidSight “Sight Saver” award is an excellent way to honor an exceptional Lion, Leo or non-Lion individuals or organizations who have distinguished themselves on behalf of children’s vision and who see and care for the needs of those less fortunate than themselves.

Just fill out the application form, available on the KidSight website.

www.kidsightmd5m.org

And submit with a contribution of \$1000.00 USD.

The award takes about 4 weeks to process.

Parade of Green at your District Mid-Winter Convention is a great way to support the KidSight program. Your club’s contribution will help pay for new screening equipment as well as the cost to maintain the equipment and promote the program in your communities. MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc is a 501c3 corporation which makes it eligible for donations from our charitable gambling clubs.

Please take the time to reach out to your District KidSight director. Find out what you can do to help, we really need you and our kids in our multiple district would really appreciate it.

Additional information on the KidSight program can be found on the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc webpage: <https://www.kidsightmd5m.org/>

Thank you for your support and dedication to help all our kids see clearly.

Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, PDG

Chair, Board of Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc

dkellylion@gmail.com



TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation



Dear 5M8 Lion Clubs,

I write on behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation as I am the District 5M8 member of the Board of Directors. The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was incorporated in February 2022 and was granted 501c3 status by the IRS in June 2022.

“The Mission of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation (501c3) is to empower MD5M Lions clubs to provide greater service by boosting their ability to complete community projects with matching grants.”

Since its beginning, the Foundation has raised over \$50,000 in donations. Our Board has prepared Grant Application forms for up to \$3,000 USD of matching grants and plans to start accepting Grant applications beginning with the 2024-25 Lions year. To do that, the Foundation believes it needs to have \$100,000 in assets. We hope your club will help us achieve that goal.

The sponsor awards of a Foundation pin for a \$100.00 donation and medal for a \$1,000 donation have been approved and we are in the process of selecting a vendor. We believe they will be available for presentation at the upcoming slate of District conventions.

For those of you who have attended the International Convention in Boston, remember how proud you were when we were able to show the attendees the check for over \$52,000.00 which was displayed as the MD5M gift to the Foundation.

As our district representative to the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I would be honored to visit your club and answer any questions you may have. I'd also be available to speak at our upcoming District convention. The Foundation would appreciate any donation, however small, your club could make to the Foundation during its Parade of Green.

On behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I thank you and your club so much for sharing this with your club, your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Lion Donna Mae Landwehr

5M8 Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation Director



Hello from 5M3!

Our district has been very busy working on our service project. We are making beds for children who need them.

The Tracy Lions started this project, but they have gotten support and help from not only the Lions Clubs in our districts but also the communities. We have a small group of Lions who designed and made the bed frames from wood. Another group gets together to sand and stain the pieces. The beds are then assembled as much as can be before delivery. Thanks to generous donations, the Lions were able to purchase an enclosed trailer to haul the beds. Everything needed for the bed is included: the wooden frame, the bedding which includes mattress protector, sheet set, pillow and quilt. All beds are twin size. We have received donations of lumber, mattresses, quilts, pillows, and cash.

We work with Health and Human Services and other agencies to help determine who receives the beds. Anyone who needs or knows of a need of a bed fills out an application. These are carefully reviewed and decided upon.

This is a great service project. We have received so much positive feedback and support.

DG Patty Peterson
5M3

News from District 5M13.

Partner in Service Lion Bill & I have travelled over 2000kms in the last 3 weeks visiting clubs at Zones in our vast geographical area. I have inducted some new members and that has been exciting. As this is my second time as DG in 12 years, we have met old friends whom we had not seen and made new friends as well. When you actually step outside your community in Lionism, we have a very big family all serving in different ways.

I have been working closely with the New (April 2023) Morden Roaring Lions club and getting them on their feet. A Leo club was also started also year and I am the Club Advisor. Both these clubs are of many cultures, Indian, Bangladesh, Ukrainian and Filipino. I really enjoy the passion these individuals show for serving. To date I have visited 19/47 clubs which makes me feel great, and others are booked. We have some clubs that are hurting membership wise, and GMA/GMT have been informed and are planning to meet and assist these hurting clubs.

DG Cheryl McKitrick



Flon Flon Lions celebrated 70 years of service.

Swan River Lions
President Lion Larry
presenting DG Cheryl
with a donation of \$500
to her "Pet Project" Lions
Quest Canada



Newly Chartered Morden Roaring Lions Club
meeting with Guiding Lion Cheryl McKitrick



Rosburn Lions
Club received the
LCIF Model Club
Award from PDG
Gird Kingdon Dis-
trict LCIF
Coordinator.



District 5M9 set a goal to rejuvenate the district with a new, exciting service project. The service project was a combined Breakfast Picnic and Humanitarian Food Packing service project that was created for all clubs and Lions' members of District 5M9. The goal was to pack and distribute meals to the food shelves across the district. We contracted with The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes, a humanitarian food-aid organization, to provide the food and execution of the service project one day event.

We applied for a Community Impact Grant from Lions Club International Foundation and were awarded just shy of \$25,000. This grant award, combined with additional monetary donations received from 7 Lions Clubs within 5M9 and 1 donation from our district, resulted in \$42,915 available in funds, that allowed us to pack a total amount of 142,800 meals.

The number of direct beneficiaries was outstanding. 142,800 meals were packed by 41 Clubs within District 5M9. The 41 Clubs were able to each take 3,482 meals back to their local food shelves.

The depth and reach of this service project had immense impact. According to Sociologists, even the most introverted individual will influence ten thousand other people in his or her lifetime. The following are the actual statistics of those involved in this service project.

- 41 Clubs participated in the service project.
- 359 Lions members volunteered and participated in the service project.
- 166 non-Lion volunteers participated in the service project.
- 359 Lions + 166 non-Lions= 525 Volunteers.
- Utilizing a conservative calculation - if one individual has the power of influence of just 1000 people, that creates an indirect beneficiary of 525,000 individuals.

Short term impact of the project was the 142,800 meals that were provided to those in need across the district of 5M9. Long-term impact is vast which includes: the energy and satisfaction of serving together side by side with fellow Lions at the service project created new friendships, teamwork, and collaboration which will lead to continued joint efforts across the district. 166 non-Lion volunteers now have exposure to Lions International. This is the most grassroots approach to a recruiting method, to have members of our community experience - see, feel and participate in a service project.

The power and impact of this one day of service is indicative of why "We Serve."





Join the 5M Lions Pin Trader Club!!

Did you know that the Lions International Pin Trading Club (LITPC) donated:

- over \$160,000 to the Sight First II Campaign
- Over \$170,000 to Campaign 100
- Annually sponsors the LITPC Youth Scholarship Program!



The LITPC Youth Scholarship Program provides a US\$2,500 scholarship for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lion and/or Leo Club member. LITPC feels the most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship is that it will help young people pursue their education and follow their dreams. **Since 2010, there have been multiple recipients from Minnesota.**

The 5M Lions Pin Trading Club supports the efforts of LITPC with the purposes of fostering and developing friendship, good fellowship, and celebrating/honoring Lions history through the avocation of trading and collecting Lions trading pins. The 5M Lions Pin Trading Club creates an annual 5M Pin Trader pin (example above) as well as a Prestige Pin based off the annual 5M Multiple Pin.

5M Lions Pin Trader Club Membership Application / Renewal Form

Please complete & print clearly the following information.
(Renewal Dues are due July of each year!)

Name _____ Nick Name _____ Spouse _____

Highest Office Held _____ (check one) Past Present

Address _____ City _____

State or Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Email: _____

Club _____ District _____ Multiple District _____

Initial one-time fee \$10.00

Annual Dues (Membership Renewals)\$5.00 (# or years paying for _____)

Your total: \$ _____

(Please send all funds in US Dollars, and make check payable to 5M Pin Traders Club.)

Mail payment to:
PCC Rob Rand
6600 Lyndale Avenue South #600
Richfield, MN 55423



5M1 Mid-Winter Convention

January 12-14, 2024

Empire Event Center, 1517 16th St SW, Rochester, MN 55902



Please fill out one form per person, Print Legibly

No Meal Reservations After January 11, 2024

Lion Leo Guest

Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____ Club _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

No Meals, Registration Only	\$ 0	
Full Hospitality Book (Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet, Sunday Brunch)	\$ 120	
Full Hospitality Book (<i>If you were a Helen Keller, Melvin Jones, Hearing Research Fellowship, Dream Catcher, Sight Saver, 5M1 Hall of Fame Award or Al Jensen recipient between December 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023 You do not have to pay for the Awards Breakfast Saturday</i>)	\$ 95	
Individual Meals if not getting Hospitality Book		
Saturday Breakfast Buffet, Denver Egg Bake	\$ 25	
Saturday Breakfast Buffet Award Winner (See Above)	\$ 0	
Saturday Lunch (<i>Make selection below</i>)	\$ 30	
Saturday Banquet (<i>Make selection below</i>)	\$ 50	
Sunday Brunch, Farmers Classic	\$ 25	
*****Registrations After December 31, 2023	Add \$25*****	\$ 25
Total Enclosed		

Lunch Options:
 Pork Loin
 Roast Turkey
 Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free

Banquet Options:
 Prime Rib
 Boursin Chicken
 Parmesan Walleye
 Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free

Make Checks Payable to District 5M1 Mail to: 1st VDG Bill Kase, 406 8th Ave NW, Kasson, MN 55944

Hotel Reservations: To make hotel reservations call 507-289-8866 or use the link:
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24148.html?groupId=R79PH5X8
 Apache Best Western Hotel 1517 16th Street S.W., Rochester, MN 55902
 Double Queen/Single King room rate: \$126 + tax, Suite or Poolside rate \$139 + tax
 Mention "Mid Winter Lions Convention" to get the convention rate





Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention February 9-11, 2024



NOTE: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

Last Name (#1)	First Name	E-mail address
Address or PO	Club Name	Phone Number
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs
Guest or Spouse Last Name (#2)	Guest or Spouse First Name	Address if Different

Please follow these instructions to register for the convention:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions. *Visiting dignitaries and invited guests will be the only exceptions.*
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Make Checks payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention and mail to:

Lion Laura Maki, 301 E Clinton St., Arlington, MN. 55307

Call Lion Laura with questions-(507) 964-5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net
- **Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to Lion Laura at the above address or call.**
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before Jan. 12, 2024– Full refund; January 13-February 2- 90% refund; after Feb. 2-no refund.

NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024

****Hotel provides Continental Breakfast free of charge****

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		Registration Fee: Early Bird (post marked by 12/15/23) = \$30.00 Regular (post marked after 12/16/23 & day of) = \$40.00	
		All Meal Package \$ 58.00 (Includes Sat. Lunch and Sat. Banquet)	
Ex. (A- Cheeseburger)	(B)	Saturday Lunch \$ 21.00 Please choose one; add letter and meat under guest A. Classic Cheeseburger (includes chips, pasta & a cookie). B. GF burger & bun option (includes sweet potato fries) C. Vegan black bean burger topped w/ vegan cheese (includes sweet potato fries)	
		Saturday Banquet \$ 37.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Honey roasted pork loin (GF), zucchini medley, roasted baby reds B. Vegan Cauliflower Steak, seasoned and grilled, served with roasted potatoes **Dessert = cup cakes	
Ex.(A- Crispy)		Cabinet Meeting (not included in meal pkg.) \$ 21.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap – grilled or crispy chicken, must specify B. Cobb Salad (GF) – grilled chicken	
Total Meal Cost			
Total Registration Fees			
Grand Total Meals & Registration			

*** Name tags will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in
and must be worn to allow entry to meals and all events!***



5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention
February 16-18, 2024
Best Western, Fairmont MN
MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

REGISTRATION FORM

Title _____ Lion Guest 1st Timer

Title _____ Lion Guest 1st Timer

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Lions District: _____

Lions District: _____

Club Name: _____

Club Name: _____

DISCOUNTED BOOKLETS **-Prices reflect cost of Speakers, Entertainment & Extras at Convention**

EVENT CHOICES:	Before Jan 24	After Jan 24	#Attending	\$ Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for meals				
** Meal Booklet (all meals)	\$80.00	\$95.00	_____	\$ _____
** 1 st Timers Special Price	\$65.00	\$80.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon Luncheon	\$27.00	\$32.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$37.00	\$42.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$22.00	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
"I WANNA BE A LEO" (ages 12-18)	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Meal Packet				
	Total Amount			\$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

District 5M3 Lions (memo-Mid Winter Conv)

Mail Completed Form and Payment to:

5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

% IPDG Donald Kuehl

141 2nd Ave.

Jackson, MN 56143

Cell: 507-841-4917

Home: 507-847-3126 ddkuehl@msn.com

Room Reservations:

Best Western - Fairmont, MN: 507-238-4771

*Make reservations by January 24

*Tell them you are with "Lions 5M3"

Room Rates - \$109.00 + tax



2024 MID WINTER CONVENTION

45TH DISTRICT 5M4 LIONS MIDWINTER CONVENTION

JANUARY 26, 27, AND 28, 2024

WILLMAR CONFERENCE CENTER, WILLMAR, MN

Please make your own Room Reservation

HOST HOTEL - BEST WESTERN PLUS, WILLMAR, MN
2100 E HIGHWAY 12, WILLMAR, MN 56201

320-235-6060

OUR ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ON DEC. 29, 2023



Theme: 'Made in Minnesota'



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Club _____
 Lion's Title _____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Non-member _____
 Name: _____ Club: _____
 Lion's Title _____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Non-member _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Guest Children _____ Ages _____
 Guest Children _____ Ages _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

REGULAR CONVENTION PACKAGE (INCLUDES ALL MEALS) REGISTER BY DECEMBER 19, 2023
 _____ @ \$125.00 Regular Attendees _____ @ \$50.00 First Time Attendee (Dist. 5M4 only)
 _____ @ \$50.00 Children 12 and Under

REGULAR CONVENTION PACKAGE (INCLUDES ALL MEALS) REGISTER DEC 20, 2023 OR AFTER
 _____ @ \$135.00 Regular Attendees _____ @ \$50.00 First Time Attendee (Dist. 5M4 only)
 _____ @ \$50.00 Children 12 and Under

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR BANQUET MEAL: Walleye _____ Turkey _____ (note how many each)
 Any special dietary needs? _____

For those attending ONLY Saturday or Sunday (no meals sold on site)

Breakfast _____ @ \$25.00 / Lunch _____ @ \$30.00

Banquet _____ @ \$40.00 / Please include your meal choice: Walleye _____ Turkey _____

Sunday Brunch _____ @ \$30.00 Any special dietary needs? _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

ALL REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10, 2024

Cancellations after January 10, 2023 will be charged \$20. Cancellations after January 15, 2024 - no refund.

Make Checks Payable to: District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter Convention Fund

Send to: Schellberg Lions, 6233 97th Ave. NE, Spicer, MN 56288

Credit Card _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Printed Name _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? CALL : 320-894-8643

OR E-MAIL: spicerlioncraig@gmail.com



2024 MID WINTER CONVENTION

45TH DISTRICT 5M4 LIONS MIDWINTER CONVENTION
JANUARY 26, 27, AND 28, 2024
WILLMAR CONFERENCE CENTER, WILLMAR, MN

Leo and
Champions
registration form

HOST HOTEL - BEST WESTERN PLUS, WILLMAR, MN
2100 E HIGHWAY 12, WILLMAR, MN 56201 • 320-235-6060

A special January 27 is planned for you!



Theme: 'Made in Minnesota'



**A full day of events on Saturday just for you
Leos and the Sauk River Champions Club!**

- Recycling project • Pizza 'Lunch & Learn' with Leader Dogs and their partners
- "How does it feel to be blind?" - lunch in the dark, white cane training, and Leader Dog test drive!

LEO & SAUK RIVER CHAMPIONS REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Club _____
 Lion's Title _____ (President, etc.)
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

Pizza Lunch ____ (how many?) @ \$15.00 - Includes pizza, a beverage, and dessert
 (all served while you are wearing a blindfold so you can feel what it's like to be blind
 and eating your lunch)
 Any special dietary needs? _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

ALL REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10, 2024

Cancellations after January 10, 2023 will be charged \$20. Cancellations after January 15, 2024 - no refund.
 Make Checks Payable to: District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter Convention Fund
 Send to: Schellberg Lions, 6233 97th Ave, NE, Spicer, MN 56288

Credit Card _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Printed Name _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? CALL : 320-894-8643 OR E-MAIL: spicerlioncraig@gmail.com



CONVENTION 2024 - JANUARY 26, 2024 - FRIDAY EVENING FUN
FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY TREATS

Potluck



What is more 'Minnesota' than a potluck get together?

Friday Hospitality Night will be extra fun this year! Put on your best MINNESOTA gear (sports teams, fishing gear, hunting gear, or your best plaid shirt) and come to have fun!
 Like any good gathering in Minnesota - we are asking that you bring an appetizer/snack to share with your fellow Lions! If you want to share the recipe - just bring a recipe card to put by it - people can snap a photo of your recipe!

You betcha- it will be GOOD!



WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE



We Serve

**2024 District 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention Hilton DoubleTree Hotel,
Bloomington, MN January 5 - 7, 2024**

Meal ticket requests must be received by December 29th.

Hospitality Book and Individual Meal Ticket Form

Lions Club:

Lion Picking Up Books/Tickets:

Full Hospitality Book(s)

	QTY	PRICE		TOTAL
Hospitality Book(s):		\$125	per book	

*Includes: Saturday Luncheon
Saturday Evening Dinner
Sunday Brunch*

Individual Meal Ticket(s)

	QTY	PRICE		TOTAL
Saturday Luncheon:		\$45	per ticket	
Saturday Evening Dinner:		\$55	per ticket	
Sunday Brunch:		\$35	per ticket	

Grand Total:

Please note if you have special dietary needs:

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

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

Mail this form and check to:

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

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

Meal ticket requests must be received by December 29th.



**Lions District 5M6
46th Annual Mid-Winter Convention
Individual Registration**

Lion Leo Guest

Lion Leo Guest

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB: _____

Check if this is your first 5M6 Convention

Check if this is your first 5M6 Convention

Please specify any dietary needs _____

Please specify any dietary needs _____

MEAL	EARLY BIRD COST	AFTER 12/15 COST	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
Convention Fee <i>Applies to All attending</i>	\$20 USD	\$20 USD		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	\$40 USD	\$50 USD		
SATURDAY LUNCHEON	\$50 USD	\$60 USD		
Convention Package Includes convention fee & all meals <i>SAVE \$10</i>	\$100 USD	\$110 USD		
NEW MEMBER LUNCH FEE <i>July 1 – Dec. 15, 2023</i>	\$25 USD	\$30 USD		

New members joining Lions from July 1, 2023 – December 15, 2023 will receive a discounted lunch fee for recognition of attending the new member orientation and luncheon.

Check # _____ Meal registrations will not be accepted after December 22, 2023.

Mail this registration & check to:
Check payable to: Lions 5M6

PDG Carol Farley, District Treasurer
1835 Fifth Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967

Meal cancellations accepted and refunded prior to December 22, 2023 with a \$10 fee for cancellation.

Welcome To Midwinter!

We would like to welcome you to our 2024 5M6 Midwinter Convention. A great District Convention is being planned for you.

What's new in 2024?

- Two-day convention ending by 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 13th at the conclusion of the District Business Meeting.
- *New Member Orientation Seminar* held on Saturday prior to the Luncheon. New members joining between July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 will be recognized during our lunch program on Saturday. New members attending the luncheon will receive a 50% discount to attend our luncheon. Meal for new members will be \$25.

What's Back in 2024?

- Hospitality Rooms (Friday only) **GAME ON! Theme**
- Charitable Gambling Seminar (Friday)
- Celebration of Life Service (Friday)
- Informative Breakout Sessions
- Inspirational Speakers
- Service Project Activity
- First Timer's Contest

We hope to see you at our 2024 Midwinter Convention!

Lion Judy Zewers
District Governor
jzewers@aol.com

Lion Dave Dominick
Convention Co-Chair
David.dominick@ymcamn.org

Lion Kim McRunnel
Convention Co-Chair
kmcrunnel@gmail.com

All convention information will be available on our District website:
<https://lions5m-6.org/conventioninformation>



5M7 Mid-Winter Convention

Discover Your Passion

District Governor Peter would like us to "Discover our Passion" this year at convention. Do you know what happens to people when they become passionate about something?

- We lose track of time
- Our batteries get charged
- We want to know more
- We can't stop thinking about it
- It is easy to meet people interested in it

It is time to lose ourselves in a weekend of fun and celebration with our fellow Lions.



District Governor Peter Lendway and the convention committee invite you to:

Come one, come all...to our 5m7 46th Annual Mid-Winter Convention at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St Cloud.
January 12-14, 2023

More information is to come soon to your club, facebook, website and the Gram.

Stay tuned!

Lion Judy , Convention Co-Chair

5m7 only
information
available at
this time

2024 5M-8, 46th MID-WINTER CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

“Working Together in Mentorship”

February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2024: Best Western/ Kelly Inn, St. Cloud



We Serve



Use the camera on your smartphone on the QR code

← or visit the website:

<https://form.jotform.com/232764077429161>

One form per family unit, please. Clubs may bundle individual forms and submit group payment. Send full payment with this registration form per instructions below.

TITLE/NAME: _____ CLUB/DIST: _____

TITLE/NAME: _____ CLUB/DIST: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2024 (NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE)

TOTAL PACKAGE: (INCLUDES MEALS & REG. FEE) \$85.00@ = \$ _____

TOTAL PACKAGE: (PAYING AFTER DECEMBER 01, 2023) \$90.00@ = \$ _____

1ST TIMER DISCOUNT PACKAGE (\$60 AFTER DEC 1, 2023) \$55.00 /\$60.00 = \$ _____

REGISTRATION ONLY \$15.00@ = \$ _____

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS: SATURDAY BREAKFAST \$15.00@ = \$ _____

SATURDAY LUNCHEON \$20.00@ = \$ _____

SATURDAY BANQUET \$35.00@ = \$ _____

SUNDAY BRUNCH \$20.00@ = \$ _____

If paying for the Saturday Banquet (EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS INCLUDED IN TOTAL PACKAGE), please indicate the number of people selecting each food choice:

___ 8oz Choice Top Sirloin

___ 8oz Sautéed Chicken Breast

Special Dietary needs: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: “ 5M-8 CONVENTION COMMITTEE”

MAIL TO: 5M-8 CONVENTION COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 445
Princeton, MN 55371

QUESTIONS:
612-390-6742
dthompson1530@gmail.com

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Best Western/ Kelly Inn, St. Cloud. 320-258-8404

Block of rooms have been reserved under 5M8 Convention at a rate of \$114 plus tax and fees, per night.



5M9 Mid-Winter Convention



Hosted by the Vergas Lions
January 5, 6 & 7, 2024
Shooting Star Convention Center

First Timer Registration Form

Each First Timer must fill out this form completely, and return it with the payment, made out to the 2024 Mid-Winter Convention for registration or individual meal requests.

Please Print Clearly:

Year Joined Lions _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME OF LION CLUB: _____

CHECK BOX THAT APPLIES: NEW MEMBER 2023 BEFORE 2023

SPONSOR NAME:

Club:

FIRST TIMER & NEW MEMBER 2023 \$70.00 _____

FIRST TIMER & LION BEFORE 2023 \$75.00 _____

MEAL	COST	
Saturday Pride Breakfast	\$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$25.00	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch	\$20.00	\$ _____
TOTAL REMITTED		\$ _____

HANDICAP SEATING NEEDED _____ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____ (EXPLAIN ON BACK)

Please Mail this form with payment to:

5M9 Mid-Winter Convention
Lion Jake Jacoby
1030 E. Scharf Ave.
Vergas, MN 56587

Please make duplicate copies of this form for all of your first timers.

2024 5M9 Mid-Winter



SHOOTING STAR HOTEL
FOR RESERVATIONS
CALL: 1-800-453-7827
Group #: 13658

ROOM RATES:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 - \$70.00 + Tax
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 - \$85.00 + Tax
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 - \$85.00 + Tax
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 - \$70.00 + Tax





**Lions District 5M-10 2024 Midwinter Convention
January 19-20-21, 2024**

**Fortune Bay Resort & Casino
1430 Bois Forte Road, Tower, Minnesota 55790**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
(Please Circle all that apply: Lion LEO Spouse First Timer)

Name _____
(Please Circle all that apply: Lion LEO Spouse First Timer)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club Name _____

Hospitality Book - (Includes all convention meals**): *Indicate number of books needed.*

**** Included is the Saturday Breakfast in the Tamarack Dining Room**

Early Bird Price - Prior to December 15, 2023 _____ at \$125.00 US Funds = \$ _____

After December 15, 2023 _____ at \$156.00 US Funds = \$ _____

Total Hospitality Book Amount: \$ _____

OR IF Purchasing ONLY Individual Meals Preferences:

Friday Night Mixer	_____	at \$35.00 us	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	_____	at \$45.00 us	\$ _____
Governor's Banquet	_____	at \$65.00 us	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch	_____	at \$30.00 us	\$ _____

Individual Meals only Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to Virginia Lions Club and mail registration form to:

Virginia Lions Club PO Box 687 Virginia, MN 55792-0687

Hotel Accommodations : *Should be made directly with Fortune Bay Resort.*

Convention Rate - \$155.00, plus tax. For Lodging call: Fortune Bay Resort & Casino
218-753-6400 or 1-800-992-7529 (Mention Lions Convention)

Questions/Comments?

Please contact Lion Tim Riordan, tim.riordan@icloud.com, (218) 780-5524
or Lion Brad Hejda, brhejda@outlook.com, (218) 780-7619



2024 5M11 Midwinter Convention

January 26-28, 2024

Shooting Star Casino Mahnommen, MN

Plant the Seed



I am a: Lion Leo Guest 1st Timer

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____

Phone(s): _____ Zip: _____

Club (and District if outside 5M11): _____

Email(s): _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

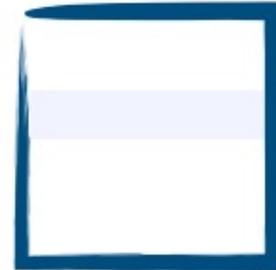
Hospitality Book Options

* Full hospitality book includes all meals Saturday and Sunday only *

* Please circle your selections *

	March 1st- July 31st	August 1st- November 31st	December 1st- January 10th
Full Hospitality Book USD	\$90	\$100	\$110
Full Hospitality Book CAD	\$100	\$110	\$120

Total Amount Due



Make checks payable to
Lions Convention

Mail form and check to
St. Hilaire Lions Club
% Midwinter Convention
PO Box 142
St. Hilaire MN 56754

	USD	CAD
Optional Friday Night Meal	\$20	\$25
Saturday Breakfast	\$20	\$25
Saturday Lunch	\$25	\$30
Saturday Banquett	\$40	\$45
Sunday Brunch	\$25	\$30

Friday Night dinner will be a pasta buffet. Tickets to dinner must be purchased ahead of time and no tickets will be available at the door. This cost is in addition to the full hospitality book.

Cancellations prior to January 11th will have a 25% processing fee applied.

No cancellations after January 11th

To book a hotel room contact Shooting Star Casino at 800-453-7827 and ask for the room block for the 5M11 Lions Convention.

For more information contact Convention Chair Lion Christy Klemz at 719-289-2309 or cshel89@gmail.com



Lion's MD5M13
40th Annual District Convention



February 23-25, 2024

Canad Inns Destination Centre, 2401 Saskatchewan Ave West, Portage la Prairie, MB

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Club: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Contact #: _____
 Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions: _____

Lion
 Leo -\$70
 Guest

Check if this is your
 First Convention

Registrant #1:

Full Convention - Early Bird (January 20, 2024)	\$140	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Convention - Standard	\$160	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banquet Evening Only	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Banquet Friday Evening - Sock Hop Theme 		

Name: _____ Club: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Contact #: _____
 Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions: _____

Lion
 Leo -\$70
 Guest

Check if this is your
 First Convention

Registrant #2:

Full Convention - Early Bird (January 20, 2024)	\$140	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Convention - Standard	\$160	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banquet Evening Only	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Banquet Friday Evening - Sock Hop Theme 		

Forward registration forms with cheque/money order/E-Transfers in Canadian Funds, payable to:

5m13 Lions District Convention
 Box 340, Crystal City, MB R0K 0N0

E-Transfers can be sent to: district5m13lions@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please call 204-873-2091

Room Reservations:

Canad Inns Destination Centre Portage la Prairie: 204-857-9745

Group ID #: 485503 (Rooms held until January 24, 2024)

Rates: \$127 plus taxes – 1 Queen Bed with Pullout
 \$139 plus taxes – 2 Queen, 2 Double, or 2 King Room



Being the Change





LIONS FOUNDATION
of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario

Lions Vision

Helping Hands

Lions Hearing

Serenity Suites

info@lionsfoundation.ca

520 Sherbrook ST

Winnipeg MB R3B2W6

204-784-1650



We Serve

Websites to know

Lions International:
www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 5M:
www.lionsmd5m.org

Lions Program Sites

Can Do Canines:
www.candocanines.org

KidsSight MD5M:
www.lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): www.lcif.org

Leader Dog for the Blind:
www.leaderdog.org

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:
www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

MN Lions Hearing Foundation:
www.5mhf.org

MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center
www.MNLERC.org

MN Lions Vision Foundation:
www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org

Project New Hope:
www.projectnewhope.net

Lions Foundation of Manitoba & Northwest Ontario:
www.lionsfoundation.ca

Lions Foundation of Canada
Dog Guides :
www.dogguides.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

MD5M Multiple Convention

April 19– April 21, 2024 Winnipeg

Lions International Convention

June 21-25, 2024 Melbourne, Australia

July 4-8, 2025 Mexico City, Mexico

July 3-7, 2026 Atlanta Georgia USA

July 2-6, 2027 Washington DC USA

June 23-27, 2028 Singapore

Date TBD 2029 Minneapolis MN

USA/CANADA Forum

September 2024 Louisville, Kentucky

September 2025 Atlantic City, New Jersey

Date TBD, 2026 Memphis Tennessee

