

GST GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM CABINET REPORT

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List highlights of what is new with your area of cabinet service since our meeting on March 30, 2026.

As we begin a new Lions year, our Global Service Team (GST) looks back at what District 5M-5 accomplished through service last Lion Year. 2025–2026 was an extraordinary year for service in 5M-5. Combined Lion Portal reporting from our 37 Lions clubs and 9 Leo clubs shows:

- 531,299 people served,
- 17,121 volunteers, and
- 61,433 volunteer hours.

Our Lions and Leos also reported more than \$1.2 million raised and more than \$1.3 million donated to support our communities and causes. While not all activity was reported, 100% of our Lions and Leo clubs did file some reports in Lion Portal during the year. The Lion Portal numbers represent much more than statistics. The numbers represent Lions and Leos who gave their time, talents and hearts to helping others and strengthening their communities.

We want to recognize PDG Lion Bernie Braegelman, who served as 5M-5 GST Coordinator for the past several years. Lion Bernie consistently connected with clubs, encouraged reporting, helped clubs understand why service and reporting matters. She kept service and its impact in front of our members. Lion Bernie has been a key part of club and District service activities, helping to plan, promote and conduct service initiatives.

The Lion Portal numbers represent the work 5M-5 Lions and Leos, but Bernie's persistence helped ensure that their service was seen, counted and celebrated. Bernie, thank you for the years of service and leadership you've given to GST and 5M-5. You have built a strong foundation, and we look forward to building on it.

List what your area of cabinet service is planning this lion year.

The MD5M and 5M-5 Monthly Service Topic calendar was listed August Informer newsletter and is in this report. Monthly, GST's column in Informer provides service updates and ideas. The monthly themes are idea starters — not assignments.

The purpose of the calendar is to offer ideas, spark conversations, encourage collaboration, and provide opportunities for clubs to discover new ways to serve. These themes are intended to complement — not replace — the service clubs are already doing. Clubs should participate in whatever way fits their community, members and available time. If your club already has a great service project planned, you don't have to change the timing. There is no expectation that clubs change existing service projects or schedules to fit a monthly theme. Many clubs already have established service projects and timing that may align with — or be completely different from — the monthly focus. That's okay.

Monthly Service Themes:

- July – Vision,
- August – Youth,
- September – Childhood Cancer,

- October – Vision LCI Vision Week: October 8–18,
- November – Diabetes, December – Humanitarian,
- January – LCIF / Disaster Relief,
- February – Youth LCI Youth Week: February 13 – 21,
- March – Hunger,
- April – Vision & Hearing,
- May – Humanitarian / Mental Health,
- June – Environment LCI Environment Week: May 29 – June 6.

New year, ten 5M-5 Lions and Leos said Yes to serving GST Service Champions. They will help encourage and promote service throughout District 5M-5. Representing 10 different 5M-5 clubs,

Service Champions will serve as service idea generators, service communicators, service connectors. They will brainstorm and share service and community partnership ideas, resources and opportunities related to MD5M and 5M-5 monthly service focus themes. sharing ideas, connecting clubs with opportunities, highlighting successful service and helping us tell the story of Lions and Leos in action.

Service Champions are not expected to do the work for clubs. Rather, they will help make service more visible, encourage Lions and Leos to share the difference they are making.

Thank you GST Service Champions for stepping forward to make service more visible and engaging throughout 5M-5! GST welcomes your ideas! If you have an idea to share about service – share it with us! GST is part of Service Planning for 5M-5's 2027 Mid-Winter Convention, the district and MD5M!

Encourage your club to keep up with timely Lion Portal reporting (preferably, when an activity, meeting, donation or fundraiser is completed) and with sharing your club's story on social media platforms (district, club, member, community partner pages, etc.).

Reporting and Sharing service stories lead to great storytelling and increased visibility for our Lion and Leo service!

If you would like help with Lion Portal reporting, or would like to join the 5M-5 Service Champion team, contact Lion Sara McFee, 5M-5 GST Coordinator at LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com

GST Vision: Every Lion and Leo engaged.
Every community stronger. Every act of service celebrated.