

INFORMER



November 2025

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead

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Congratulations to

Hopkins Lions Celebrating 87 Years!

November 28, 1938

New Hope Lions Celebrating 72 Years!

November 19, 1953

Plymouth Lions Celebrating 66 Years!

November 4, 1976

Rogers Lions Celebrating 49 Years!

November 4, 1976

Brooklyn Center Lady Lions Celebrating 5 Years!

November 18, 2020





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
April Brigham	Michael Crenshaw	Brooklyn Park Lions
Lemuel Tenwah	Terry Parks	Brooklyn Park Lions
Michael Meland	Russell Skovera	Crystal Lions
G Doug Brown	Robert Bergan	Eden Prairie Lions
Sharon Groven	Mike Groven	Eden Prairie Lions
Sandy Froehling	Nora Scallen	Excelsior Lions
Paul Thierry	James Flattum	Excelsior Lions
Linda Thierry	James Flattum	Excelsior Lions
Brad Will	Mike Filippi	Excelsior Lions
Cindy Morin	Robert Morin	New Hope Lions
Aaron Hardina	Brad Sutton	Robbinsdale Lions
Patty Brunn	David Christian	Rogers Lions
Jennifer Williams	Susan Halgrimson	Rogers Lions
Patrick Loaney	Karen Zimpfer	Rogers 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](#)

Thank you to all members who shared the opportunity!!
You Rock!! Welcome New Lions!

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

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 25th To this email: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

November 2025

<u>11/01/2025</u>	MN Lions Vision Thanksgiving for Vision	Holiday Inn St. Cloud	
<u>11/01/2025</u>	Hopkins Lions Share & Shop		
<u>11/01/2025</u>	Northeast Lions Holiday Nut Sale		
<u>11/02/2025</u>	Daylight Savings FALL BACK	T B D	2:00 AM
<u>11/08/2025</u>	Maple Grove Holiday Boutique	Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road	9 AM to 4 PM
<u>11/10/2025</u>	All Club Meeting	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5:30 PM Social 6:00 PM Dinner
<u>11/12/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
11/20/2025	Give to the Max Day		
<u>11/22/2025</u>	Robbinsdale Lions Bingo & Meat Raffle	Wicked Wort	3:00 PM
<u>11/22/2025</u>	Hamel Lions Food Drive	Hamel Community Center 3200 Mill Drive, Hamel	10 AM to 2 PM
<u>11/28/2025</u>	Excelsior Lions Christmas in Excelsior	Historic Water Street	10 AM to 6 PM
<u>11/29/2025</u>	Excelsior Lions Christmas in Excelsior	Historic Water Street	10 AM to 6 PM

December 2025

<u>12/02/2025</u>	Hopkins Lions-Annual Holiday Party	Hopkins Elk Club 30 8 th Avenue S, Hopkins	5:30 PM Social 6:15 PM Dinner 7:15 PM Show Starts
<u>12/05/2025</u>	Project New Hope Retreat	Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN	NA
<u>12/05/2025</u>	Robbinsdale Reindeer Games Bar Crawl	Marna's, Eagles Nest, Pig At My Pizza, Birdhouse, Wicked Wort	
<u>12/06/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Holiday Market & Bake Sale	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	10 AM to 3 PM
<u>12/06/2025</u>	Eden Prairie Lioness Lions Art & Craft Fair	Grace Church 9101 Eden Prairie Road	9 AM to 4 PM
12/06/2025	Brooklyn Park Lions Breakfast with Santa	Brooklyn Park Community Center Grandview Room	7:30 AM to 12 Noon
<u>12/10/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
<u>12/12/2025</u>	KS95 for Kids Radiothon-MN Lions Childhood Cancer	Mall of America Rotunda	
<u>12/19/2025</u>	Lions Night at the MINNESOTA FROST	Grand Casino Arena 199 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul	7 PM

January 2026			
01/09/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 1	Sheraton Minneapolis West 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, MN	Noon
01/10/2026	5M5 Cabinet Meeting, at MWC	Sheraton Minneapolis West	TBD
01/10/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 2	Sheraton Minneapolis West	TBD
01/11/2026	Mid-Winter Convention, Day 3	Sheraton Minneapolis West	TBD
01/14/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
February 2026			
02/11/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
March 2026			
03/11/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
03/14/2026	Council of Governors	TBD	TBD
03/31/2025	GMT Speed Learning	Hamel Community Center	6 PM to 8 PM
03/30/2026	5M5 Cabinet Meeting	TBD	TBD
April 2026			
04/08/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
04/13/2026	All Club Meeting	TBD	TBD
04/23/2026	MD5M Convention, Registration	Sheraton Minneapolis West	5 PM to 7 PM
04/23/2026	Council of Governors	Sheraton Minneapolis West	7 AM to Noon
04/24/2026	MD5M Convention, Day 1	Sheraton Minneapolis West	Noon to 11 PM
04/25/2026	MD5M Convention, Day 2	Sheraton Minneapolis West	6:30 AM to 9 PM
04/25/2026	Northeast Mpls Lions Bowling Event	Elsie's Bowling & Restaurant 729 Marshall Street	11 AM Sharp
04/26/2026	MD5M Convention, Day 3	Sheraton Minneapolis West	7 AM to 12:15 PM
May 2026			
05/01/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	TBD	NA
05/13/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
June 2026			
06/05/2026	Project New Hope Retreat Dates	TBD	NA
06/10/2026	Crystal Lions Steak Fry	Crystal VFW 5222 Bass Lake Road	5 PM to 7 PM
06/20/2026	Special Olympics USA Games (June 20th to 26th)		
July 2029			
06/29/2029	LCI Convention Day 1	Minneapolis, MN	Various
06/30/2029	LCI Convention Day 2	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/01/2029	LCI Convention Day 3	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/02/2029	LCI Convention Day 4	Minneapolis, MN	Various
07/03/2029	LCI Convention Day 5	Minneapolis, MN	Various



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Serve with Passion!

One a Day.

Sounds like a vitamin. And, in a way, it is.

During a meeting October 18 between MD5M district governors and Lions International President A.P. Singh we were challenged to recruit the equivalent of 1 new member a day by the end of this Lion Year (June 30, 2026).

That is 365 new members across 5M-5 in just one year!

Before you roll your eyes and say no way...think about the fact that 5M-5 can achieve it.

We currently have 37 clubs and 1,360 members. We only need 301 new members between now and June 30 to meet A.P.'s challenge ***We can do it!***

Challenge your club members to invite family and friends to your meetings and service activities. Welcome potential members, invite them to share the ideas, talk about the opportunities to develop skills that help in their service and in their work settings!

November Challenge By November 30, take the lead:

- Challenge your club members to bring 10 potential members to your club meetings, service and fun!
- Show potential members the impact your club has on your community.
- Let them know club membership and service is flexible, allowing them to serve and meet the needs of family schedules.
- Let potential members experience the fun of Lionism and service.
- Make your personal donation to LCIF and encourage your club members to do the same. 100 % of your donation is devoted to Lions grants or programs – and may be designated to Special Olympics. (Our Multiple will serve as hosts for the National Special Olympic games in Minnesota this coming summer.) Any donation level is welcome.
- Plan your 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention involvement! Information in this issue of Informer and at Lions5M5.org

As your club begins ringing the bells and other service for the holidays, remember

One a Day for growth and impact through increased service.

Together, We Serve. Serve with Passion.

Thank you – for everything you do to improve your communities and the world.

Lion Sara McFee
5M-5 District Governor
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
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1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota



Greetings from your FVDG Bruce Strachota.

Recently I attended leadership training in Alexandria MN. I learned a lot more about leadership. Leadership means dealing with conflicts, emotions, and situations that seem to have no solutions. I know I will encounter some of these, but I am confident that I can successfully manage any situation I may come across. I know that our district is like a family. A family who cares about resolving problems in constructive ways. And I know I have a lot of resources to help me and my team be successful.

The night before our first day of training, the 1st and 2nd VDGs completed a “Habitat for Humanity” project building playhouses for needy kids. A week or so ago I received a letter from Raven, one of the families that received a playhouse. The letter read as follows:

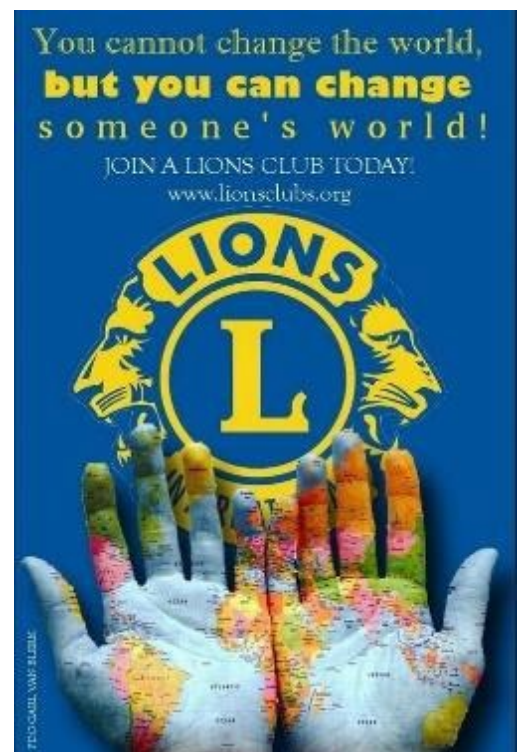
“Thank you for partnering with Habita and the DELA students to build playhouses. Your support means the world to me and others like me who are working towards purchasing our own Habit homes! My family is most excited for the stability and security the home brings. Together we are building brighter futures.”

I hope all clubs did some kind of project involving mental health. I am interested to know how your club chose to emphasize mental health for the month of October. Please feel free to share your ideas with everyone by submitting a report for the December Informer.

Thanks all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Lion Bruce Strachota



2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Ken Kumpula



Greetings from the person who is still questioning his decision.

A few weeks back I attended class with my counterparts from our Multiple which reaches up into Canada. It was like drinking from a firehose with information.

And then there were the actual class sessions. Each of the 1VDGs and 2VDGs brought a lot of information and experience to our Multiple and my head was spinning with what they were sharing. I am truly looking forward to working with them.

I have five more online classes coming up and am curious where this will all take me.

So, speaking of classes... are you aware that each club President has to complete the online president's class by 12/31 to achieve the Club Excellence award? In addition, so do at least three members.

So, hop to it.

<https://lci-learnonsite-app-prod.azurewebsites.net/>

and

<https://lionslearningcenter.litmos.com/home/library>

In Lionism,
Lion Ken Kumpula



DISTRICT 5M5 CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

Proposed Amendments

Any amendments(s) to the district Constitution and Bylaws must be received by Lion Robert Vokes at hisfootness@comcast.net *no later than* Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

The district Constitution and Bylaws can be found on the district web site (www.lions5m5.org) under "Resources."

Robert Vokes, Chair
Constitution & Bylaws



GLOBAL EXTENTION TEAM (GET)

Report Summary: Since our last Cabinet meeting, the Global Extension Team has continued its efforts to grow and strengthen Lionism in our district through new club development, community partnerships, and outreach initiatives.

Lions Quest Service Carnival: We are excited to announce that the Lions Quest Service Carnival took place on October 28, at the Ridgedale Library.

This event will showcase what Lions are doing in our communities and provide fun, engaging activities such as Kindness Rocks and opportunities for attendees to learn more about Lions and our service mission. We are hopeful that following this event, we will reach the membership numbers needed to officially charter the new Minnetonka Lions Club.

Minnetonka Club Development: The Minnetonka club remains our primary focus, and progress continues positively. The community response has been encouraging, and our goal is to have the club fully chartered and operational by the end of December.

Join Together Program: We are in the early stages of developing a “Join Together” program in partnership with Touchstone

Mental Health. This initiative aims to create a bridge between community service and mental wellness — aligning with our mission to serve with compassion and care.

Future Growth Opportunities: In addition to our current projects, I have been meeting with individuals and exploring new areas and strategies for club development.

Our next steps include identifying **cities or neighborhoods without an active Lions presence**, assessing community needs, and determining where we can begin **new club initiatives** or outreach efforts.

Closing Remarks: Our team remains committed to building new opportunities for service, leadership, and community engagement.

With continued collaboration and enthusiasm, we are confident in our ability to expand the reach of Lionism across our district.

Lion Michael Crenshaw
Global Extension Team Coordinator
10/20/25



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

5M-5 Global Membership Team Report

October 2025

10-01-2025 to 10/31/2025

Total Members in 5M-5- 1,359

Total New Members- 64

Total Dropped Members- 59 *Goal Less than 100!*

New Member Growth- +5

Challenge Accepted: 365 New Lions in 365 Days!

International President AP Singh has thrown down the gauntlet: one new Lion per day, every day, for the entire Lions year. That's 365 new members per district, and we're ready to rise to the occasion! Let's keep it simple: invite a friend to your next meeting or service project. Lions sells itself when people see the heart behind what we do.

Tools to Power Your Club's Stability and Satisfaction

Need a boost? That's what we're here for! The GMT team is rolling out tools and resources to make growing your club easier, more fun, and more impactful:



Quick Member Survey Did your club take advantage of this yet? It's a fast, insightful way to spotlight what's working and where there's room to grow. Use it to spark conversations and strengthen your club culture.



New Member Info Sheet – Launching in November! A fill-in-the-blank, fully customizable welcome tool to help new Lions feel at home in your club and connected to Lions International. It's been tested and loved — now it's your turn to try it out!

Save the Date: Superheroes Unite! March 31, 2026 | Hamel Community Center

Our next big educational (and super fun) event is coming your way! This year's theme: **Superheroes Unite!** Costumes encouraged, capes, masks, and all. Let's celebrate the power of service and the heroes who make it happen.

Let's keep the momentum going, 5M-5! With the right tools, the right team, and the right spirit, there's nothing we can't do. Let's grow together! All tools shared below are available electronically and totally customizable for your Club.

Submitted by: Lion Heidi Zaworski, GMT Chairperson

LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com or

612.408.0242 Call/Text

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)

WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Mental
Health



Vision



Youth

The key areas of service for November are: **Diabetes and Hunger**

Diabetes: World Diabetes Day is November 14th.



World Diabetes Day is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign which reaches a global audience of over 1 billion people in over 160 countries. It is held every year on November 14th, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

The 2025 World Diabetes Day theme is "Diabetes in the Workplace." The campaign specifically calls on employers and employees to "Know more, do more" for diabetes support, highlighting issues like stigma, discrimination, and inclusion in the workplace.

Hunger:

The best diet for diabetics focuses on managing blood sugar with whole, unprocessed foods, including lots of non-starchy vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy fats, while limiting sugary drinks and refined carbohydrates like white bread and pastries.

Keep this in mind when you make your food donations to your local food shelf!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: for our District is Saturday December 6th.

Sign up to volunteer at: <https://www.registertoring.com/benefits.aspx>

Facebook: Post your service projects for us to see and Follow our page so you can see what other clubs are doing at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/district5m5lions>



ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Laurie Carlson lcarlson@candocanines.org
Mpls. Can Do Canines
Loretto Lions
New Hope Lions
St. Louis Park Lions
Wayzata Lions

ZONE 3 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Amber Georgeson georgeson.amber@gmail.com
Hopkins Noontime Lions *(now meets evenings and name changing soon)*
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions
Minneapolis Next Generation Downtown Lions
Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR

Michael Crenshaw bplionmichael@gmail.com
Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Brooklyn Center Lions
Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Brooklyn Park Lions
Crystal
Osseo Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

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

ZONE 4 CHAIR

Andy Leifort andy.nextgenlions@gmail.com
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Camden Lions
Excelsior Lions
Minneapolis Riverview Lions
Minneapolis Southwest Lions
Minneapolis Special Olympics Minnesota Lions
Richfield Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR (terms ends 2026)

Vickie Parks vickieparks@gmail.com
Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions
Maple Grove Lions
Plymouth Lions
Rogers Lions

REGION CHAIR

Lion Heidi Zaworski

LionHeidiZaworski@gmail.com

ALL-CLUB (ZONE) MEETING DATES

Open to all 5M5 Lions and potential new Lions attending as guest of 5M5 Lion.
Option to attend at no cost if not eating dinner.

November 10, 2025

April 13, 2026

RSVP BY DATE & LOCATION INFORMATION

RSVP's needed for dinner and no dinner attendees for venue setup.

Watch for information in / during

- Email Announcements	- Monthly Informer Newsletter
- Lions5M5.org Website	- Lions 5M5 social media
- Club Meetings	



Connect with District 5M5 LIONS



STAY TUNED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS FOR:

- Membership Mondays
- Take Action Tuesday's:
Powered by LCIF
- Why We Serve
Wednesday's
- Foundation Friday's
- Service Saturdays

CHANNELS WE ARE ON

Did you know that District 5M5 is on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube? By scanning the QR code below, you'll be directed to all of our social media platforms—as well as our district website—all in one place. Following us is a great way to stay up to date on what's happening across the district and learn how you can get involved in our service and events.



Grow Your Club with Social Media - Key Points

Why Social Media Matters

- Boosts visibility online and in the community.
- People search for you after seeing Lions in action—make it easy to find your club.
- Keep profiles updated with name, location, contact info, and regular posts.

Storytelling Strategies

- Share authentic, relatable member stories.
- Use clear photos/videos + simple captions (what, why it mattered, who you helped).
- Tag locations, relevant hashtags, members, and partners.



Content Capture Tips

- Action shots, smiles, and connection.
- Short videos of members sharing stories or doing service.
- Show Lions branding (signs, shirts, banners).

Content Formats for Growth

- Reels: Short videos to reach new audiences and grow membership.
- Stories: Real-time, 24-hour updates to engage current followers.
- Carousels: Multiple images in one post for deeper storytelling and more engagement.

What you can do in your club!

- Assign a content lead for events.
- Capture at least one post-worthy moment at every activity.
- Share posts that tell your club's story and inspire others to join.

MEDIA TIPS FOR CLUBS

Avoid Lion Jargon

Remember that your **primary audience is the general public** and prospective members, not just fellow Lions.

- **DON'T** use acronyms without explaining them (e.g., "We had a great GMT meeting!").
- **DO** use clear, simple language (e.g., "Our Global Membership Team met to plan our next recruitment drive.").



WHY ENGAGEMENT MATTERS FOR YOUR LIONS CLUB PAGE

On social media, success isn't just about how many followers your Lions club page has—it's about engagement.

Engagement includes likes, comments, shares, and clicks, all of which show that your community is connecting with your posts.

More engagement means more visibility for your service projects and events, helping inspire people to volunteer, attend, or even join your club. By encouraging interaction, your Lions club builds stronger connections and shows the difference we make every day.

JOIN THE DISTRICT 5M5 LIONS NETWORK

The District 5M5 Lions Network on Facebook is just for our 5M5 members! Share updates or ask for help using your personal or club Facebook account. Just search the name and look for the yellow cover photo. Join today and start posting!

Hannah Maxwell

Marketing/ Communications
Cabinet Chair

hannahmax2021@gmail.com
(763)-412-7384

Contact me for any questions relating to marketing and communication for your club.

MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026

The “official” rollout of the Mid-Winter Convention links, flyers, contests, sign ups will be at the ALL CLUB MEETING on November 10, 2025.

Plan to attend or send someone from your club to get the information!

Convention Committee Members Needed

Volunteers are needed to help plan, promote and organize the 2026 Midwinter Convention. If you have an interest in being part of the pride that makes the convention successful, here is your opportunity to learn more about it!

Audio Visual – Coordinate the audio-visual needs and set up with the hotel and their provider AV for you. Be on site to make sure needs are met and troubleshoot as needed.

Ballroom Set-Up for Events – Be involved in the planning for events to be held in the Ballroom and on hand prior to the events to make sure everything is set up correctly.

Collection of coats, socks, eyeglasses and other items – Determine collection site for donations, make arrangements to have donations picked-up on Saturday afternoon. Coordinate promotion of the donations in Convention literature and talking points.

Contests: Crock Pot Challenge and Dessert Challenge - Organize both events, deliver needed materials to clubs, pick up vote boxes, count votes, announce winner at the Sunday breakfast.

Display Tables for Foundations and Projects – Take reservations for display tables, work with the hotel to order and set up tables, consider charging for table, manage set up and organization of tables for the event.

Every Day Hero Awards – Promote Every Day Hero Awards, receive applications and checks for the awards. Create slides with picture and informational bullets for the Award Program. Assemble plaques and certificates to be presented.

First Timer Contest – Prepare contest form to be distributed to new attendees. Collect completed forms, score forms and announce winner at the Sunday Breakfast.

Hospitality Books & Meal Tickets - Receive orders for hospitality books and meal tickets, deliver tickets and books to recipients. Prepare counts for hotel guarantees, collect tickets at events. Sell extra tickets/seats prior to events.

Hospitality Room Theme Competition and Judging – Prepare judging form, appoint judges, count score, announce winners at Sunday Breakfast.

Hospitality Rooms - Receive orders for hospitality rooms, notify clubs that their orders have been received, notify clubs of their room number and check in process.

Leo District Meeting and Service Projects – Coordinate the Leo District meeting and service projects with the District Leo Chair. Monitor ballroom and keep track of Leos during the event.

Marketing & Promotion - Visit clubs and attend the All-Club meetings to talk about the convention. Use digital media to promote the convention. Create articles and flyers to be placed in The Informer and sent to clubs. Create talking points for Officers, Zone Chairs and Committee members.

Meeting Rooms – Coordinate smaller meeting rooms with committee by attending committee meetings and determining rooms needed and when.

Memorial Service – Promote service and create a memorial service form. Receive forms and create slides for each deceased member with a picture and informational bullets. Plan Service, find volunteers to help during the service and manage the event on Saturday morning.

Signage for Events – Determine through committee meetings what signage is needed during the weekend. Have signage produced and hung during the event.

If you have a skill set that will fit any of these opportunities we would love you to join us!

Contact Lion Ross Thorfinson
rthorff@aol.com



MID WINTER CONVENTION 2026 Award Links and Deadlines



John Lutter Award-DUE DATE-December 1, 2025

Nominations for the PID John Lutter Award are

due no later than Monday, December 1, 2025.

Lions nominated for the award must provide service to Lionism and his/her community; must be a member in good standing; must have maintained Lions membership for at least 15 years; and is not the District Governor or a Past District Governor.

The application form can be found on the district web site (www.lions5m5.org) under “Awards.”

Please note that there is no cost for the award which is paid for by the Past District Governors.

Robert Vokes, Secretary
Past District Governors Fellowship

Memorial Service-DUE DATE-December 15, 2025

The application form can be found on the district web site (www.lions5m5.org) under “Awards.”

Every Day Hero Award-DUE DATE-January 1, 2026

The application form can be found on the district web site (www.lions5m5.org) under “Awards.”



MD5M CONVENTION



Minnetonka Beach Party Multiple District 5M Convention April 24 - 26, 2026



Dear Lions,

In April 2026, Lions from Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwest Ontario will gather in Minnetonka for our **MD5M Multiple District Convention**. It will be a weekend of learning, fellowship, and celebration of the service that unites us as Lions.

We invite Lions clubs, foundation and businesses and organizations to help make this convention a success through **advertising and sponsorships**. These are wonderful ways to recognize friends of Lions, honor your club, thank district leaders, or spotlight special projects.

Advertising and Sponsorship Opportunities *for clubs, individuals, and organizations

Platinum Sponsors – \$600

- Full-page (5" X 8" finish ad size) color ad (back cover), sponsor honor roll listing, event signage

Premier Sponsor – \$500

- Full-page (5" X 8" finished ad size) color ad (inside front or inside back cover), sponsor honor roll listing, event signage

**** Platinum and Premier ad spots are limited and first-come, first-reserved. Reserve your ad soon!***

Gold Sponsor – \$400

- Full-page (5" X 8" finished ad size) color ad inside booklet, sponsor honor roll listing, event signage

Silver Sponsor – \$200

- Half-page (5" X 3.75" finished ad size) color ad inside booklet, sponsor honor roll listing

Bronze Sponsor – \$100

- Quarter-page (2.25" X 3.75" finished ad size) color ad inside booklet, sponsor honor roll listing

Ad Specs & Submission

Ads must be press-quality PDF, PNG, EPS, TIFF, or JPG.

Submit ads to: Lion Rob Hed. hedrob33@yahoo.com

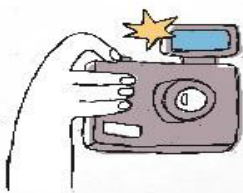
Make checks payable to "2026 MD5M Convention" and mail to:

2026 MD5M Convention
c/o Lion Rhonna Hed
17440 45th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55446

*Your support ensures a successful convention and showcases the spirit of Lionism across MD5M.
Thank you for helping us make this a memorable gathering for all!*

Yours in service, 2026 MD5M Convention Committee

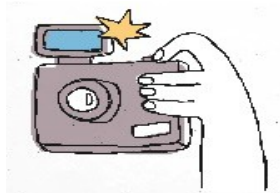
Thank you for supporting Lions and helping us serve more communities!



LIONS SERVING

Email Your Photos of your Lions in action.

Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:
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My “Ah-Ah” Moment – The Day I Truly Become a Lion

We all have a moment in time when we *become* a Lion — not just in name, but in heart. That “Ah-ha” moment when service becomes more than what we do — it becomes *who we are*. Some of us have had several of these moments, and some are still waiting for that first spark. I’d like to share mine with you. It happened on **April 25, 2025**, at about **8:30 p.m.**, the last night of the **Brooklyn Park Smelt Fry**.

Because of blood clots in my ankle, I was sitting in the back, running the beer tap instead of my usual place in the kitchen. As I sat there, a woman and her husband walked up to me. I was told I should come talk to you. Oh sure, what can I help you with? She said, “You’ve already helped. I just wanted to say thank you. That caught me by surprise. I asked, “You’re welcome — but what did I help with?”

She introduced herself as **Carmelita** and told me that she and her husband travel to the **Philippines** to help restore sight to people in need. Her husband measures each person’s eyes, and then they help match them with a pair of donated eyeglasses. She said, we’ve heard that you and your Lions Club collect glasses — and because of Lions like you, so many people can see again. I just wanted to say thank you. That moment gave me goosebumps. As Lions, we spend hours collecting, cleaning, and boxing eyeglasses — and often never see where they go or who they help. But in that instant, everything came full circle. **Carmelita** later sent me photos of people in the Philippines receiving those very glasses. Faces lit up with joy, gratitude, and wonder — people who could now read, work, and truly see the world again.

That was my **Ah-Ha Moment**. The moment I *became* a Lion. I was meant to be right there, at that place and time, hearing that story. It filled my heart, gave me goosebumps, and even brought tears to my eyes.

I share this with all of you because it reminded me that **it’s not just one of us who makes this possible — it’s all of us together**. Each pair of glasses, each volunteer hour, each event — it all adds up to something extraordinary. We are more than a club. We are a movement of compassion and service that stretches around the world.

Together, **we make the difference**.
Together, **we lead to serve with passion**.

MAPLE GROVE LIONS AT ROCK'N THE GROVE!!

Collage of volunteers at Rock'n the Grove, our annual concert featuring Hairball, a popular 70's cover band. We had 64 volunteers including the Maple Grove Football Team for set up, volunteers from the community, other Lions Clubs and the Maple Grove Ambassadors. We had over 2400 attendees.





Maple Grove Lions had their fall Highway Cleanup of Jefferson Memorial Highway in Maple Grove on October 18th

New Maple Grove Lion Alison Hahn and her sponsor Lion Kerri Cowden at her induction on September 6th.



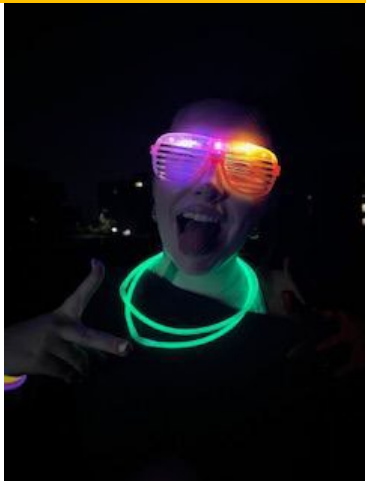
Maple Grove Lions participated in the Osseo Lions Roar Parade promoting Rock'n the Grove.





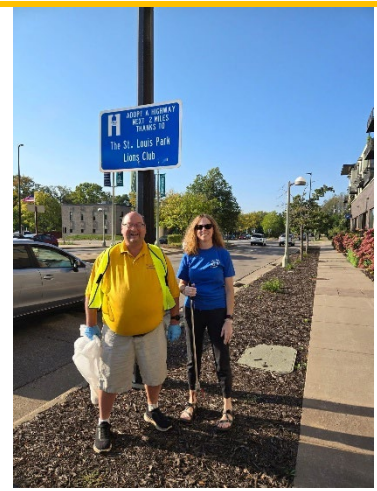
Maple Grove Lions participated in the 5th annual Maria's Voice Vigil for Domestic Violence Prevention and Lissa Weimelt, the co-founder of Maria's Voice was the speaker at our dinner meeting in October.

New Hope Lions held their first Glow Golf tournament on Saturday, September 27. It was a beautiful night for 34 golfers to have some fun in the dark. Thanks to Lion Cindy and Lion Julia for volunteering to help out at the event.



Hopkins Lions participated in Halloween in Hopkins October 25th on Mainstreet giving out treats!





St Louis Park Lions doing their semi annual road clean up of Excelsior Blvd. In St. Louis park

New Hope Lions Park Club volunteered on Thursday, October 4 for the City of New Hope's Trick or Trot event. We had a table there promoting our lions club and handed out candy to the kids! It was a fun evening. Pictured are Lion Louis Oswalt (Fred Flintstone) and Lion Rob Morin (Scooby Doo).





On October 3, Brooklyn Park Lady Lions annual steak fry and silent auction served over 140 grilled tenderloin steaks were enjoyed and 160 silent auction items were bid on.



During the first quarter of the 2025-26 Lions year, KidSight screened 1710 kiddos at 23 events. Of those screened, 388 were referred for a complete eye exam by an eye-care professional.

We screened for the first time at Apple Days in Excelsior. It was a successful event. Thanks to Lion Lorene for setting it up, and to all the Excelsior Lions who participated. These community events are a great way for a club to get involved and learn the process “on the job.”

It is the time of year where we are actively screening in schools. If you can get the ear of a school nurse and talk up how fast, easy and accurate the KidSight process is, we’ll follow up.

We would love to screen at day care and pre-schools. Any contact you have would be appreciated.

We’re always ready to do a presentation for your club, or to conduct a full-on training session. Give us a shout and we’ll set the date.



KidSight Foundation recognized three Eden Prairie Lions with the “Sight Saver” award. These expectational Lions distinguished themselves on behalf of children’s vision. Congratulations to Lion Chris Dorn, Lion Curt Goke and his grandson. Not pictured id Lion Therese Johnson.

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Can Do Canines to Host Open House November 8

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, November 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 finding out more about our 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 of the types of dogs Can Do Canines trains: 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 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.





SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026
Coming to
MINNESOTA
JUNE
20-26



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

We are also hosting a very special Family Night Celebration, and each athlete will receive an "All Ball"—branded with the logos of MDSM, LCIF, LEOs, and Lions USA. This is more than just a ball—it is a symbol of unity, fun, and the spirit of inclusion we all believe in.

Our Multiple's role in this partnership:

- Raise \$350,000 to sponsor
- Family Night for 3,500 Olympians and their families.
- As well as provide every athlete with A Ball for All, a goodwill gift specially designed for the athletes.

How you can help:

- Consider designating club or individual donations to LCIF's MDSM Special Olympics Fund.
- Gifts still count towards Melvin Jones Fellowships (but not District or Community Grants).
- All donations, no matter what fund they go to, are greatly appreciated!

Send all checks made out to LCIF to:

Rob Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, Mn 55446

- Please note that you'd like the donation made to go to the MDSM Special Olympics Fund

We are asking every club in MDSM to support this effort through a contribution to LCIF, earmarked for the 2026 Special Olympics Games in Minnesota.

Any donation is a good donation!

Let's make the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games unforgettable—not just for the athletes, but for every volunteer, every family, and every community touched by the spirit of the Games. Thank you for your leadership, generosity, and continued commitment to serving others.

In service,

PDG Rob Hed 5M-5 LCIF Coordinator

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Happy Fall and Hello from the 5M5 district Leo Club!

My name is Abby Schreiber and I am the 25-26 District Leo Club President! I'm a Senior at Robbinsdale Cooper Highschool and am in my third year of being a part of 5M5 and first year as president! My goals for this year consist of furthering communication and ideas between Leo Clubs so we can continue to further benefit our communities and beyond.

The Cooper Leo Club has been up and running for a couple weeks now! We're in the works of a couple anti-bullying activities for bonding including positive chalk art and our give and take wall art covered with sticky notes with positive messages, sweet quotes, and anti bullying phrases for people to give and take as needed. The design made for this year is a butterfly, this is based on the quote "One flap of a butterfly's wings can cause a hurricane halfway across the world." We have also begun the Cooper annual candy drive, the drive collects candy on and after halloween to give to homeless shelters along with handmade notes.

I'm excited to announce that our first meeting was 5:30pm on October 20th at the Lookout. During the meeting we discussed plans for the 2026 Midwinter Conference, decided on service projects, and assigned tasks. Everyone is so excited to contribute to create another successful Midwinter Conference.

Have a lovely month!

Sincerely,

Abby Schreiber
5M5 District Leo Club President





Serving Families, Sharing Hope

As we move into this season of gratitude, we are reminded every day why Lions across Minnesota do what we do — to bring hope and comfort to families facing the unimaginable challenge of childhood cancer. Through the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MLCCF), we're not only funding critical programs but also standing beside families when they need it most.

This fall, our foundation continues to make a meaningful difference thanks to your generosity and service. Donations from clubs across the state have helped support care programs at M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital, Camp KACE, and our Match program for families. These efforts provide more than financial help — they give families time together and a sense of community that only Lions can bring.

One shining example of partnership and service came this past summer from the Hamel Rodeo. The rodeo team presented the MLCCF with over \$20,000 donation — all raised in exchange for volunteer help from Lions who collected tickets during the event. This generous gift represents the very best of what can happen when service, community, and compassion come together. Our heartfelt thanks go to the rodeo and everyone who made this remarkable contribution possible. We look forward to serving once again in 2026



Another creative way Lions have been making a difference is through the LEGO Crawls — a fun Lion event. The Excelsior Lions Club hosted one earlier this year, and the Minneapolis Downtown – Next Generation Lions Club held another in October, with proceeds benefiting the Children's Hospital. Beyond fundraising, these events celebrate creativity, teamwork, and family connection — values that mirror our mission as Lions.

✚ *“Something as simple as building a LEGO tower can bring a sense of control and accomplishment during treatment — and that's powerful healing in its own*

way.”

For children battling cancer, LEGOs offer more than just play. They help with fine motor skills, boost imagination, and provide a joyful escape from the challenges of hospital life.

Our next big opportunity to serve is on Friday, December 6, when Lions will once again volunteer at the KS95 for Kids Radiothon at the Mall of America. This inspiring event raises money for the same hospital programs we help fund.

As Lions, we know that together we can make the impossible possible.

Thank you to every club and member who has contributed this year, whether through donations, volunteer hours, or simply spreading awareness. Every act of service, no matter how small, strengthens the network of care we offer Minnesota families.

Let's finish 2025 strong — with hearts full of gratitude and hands ready to serve.

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Greetings 5M5 Lions!

November's service calendar is identifying Hunger and Diabetes as focus areas.

Diabetes

- Type I Diabetes strikes people of all ages including children. Consider a donation to a diabetes camp. A child with diabetes can enjoy a camp experience and meet friends to share their experience with. In addition, reinforcing & learning new ideas to manage their diabetes as well as qualified staff to support them.
One such camp, is Camp Sweet Life in Maple Lake, MN
Learn more on their website: campsweetlife.org
- Plan to attend a "State of Diabetes" event. The American Diabetes Center in St Louis Park, MN is hosting this event on November 12th from 9 am – 11:00 am.
Register at: stateofdiabetes-diabetes.donordrive.com.
- Research for cures for Type I Diabetes continues to be a focus of the Diabetes Foundation. We are funding research projects at the U of M & contributions by your clubs are appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!
- Consider having Diabetes Trustees Marcia Plaschko & Paul Newman visit your club and share their experience with Type II Diabetes.

Hunger

- Today, hunger and food insecurity are a reality for more than 500,000 Minnesotans – including 180,000 children. **
- Food shelves are struggling to keep their shelves filled. 1 in 3 Minnesotans have low retail access to healthy food. Only 3% of food agencies offer fresh food to families in need. **
- * In September of 2024, United Way relaunched an initiative called: "Full Lives." This is an initiative that strives to not only increase access to healthy food but also create jobs and promote healthy communities throughout the Twin Cities. **
- In addition to food and financial contributions, consider volunteering with a local food shelf.

** Information gathered from the Twin Cities United Way

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Give (Vision) to the Max!

On November 20, Minnesotans will once again support the causes they love through Give to the Max Day. We hope the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is one of those causes for you.

The Vision Foundation has been helping to restore sight for more than 60 years now. Our foundation:

- Supports Lions Gift of Sight and 40,000+ corneas provided for transplant since its founding.
- Supports the Lions Children's Eye Clinic and the 10,000 patients served every year.
- Supports eye research that seems nothing less than miraculous to those affected.

Please visit mnlionsvisionfoundation.org to make a donation now.

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5M5 District Peace Poster Report

The theme for the 2025 – 2026

Lions Club International Peace Poster contest has been announced, it is:

“Together as One”

Here’s what the LCIF website says about the upcoming contest:

When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we’re inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one! As of the time of this report I am only aware of the Bloomington and Edina clubs participating. If that is incorrect, please let me know!

This is crunch time for participants – lots of drawing and painting going on. The winning entry from each club must be selected and sent to the district president, postmarked no later than 11/15. The Bloomington club will be selecting their prize winners at the meeting on 11/5. This is always a fun activity for our members.

As always, if your club is interested in learning more about the contest, I’m happy to attend a meeting and fill you in on how I’ve been administering it for the Bloomington Club. It can really be done pretty easily, and it’s a great way to introduce Lionism to kids and their parents.

Lion Amy Sundstrom
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“Peace allows people from different countries and cultures to better communicate and understand each other, making the world more diverse and wonderful!”

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Lions International **#PeacePoster** Contest Grand Prize Winner Shuwen Wang, 13, sponsored by Dalian Delong Lions Club (China)! For over three decades, the Peace Poster Contest has inspired thousands of children around the world.

View all of the 2024-25 Grand Prize and Merit Award winning posters: <https://bit.ly/3XRcVb8>

START TO PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR!

To all our Veteran Lions:





TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation

(Together Everyone Achieves More)



TSCF Grant ID 20__-__-__

The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation (TSCF) MD5M Club Matching Grant Application

"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."

1. The Lions project must address an important humanitarian need and provide an opportunity to highlight Lions in the communities they serve.
2. Grant applicants must submit their project proposals using the TSCF MD5M Club Grant application form.
3. The maximum grant amount that may be requested is currently \$3,000.00. All grants are 50/50 matching grants.
4. Grant proposals may be submitted by any Lions club within Multiple District 5M. Applications submitted by a club shall be signed by the current club president. The appropriate meeting minutes at which the application was voted on and approved must be submitted with the application.
5. TSCF grant applications should be submitted to TSCF prior to January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 for consideration at the following TSCF board meeting to allow adequate processing time.
6. Lions and/or their families may not receive direct or professional benefit from TSCF projects or have proprietary interest in projects receiving TSCF assistance.
7. Projects receiving TSCF funding shall be clearly identified in marketing as being made possible by Lions and TSCF.
8. Upon project completion, grant recipients are responsible for submission of a report detailing project results, all receipts/expenditures and use of TSCF grant funds.
9. Projects should be completed within one year of approval by TSCF, unless otherwise requested by applicant.

Clubs applying for a grant should provide the following information on their project.

Project Description:

1. Project name: _____
2. Project location: _____
3. Amount of funds requested from TSCF: _____

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4. If appropriate, the approximate number of people who will benefit from this project:

5. **ATTACH** description of the particular area/items to be addressed.

6. **ATTACH** project goals, plan of action and including timeline.

Project Budget: Include an itemized budget for the entire project using the information shown below.

Income and Expenses

Requested TSCF Funds: \$ _____

Expenses: Item #1: \$ _____

Other sources of income (if applicable): \$ _____

Other expenses: Item #2: \$ _____

Total Income: \$ _____

Total Expenses: \$ _____

Application Endorsement

Club approval must be included with every grant application. Please submit a copy of the club meeting minutes at which the application was approved. The minutes should make specific reference to the amount of TSCF funds being requested.

Signature Endorsement:

Club President: "I certify that I have reviewed the TSCF Application. To the best of my knowledge, the information submitted is accurate and the need exists as indicated. I endorse this proposal and will do everything within my power as administrator of any funds granted to assure their proper and efficient use, proper accounting and required reporting to TSCF Foundation."

Club President Name _____

Project Chairperson Name _____

Project Chairperson Email _____ Cell _____

District and Club Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Electronic Signature and Date _____ (Type your name)

Contact your District's TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Board Member with questions and to request a Grant Application.

Questions regarding donations, submit to TSCF Treasurer at athmannmarty@hotmail.com

EVENT FLYERS

Email your Flyer or event information to:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

Hopkins Lions Club, Minnesota



SHARE. SHOP.
SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

Shop online today and help our important cause. From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more, our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

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Direct Shopping QR Code: <https://midas.charlestonwrap.com/qrcode.htm#30332-2025F>

1. SHARE

INVITE 10+ friends and family to support our cause! SHARE the QR code or link by TEXT & EMAIL. Don't forget to share on SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

2. SHOP

SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!




NOVEMBER 2, 2025



NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS LIONS

Holiday Nut Sale

The perfect holiday "Thank You" for Clients, Employees and Friends!

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support local charities, like

Eastside Meals on Wheels
Camp Bovey
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Northeast YMCA
Eastside Neighborhood Services
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Edison Community & Sports
A Chance to Grow
and many, many more...

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One pound of delicious premium nuts, roasted, salted and packed in a decorative holiday gift box. Delivered FRESH to you!

ORDER TODAY!
\$16 per Box

Please deliver my order to:

Name _____
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Quantity of each:

_____ Jumbo Cashews
_____ Mixed Nuts (no peanuts)
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_____ Buttercrunch Popcorn (2-pack)

Total boxes x \$16 = Amount Due: \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
From all the Northeast Lions



Make payment to:
Lions Club of NE Minneapolis
Minneapolis, MN 55418

For Questions, Please Call: Jerry Weller @ 612-716-7704



Maple Grove Lions & Seniors Holiday Craft Boutique

Maple Grove Community Center
Saturday Nov 8, 9am-4pm



District 5M-5



ALL CLUB MEETING




Monday, Nov 10th

5:30 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner

Everyone Welcome * Bring a Friend

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

RSVP by Sunday, November 2nd
with your Name, Club Name and
Meal Choice/or choose no meal to
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com

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

\$20. Per Person
Checks made Payable to
District 5M-5
Baked Chicken or Pork Loin
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
& seasonal mixed vegetables
Beverages available for
purchase.
Desserts courtesy of
the Zone Chairs

Crystal Lions Steak Fry



November 12, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$14 Includes:

8 Oz. Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

HOSTED BY THE HAMEL LIONS CLUB

FOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Food Drive is On!

Help us support local food shelves by donating:

- Non-perishable food items
- Diapers, baby wipes, feminine products
- Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant
- Cash donations (Venmo accepted on-site!)

Every donation makes a difference - thank you for supporting our community!❤️



NOVEMBER 22ND, 2025 10 AM - 2 PM

DROP-OFF LOCATION

📍 Hamel Community Center
3200 Mill Dr. Hamel, MN 55340



GET READY ROBBINSDALE

BINGO and MEAT RAFFLE



Support the
Robbinsdale
Lions Club



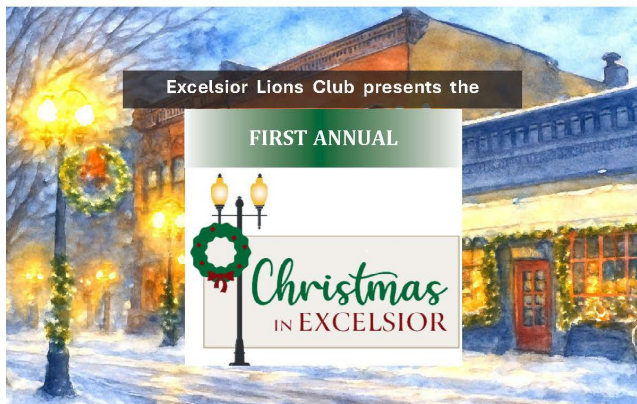
MEAT RAFFLE:

- Meat Raffle is held between bingo games
- \$2 and \$5 rounds

Saturday, November 22nd
Start Time 3:00 pm
Wicked Wort Brewing Co., Robbinsdale

BINGO:

- CASH prizes are awarded for each round
- \$20 per pack of 10 games
- \$2 for an extra sheet per game



Friday & Saturday
November 28 - 29, 2025 | 10am - 6pm
Historic Water Street

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Holiday Market:** Unique gifts, handmade crafts and local vendors
- **Santa Visits:** Meet and greet with the man in red
- **Reindeer, Llamas and Husky Puppies:** Visit with furry friends
- **Carriage Rides:** Take in the sights and sounds of our charming downtown
- **Live Music:** Classic holiday tunes from talented local performers
- **Frosty's Funland:** An activity zone made for kids
- **Candy Cane Lane:** Experience the festive decor lining Second Street
- **Seasonal Eats:** Cozy up with festive food and drinks



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The Hopkins Lions Club is proud to present:



The Hopkins Lions Club is delighted to host our **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!**
 We'd love for you to join us for an evening of holiday cheer and bring a guest to share the festivities.

Tuesday, December 2nd, from 5:30-8:00 pm
 at the Hopkins Elks Club, 30 8th Avenue S. Hopkins 55343

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **5:30 pm:** Social time with excellent prices on your favorite beverages
- **6:15-7:00 pm:** Dinner at the Hopkins Elks Club. Dinner is \$30.00 per person and includes salad, dessert, and coffee. Entrée choices include:
 - Walleye
 - Pork Chop
 - Chicken
 - Vegetarian
- **7:15 pm:** Enjoy a performance by the Twin Cities Show Chorus (in the style of Sweet Adelines)

SIGN UP

- **Email #** attending and your entrée choice(s) to Regina raiken@tonkafinancial.com OR
- **Fill out form** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49A9A82EA4F9C43-58913503-holiday#/> Scan this QR code to get to the URL faster:



RSVP is REQUIRED by Thursday, November 20, 2025

Please consider donating a holiday gift for a local teenager.
 These will be collected for Resource West Teens!

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Military Family Retreats
 at no cost to Veterans



"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."



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2025-2026
MINNESOTA
RETREATS

2025 OCTOBER 3-5
 Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
2025 DECEMBER 5-7
 Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN
2026 MAY 1-3
 Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN
2026 JUNE 5-7
 Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

Robbinsdale Reindeer Games

Bar Crawl

More Info, Registration & Tickets

Hosted by the Robbinsdale Lions Club

Throw on your festive gear and join us for a night of holiday fun across Robbinsdale's favorite spots!

Friday, December 5th
6:00 PM - 11:30 PM
\$20 per Ticket

COME JOIN US FOR A
HOLIDAY Market &
BAKE SALE

100% of the Bake Sale proceeds go back to the Community

Sponsored by the Crystal VFW
and the Crystal Lion's Club

CRYSTAL VFW POST 494
5222 BASS LAKE RD
CRYSTAL, MN 55429

Saturday DEC. 6TH
10AM - 3PM

Bring your Christmas wish list
and meet Santa!

Face Painting

HANDMADE CRAFTS - BAKED GOODS - UNIQUE GIFTS & MORE!

To register to be a vendor and/or donate
Baked Goods visit the Pull Tab Booth
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Stacey Papenfuss
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stacey_papenfuss@yahoo.com

EDEN PRAIRIE LIONESS LIONS 2025 ART & CRAFT FAIR



The Eden Prairie Lioness Lions would like to welcome you to our 2025 Art & Craft Fair to be held at:

Grace Church

9301 Eden Prairie Road Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Enter church at Door 4

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025
9 AM to 4 PM

Artists and crafters are excited to bring their unique hand crafted wares to you.

We hope that you will be as delighted as we are with the variety and quality of the items offered.

For more information visit our website: <http://www.eplionessart-craft.com/index.html>

Our Mission

The Eden Prairie Lioness Lions are part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. Our 1.42 million members in more than 48,000 clubs are serving in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe.

Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and we are able to extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation.

We are focused on supporting sight, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global cause, diabetes, to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.

Lions have set an ambitious goal of helping 200 million people per year so we can bring even more service to more people than ever before.

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.



ONE DAY to Make a Difference KS95 for Kids

DECEMBER 12, 2025

WHAT IS KS95 FOR KIDS?

The KS95 for Kids Radiothon is an annual on-air fundraiser benefiting two local charities,

Gillette Children's and

M Health Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital Cancer Program.

To date, KS95 for Kids has raised over \$21 million.

We look forward to continuing to make an impact with your support.



MASONIC
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

**Trustees from MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
will be at the Mall of America Rotunda on
Friday, December 19th to answer your calls and process
your donations.**

Call in from 1 PM to 4 PM and catch a trustee!

Please tune in and get details and keep them busy!!

<https://www.ks95.com/shows/ks95-for-kids/>

Lions Night at the Minnesota Frost

Friday December 19, 2025 7:00 PM



Professional Women's Hockey League

2 time Walter Cup winners!!

**MINNESOTA
FROST**



Lake City Native
Taylor Heise



**GRAND CASINO
ARENA**

199 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102

I am organizing a Lions Night at the Minnesota Frost professional women's hockey game.

*****If you are interested in going please send me \$35 for each ticket you would.*****

These will be in a group at one end of the rink. If you want a different location away from the group you can make your own reservation online.

Ticket Price

\$35

Location is the end of the rink.

If we get enough people to attend, we can have a display/information table if someone wants to man it.

Lion Terry Zabel
1704 3rd Avenue SE
Austin, MN 55912 507-437-8299
LionTerryZabel@yahoo.com

Please reply before November 22, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

ROAR for a CAUSE



Special Olympics & LCIF are partnering for the
2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota

Saturday February 28, 2026

Chanhasen Dinner Theatres
501 W 78th St, Chanhasen, MN 55317



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TUES. MAR. 31,
2026
6-8PM
HAMEL
COMMUNITY
CENTER**

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM
LEADERSHIP MEMBERSHIP SERVICE

SPEED LEARNING WITH GMT

**SUPERHEROS
UNITE!**

EMPOWERING LIONS TO BE SUPERHEROES
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2026 HD5M CONVENTION IS HAVING A...

BEACH PARTY!

APRIL 24-26, 2026

5M MANITOBA MINNESOTA M.W. ONTARIO

Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
1220 1 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305
Hosted by District 5M-5

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
December 31, 2025
\$195 US - \$280 CDN

Cost May 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN

NE Minneapolis Lions Annual Charity Bowling Event Saturday, April 25th, 2026 @ 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 the PERFECT ball and find your Lane! Lanes will be posted at the main counter.

Registration opens January 10th, 2026!

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: _____

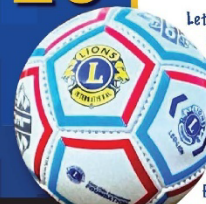
Register and Pay for the event online @ www.nelions.org

THANK YOU!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026 Coming to MINNESOTA JUNE 20-26



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We are also hosting a very special Family Night Celebration, and each athlete will receive an "All Ball"—branded with the logos of MP5M, LCIF, LEOs, and Lions USA. This is more than just a ball—it is a symbol of unity, fun, and the spirit of inclusion we all believe in.

Our Multiple's role in this partnership:

- Raise \$350,000 to sponsor
- Family Night for 3500 Olympians and their families.
- As well as provide every athlete with A Ball for All, a goodwill gift specially designed for the athletes.

How you can help:

- Consider designating club or individual donations to LCIF's MP5M Special Olympics Fund.
- Gifts still count towards Melvin Jones Fellowships (but not District or Community Grants).
- All donations, no matter what fund they go to, are greatly appreciated!

Send all checks made out to LCIF to:

Rob Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, Mn 55446

Please note that you'd like the donation made to go to the MP5M Special Olympics Fund

We are asking every club in MP5M to support this effort through a contribution to LCIF, earmarked for the 2026 Special Olympics Games in Minnesota.

Any donation is a good donation!

Let's make the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games unforgettable—not just for the athletes, but for every volunteer, every family, and every community touched by the spirit of the Games. Thank you for your leadership, generosity, and continued commitment to serving others.

In service,
POB Rob Hed 5M-5 LCIF Coordinator
Hedrob33@yahoo.com



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.

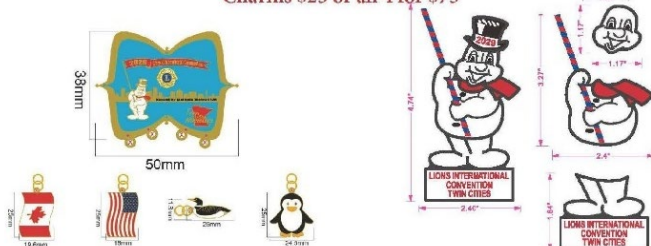
\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

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

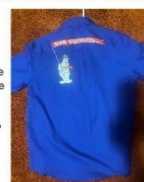
651-226-0205

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:

executivesecretary@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: _____



Lions Clubs International

Lions Abbreviations and Terms

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

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

WEB SITES & LINKS

Awards	lions5m5.org/awards
District 5M5	lions5m5.org
Lions Clubs International	lionsclubs.org
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	lionsmd5m.org

District Approved Projects & Links

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