



5M-2 Lions' News



August 2025

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"Sprinkle Service with Kindness"



*Shermayne Cross
District Governor*

The Mission 1.5 Summit was held in Las Vegas the end of June. PCC Brian Thies and Lion Rose Thies attended with me as they are the District Global Membership Team and Global Extension Team respectively. Lions from all over the US and Canada were participated-a powerful gathering of Lions united by one bold goal: to grow

membership, strengthen clubs and ensure that our legacy of service continues for generations. Like Lions, we've adapted to meet the changing needs of our communities but Mission 1.5 calls us to do more. It challenges us to be intentional about growth-reaching 1.5 million members, not just for numbers, but to multiply our impact.

I have just returned from the International Convention held in Orlando and I am relishing in the afterglow of the week shared with thousands of other Lions. The highlight of the week was the pulling of my ribbon to make it official-I am the new District Governor of 5M-2. A very emotional and humbling experience.

The Convention was truly inspirational; from the powerful keynote speeches to the opening flag ceremony, meeting new Lions from around the world, sharing stories and fellowship, this convention reminded us of why we serve. We are more than members-we are a part of a worldwide family, united in kindness and committed to making a difference. We left Orlando with our hearts full, minds refreshed, and a determination to make our clubs, district and world a better place for all of us.

The DG team would like to visit each club sometime this Lion year. To request a visit, please email me on the 5M-2 website: www.district5M-2Lions.com at the top under forms and docs and click on the request club visit. Or send me an email at: LionShermayne@gmail.com. Either way it will work fine.

International President A.P. Singh's theme this year is "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead".

President Singh is from Kolkata, India and believes true

leadership is about serving others, and that leadership and service go hand in hand. President Singh is focused on achieving our Mission 1.5 goals so we can grow our membership everywhere we serve and increase our impact every time we serve. If every club added 2 new members worldwide, we would achieve the goal of Mission 1.5. As of 7.28, District 5M-2 is at a plus 2! We have added 24 new members but dropped 22. Welcome to all our new Lions members.

Secretaries, if you haven't added your new officers to the Portal, please do it now. We are trying our hardest to get all officers recorded so we can get the Directory printed and out to everyone. Thank you in advance.

Check out the flyer on the RLLI training to be held in Mankato September 25-28. This is a wonderful opportunity to empower emerging leaders in our Lions family. Focused on personal growth, leadership development, and practical club-level strategies. RLLI equips Lions to lead with confidence, compassion, and purpose. You won't be disappointed!

The USA /Canada Forum will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on September 18-20. Another great opportunity to be inspired, with over 70 seminars, dynamic keynote speakers and networking with others, it is one of my favorite Lions' experiences.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and get ready for a fun-filled Lions year ahead. This year promises to be full of kindness, connection, and community impact. So rest, recharge and get ready-because we're going to make this Lions year unforgettable and loads of fun.

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We Serve

Hello Lions of 5M-2...



Chuck Toltzman
1st Vice District Governor

Is everyone staying out of the heat? I hope so.

How are your service projects going? I know that there are many service projects going on during the month of August. Be sure to put them into the portal to get credit for

the hard work you do.

Linda, my wife and service partner and I were down in Orlando FL for the International Convention during the month of July. We had such a great time visiting with friends and making new friends. The highlights were going to the plenary sessions. Were all the Lions from all over the world came together to hear some of the greatest speakers of Lions. From our outgoing International President Fabricio Oliveria to the Incoming International President A P Singh. We were all in one big room. I think I heard that there were about eight thousand Lions there. Please don't quote me on that. We heard from Legendary Olympian and mental health advocate Michael Phelps. He had some sobering thoughts about mental health and how it affects nearly everyone in some way. It was announced that there would be changes to the Club Excellence award and how it can be attained. Mainly that there will be three Service projects that have to be completed

to get your Club Excellence award. Look for the requirements further in the newsletter. Or during our club visits.

Incoming International President A P Singh's message to the Lions was very inspirational. The outlook for Lions is positive but we must continue to grow. With Mission 1.5 and achieving 1.5 million Lions by 2027 is achievable if every club was to get only two new members a year and the districts would sponsor one new club. His motto "Lead to serve, Serve to Lead" is something we all can get behind. He lives by the Lions motto "We Serve" and he would inspire all Lions to do the same.

The District Governors Team has been hard at work to get the District Directory done yet this month and you should have it in your inbox before the newsletter comes out.

A couple of dates in our Lions History.

In 1968: Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is established. Since its founding LCIF has given more than US\$826 million in grants for humanitarian work of Lions.

In 1971: Lions Club International moves its fourth and final time to Oak Brooke, Illinois after decades in downtown Chicago.

Everyone have a safe and fun August as we start to think about Fall Zone Meetings and club visits by the DG Team.

I am here to help you, help others.



Youth Exchange Banquet a Success

District Governor Shermayne recently attended the Youth Exchange banquet and sampled food from around the world.

This year the Youth Exchange program accepted 26 kids from 17 countries that came to Minnesota for this exchange. 6 students were hosted in 5M-2. These students are from: Israel, Lithuania, Brazil, France, Turkey and Mongolia. Thank you to the families that hosted this year.

Students arrive around the first of July and leave the end of August. This banquet was part of the Camp experience that brings all of the students together for a week of activities.

If interested in hosting in the future please contact Jim Walters - golfwithjim@gmail.com or Cindy Walters - cjwalters@me.com.

Hello Lions of 5M-2!



Deb Koehnen
2nd Vice District Governor

Congratulations to DG Shermayne as she begins her year as the 5M2 district governor. I know that she will hit the ground running as she returns from the Lions International Convention in Orlando. So fun to see the Facebook posts from Lions of 5M2 that attended the convention. They represent our district well.

Thank you to PDG Lisa Kaufman for her great year of service to 5M2 and beyond. I enjoyed being part of her cabinet as well as serving on Lisa's 2025 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention committee.

A year ago, members of our district endured the disastrous flooding in Waterville. An LCIF disaster grant was given. Again, this year disastrous flooding has occurred in Texas. Please continue to support LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief. 100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF credit.

Summer represents some of our Lions prime fundraising events. I supported a fundraiser of the Akeley, Minnesota Lions by purchasing a square on a grid where a bull was going to do what bovine's do. Turns out that after a couple of hours nothing happened and the club ended up drawing for the winner. Whatever it is that your club does for fundraising remember to stay safe and hydrated.

Thank you to those that are hosting youth from the youth exchange program. Safe travels as you share some of what Minnesotan is all about.

DISTRICT 5M-2
PLUS 1

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS WHO FINISHED THE 2024-2025 LIONS YEAR WITH A +1 IN MEMBERSHIP

ALBERT LEA +2	NEW RICHLAND +1
ALBERT LEA LAKEVIEW +4	NORTHFIELD +3
COLOGNE +3	NYA- WEST CARVER +1
EAGLE LAKE AREA +2	PLATO +1
ELLENDALE +2	SHAKOPEE +1
HENDERSON +5	SILVER LAKE +2
JORDAN +1	ST. PETER +2
JORDAN JORDANESS +1	VICTORIA +49
LONSDALE +5	WASECA +2
MANKATO +1	WATERVILLE +5
MAYER NEW GERMANY +4	WINTHROP +1
NEW AUBURN +1	

CONGRATULATIONS TO MANKATO SUNRISE FOR SPONSORING THE NEW LE SUEUR COUNTY CAMP SWEET LIFE CLUB!



At Camp Sweet Life, nestled between tall pines and a shimmering lake, I arrived as a volunteer eager to make a difference. The camp was a haven for children living with type 1 diabetes, offering them a week of adventure without the shadow of feeling different. Camp Sweet Life also served as a break for parents not having to think about or helping to manage their child's diabetes. Many parents left with the weight of the world finally lifted off their shoulders if only for a week.

Foundation members Lion Mary, Lion Steve, & past Foundation member DG Sara passed out diabetic emergency kits to parents to give to school, coaches, or other civic leaders that could help their child should they have a diabetic emergency. Campers received lip balm and a lanyard for use at camp. All gifts had the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation logo on them. Lion Rose and IPDG Lisa help spread the word about the newest club in 5M-2 the Camp Sweet Life Lions Club to parents and volunteers. The roar of the Lions could be heard echoing in the Minnesota timber that day!




Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION


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LCIF: A strong start to a promising year by the numbers and beyond

The disasters never stop—so neither can we. But thanks to the generosity and commitment of Lions around the globe, **LCIF** continues to bring hope and support where it's needed most.

 **In the past year, LCIF raised an impressive \$81.5 million worldwide** to empower service projects and disaster relief. Here in **Multiple District 5M**, we raised **\$729,838**, with **District 5M2** contributing **\$95,438**—that's **139% of our goal**. Incredible!

 Even more inspiring? **Over 19 million people** were served through **LCIF Grants**. That's impact you can feel.

 **Fun fact:** *Camp Sweet Life*—a summer camp in Minnesota designed exclusively for children with Type 1 Diabetes—was showcased during the International Convention Plenary Session! The camp received **two \$37,500 grants from LCIF**, giving kids a chance to experience summer like every child should. Another fact, LeSueur County CSL Lions Club is our newest club in 5M-2.

 We can't say it enough: *thank you*. Your donations fuel this mission. And while the work isn't done, we're moving forward together.

 Looking ahead, we're excited to announce a **Special LCIF Project** tied to the upcoming **Special Olympics Celebration in Minneapolis next year**. Through a unique **pass-through grant**, any donations made to LCIF and *earmarked "Special Olympics"* will:

- Be **credited toward Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition**, and
- Be **returned dollar-for-dollar to the Special Olympics** in support of their incredible work.

So far, we have collected over \$41,000 for the Special Olympics in Minneapolis.. It's a *win-win*, and we'll share more details soon!

Together, we serve—and together, we lead with compassion, vision, and heart. Let's keep the momentum going!

As always, please reach out to PDG Anna or Lion Rose with any questions.

PDG Anna 952-913-1467

Lion Rose 612-756-1316

WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?



By: IPDG Lisa Kaufmann, GLT

Leadership is the ability to guide, influence, or inspire individuals or groups to achieve a common goal. It's not just about holding a position of authority – it's about how someone uses their influence to bring out the best in others and move an organization or team forward.

Core Elements of Leadership:

1. **Vision** – Setting a clear direction and inspiring others to follow it.
2. **Communication** – Listening actively and sharing ideas clearly and effectively.
3. **Integrity** – Acting with honesty, fairness, and accountability.
4. **Empowerment** – Encouraging others to grow, take initiative, and contribute.
5. **Adaptability** – Navigating change and uncertainty with resilience.
6. **Decision-Making** – Making thoughtful, timely choices—even under pressure.
7. **Empathy** – Understanding and valuing the perspectives and emotions of others.

Leadership in Action:

- A Lion who helps their club navigate a tough project by staying calm, offering support, and celebrating small wins.
- A Lion member who steps up to mentor a new Lion, even without a formal title.
- A Lion club president who sets a bold vision for sustainability and aligns the club's strategy around it.

There are many opportunities to participate in leadership training. Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is coming up September 25-28, 2025. This program offered by Lions Clubs International (LCI) is designed to develop leadership skills for both Lions and Leos. It prepares members for leadership roles at various levels within the organization, including club, zone, district, and multiple district levels. The program provides a core curriculum with elective sessions, allowing for customization to meet local leadership development needs. Look for the additional information in this newsletter.

In addition, LCI has numerous offerings on the website. There is specific training available for club officers and zone chairs. If you are a Lion interested in obtaining your bachelors, master's or doctorate through Lions University you can find information on the website.

During the year, I will be working with DG Shermaine to schedule leadership opportunities. It might be a drop in Zoom to learn more about the Lion Portal, or it could be a more formal presentation. Watch the 5M-2 Facebook page, the newsletter and email to participate in these opportunities.

"Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." — Simon Sinek

August Monthly GMT Resources: Global Membership Team (GMT)

Brian Thies, GMT

Congratulations Multiple 5M:

Congratulations to all Districts in 5M! 5M finished the 2024-2025 Lions year at **+175!** Thank you for recruiting and retaining Lions in our Multiple. Let's keep the momentum going!

GOALS AND ACTION PLANS:

Each club is asked to set membership goals for Lions year 25-26. It is important for each club to set membership goals, develop an action plan for each of those goals, and communicate those goals to all members in the club. Membership growth is not solely the responsibility of the membership chair, rather a collective effort for all members in the club. Included again this month is the Membership Action Plan for your clubs to use. Use this as a guide to build an action plan for each of your membership goals. SHARE this plan with all members of your club. We are all doing our part to help meet the Mission 1.5 goals below.

Mission 1.5 Goals for 2025-2026:

District	New Club Target	New Member Target	Net Gain Target	Recruitment Award Target
5M 1	1	145	1	165
5M 2	1	183	1	203
5M 3	1	69	1	89
5M 4	1	129	1	149
5M 5	1	149	40	169
5M 6	1	122	1	142
5M 7	1	187	1	207
5M 8	1	259	10	279
5M 9	1	228	1	248
5M 10	1	248	1	268
5M 11	1	267	1	287
5 M 13	1	88	1	108
Totals	12	2074	60	2314

Resources:

- ☐ [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#): This includes a new member survey, a former member questionnaire, and a member satisfaction action plan.
- ☐ [Club Quality Initiative](#): Use this resource, along with the assessments that are included; to work through steps to help you discover new ways to improve the way your club operates and increase your support of Mission 1.5.

As always, a member of the District Global Membership Team is here to support you and willing to connect in person or virtually. Please reach out if you need any support. Thank you for all you do!

GAT Summit in Las Vegas



Rose Thies
Global Extension Team Coordinator

The future of Lions Clubs depends on more than just the service we deliver today — it depends on how we grow, how we lead, and how we support one another for tomorrow.

That's why Lions from across constitutional area A (USA, Canada and the Bahamas) gathered recently in Las Vegas to focus on one of the most important — yet often overlooked — parts of our organization: Nurturing a Culture of Growth.

5M-2 was represented by District Governor-Elect Sher-mayne Cross, Global Membership Team Coordinator Brian Thies, and Global Extension Team Coordinator Rose Thies.

Now, you might be wondering, "What are GET and GMT, and why should I care?" It's a fair question.

✓ The Global Membership Team (GMT) is all about helping Lions Clubs grow stronger by welcoming new members, supporting existing ones, and ensuring everyone feels connected and valued. More hands = more service = more people helped.

✓ The Global Extension Team (GET) focuses on starting new Lions Clubs and Specialty Clubs in areas where they're needed most — helping us reach more people and address more community needs.

Simply put, these teams work behind the scenes to ensure the Lions organization keeps growing, thriving, and making an impact — but they can't do it alone. Every Lion plays a role in building a culture where new ideas are welcomed, new members feel at home, and service remains at the heart of what we do.

The Las Vegas event wasn't just about meetings — it was about sharing stories, learning new ways to connect with our communities, and reminding ourselves why growth matters: because every new Lion means more people served and stronger communities.

As we look ahead to the coming year, remember: Growth isn't just about numbers — it's about the legacy we leave and the lives we change.

Remember.. You don't have to be on GMT or GET to make a difference — just inviting a friend to a meeting, welcoming a new face, or sharing your passion for service helps build a stronger Lions community.





Can Do Canines to Host Open House August 19

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Tuesday, August 19, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

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

Also, don't miss out on two special promotions during this open house! The first 75 people in attendance will receive a free cup of Culver's custard, thanks to Culver's-Golden Valley. Plus, all attendees can enter a drawing to win a Bogg beach bag (value \$72) plus accessories!

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.





5M2 Kidsight Day at the Minnesota State Fair is:

Thursday August 29th.

*If you volunteer at the **Kidsight Booth**, you will receive a text message which will to attend the State Fair that day for **FREE**.*

Our location has moved. We are now in the Education building with the where the other Lions Hearing, Vision and Diabetes booth is located. So, you can volunteer at both if you wish. We are getting NEW Kidsight cameras, and hope to have them at the fair. They operate similar to older ones, but they are quicker.

One does not need to know how to operate a camera. There are other positions that do not need knowledge of the Kidsight program. One only needs to volunteer for 4 hours. It is great fun to see the children get so excited once their eyes area screened to receive their free sunglasses. Some choose to get their eyes screened only to obtain the sunglasses. We need to see greater support from the Lions in 5M2. Please consider volunteering. If you have problems signing up to volunteer, please contact Lion Harry Klenke at 952-913-8134.

The signup Genius is below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#/>

Thank you for volunteering.

Lions Harry Klenke and Lion Carol Oraskovich

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-51742227-2025#/>



2025 State Fair Booth Volunteering

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors.

www.signupgenius.com

**MINNESOTA
STATE FAIR**



REGIONAL LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
RLLI



Save the Date

September 25-28, 2025

Country Inn and Suites, Mankato

Empower Your Leadership. Enrich Your Service.



Join Lions from across the region for a transformational weekend of leadership development, fellowship, and service planning.

Dynamic sessions on:

- Team building and communication
- Leading with impact
- Change management
- Club success strategies

LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD.



Registration Opening Soon
Use the QR code to get more information



2026 MD5M CONVENTION IS HAVING A...

BEACH PARTY!

APRIL 24-26, 2026



Sheraton Minneapolis
West Hotel
12201 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305
Hosted by District 5M-5

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>

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

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





April 24-26, 2026
106th - MD5M Multiple Convention
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
2026 MD5M Registration Form



☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
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Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ City: _____
 Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____ Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____
 Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____
 Club: _____ Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
 December 31, 2025
 \$185 US - \$266 CDN _____

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

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social	\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____	\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____
Saturday Lunch	\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____	\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____
Saturday Banquet	\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____	\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____
Sunday Brunch	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____	\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

Please specify dietary needs: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Other: _____

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rhonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

-OR- you may pay by Venmo to: @Rhonna-Hed Then Email your registrations to: rhed@summitfire.com

Please provide an email address or phone # if you'd like to receive a confirmation _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

Room rates are \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 9, 2026.

[Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com

Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com



Lions International

Reminder - Club Excellence Award applications are due 8/31/2025. Please email a completed form to lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com prior to this date for submission to LCI.

2024-2025

CLUB EXCELLENCE AND 5 STAR EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

This application features criteria for the Club Excellence Award and 5 Star Excellence Award. As you go through the application, please check all qualification boxes that your club has met. At the end of the application are criteria for the 5 Star Excellence Award. Your club will be awarded either the Club Excellence Award or the 5 Star Excellence Award.

Club name: _____ Club number: _____ District: _____

2024-2025 club president name: _____

Member number: _____ Email address: _____

1. MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater) **or** ☐ Chartered a new Lions club.

Name of Lions club: _____

2. SERVICE

- ☐ Started a new service project. Consider one of our global causes! Explain: _____

- ☐ List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to Lions International:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. LCIF

- ☐ Contributed to LCIF an amount greater than or equal to the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10.

Year-end membership count _____ x US\$10 = _____

4. LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- ☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

- ☐ Reported club officers to Lions International.

- ☐ Key officers participate in club officer training.

☐ District

☐ Webinars

☐ Multiple district

☐ Lions Learning Center

☐ International

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

THE GIBBON LIONS CELEBRATED LIONS DR. EDGAR TAGGATZ AND JEROME PETERSONS 90TH BIRTHDAY WITH A CAKE, PIE AND ICE CREAM. (PICTURED IS LION TAGGATZ)



LION DR. EDGAR TAGGATZ RECEIVED THE MELVIN JONES AWARD FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GIBBON LIONS, CITY, AND COMMUNITY. HE IS A HUGE GIBBON REDS FAN. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LIONS FOR 63 YEARS.



LION GARY SCHAFFER RECEIVED THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARD FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GIBBON LIONS, CITY AND COMMUNITY. LION GARY IS A MEMBER OF THE GIBBON LIONS FOR 41 YEARS.

Lonsdale Lions

The Lonsdale Lions Club Annual Picnic Potluck took place on Sunday, June 29th at Lions Micki & Scotty Ziskovsky's home & backyard. It was a wonderful afternoon of social connections, laughter, food, & sunshine! If you are interested in joining a wonderful club of people focused

on making the Lonsdale area community better through service & positivity, please contact membership chair Lion Scotty Ziskovsky at scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com or by phone at 612.817.3503 or reach out to Lonsdale Lions President Lion Alan Fitterer at alanfitterer@gmail.com



Sitting around the table firepit (L to R): Widow Betty Vosejпка, LeVerne Dubahn (wife of Lion Fritz), widow Fran Sticha, widow Darlene Kubes; Front row (L to R): Lion Juan Zaragoza (sitting), Lion Al Sevcik (kneeling), Lion Scotty Ziskovsky (sitting at the table); Middle row all standing (L to R): Lion Bonnie Simon, widow Sue Sevcik, Lion Simon Hilligoss, Lion Barb Peterson, Lion Tim Rud, Lion Micki Ziskovsky; Back row (L to R): Lion Jim Mahler, Lion Fritz Dubahn, Cheryl Fitterer (wife of Alan), President Lion Alan Fitterer (sitting), Lion Ron Simon, Lion Don Sticha, Lion Steve Hilligoss, & Lion Mike Sevcik. Also attending, but not in the picture: Lions Anastina & Jeremy Barnes, Debbie Rud (wife of Lion Tim), Carlene Sevcik (wife of Lion Al), Karen Sevcik (taking the picture & wife of Lion Mike), & Lion Juan's 2 young sons.

5M-2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:
5M-2newslettereditor@gmail.com

**What are your clubs doing for Service?
Share the NEWS!!**

Brownton Lions



Our July meeting was short & sweet!!

McLeod County Fair once again is asking for attendance clickers. Fair is free admission so we just keep track of the the number that comes thru the gate. Our time is 5 pm to close.

Brownton Community Guide book is being put together. We are putting in an ad with our Lions logo.

Coming up this Saturday is our Waffle breakfast. Lots of discussion about what the club needs to do.

Our annual corn feed Aug 11th 5 - 7 pm.

Our annual Halloween party coming up Oct 31st from 5:30 - 7pm

Our annual Santa Day Dec 6th from 9 - noon.

Donated towards the Glencoe Booster Club.

Jackie Pohlmer received an award for her sponsoring two new members.

Stewart Lions

We entered our float in the Buffalo Lake Days Parade on July 19. Riding the float is Lion Nathan Knaak and his wife, Katie.



Cologne Lions

Cologne Lions Softball Tournament. Lions Bob Benes, Kayla Woelfel, Stephanie Bauman



Lions Monkey, Bob Baughman, Bernie Shambour, Dave Tellers, Bob Wickenhauser and Dan Worm discussing the heat.



Lion Monkey is the last tractor in our Parade at Cologne Glad Days. 160 tractors were in the Parade.

Cologne Lions hosted a Pancake Breakfast for Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. We raised \$1321.00 and 64lbs of food.





Chanhasen Lions Officer Induction

It was a great night at Lake Ann Park for the Chanhasen Lions, socializing and inducting our club officers. Thank you 2nd VDG Deb Koehnen for conducting the farm animal themed ceremony.

Le Sueur Lions

In early July, the Le Sueur Lions Club undertook maintenance of our pollinator garden at Jo Eagle Anderson Park, which was adopted by the Lions in 2020. This includes weeding, mulching, and planting new flora. The garden serves as a memorial to honor the Lions who have passed on.



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**What are your clubs doing for Membership Recruitment?
Share the NEWS!!**

More Le Sueur Lions

On Friday evening during Summer in the Valley, the Le Sueur Lions offered watermelon to all attendees, young and old, who visited their stand while enjoying some great music



Silver Lake Lions

Silver Lake Lions Club ventured to Winstock Country Musical Festival on Friday, June 20 from 4-8 PM. We had a blast serving cold beverages to a very large crowd! It was a warm few hours but a great time had by all!



L-FR: Lion Duane Yurek, Lion Gary Jerabek, Lion Lynn Yurek, Lion Sue Vasek, Lion Nolan Johnson & wife, Corinne,

Middle Row: Lion Sarah Kahn, Connie Schultz, Lion Deb Lundin

Back Row: Lion Cory Kahn, Brad Schultz, Lion Dan Lundin, Lion Brent Wraspir



Hutchinson Lions

The Hutchinson Lions had an action-packed June!

On June 15, club members proudly participated in the Hutchinson Water Carnival Parade, spreading smiles (and candy!) to the cheering crowd.

Just a few days later on June 21, we rolled up our sleeves to serve at the Hutchinson 3M Picnic, raising funds to support our many community programs.

As summer heats up, we're excited about more opportunities to serve, connect, and make a difference throughout the season.



Gieseke named Melvin Jones recipient by LaFayette Lions

By Ruth Klossner

Trish Gieseke was named a Melvin Jones Fellow and was recognized at the annual awards program of the Lafayette Area Lions Tuesday, July 8. She is the club's 33rd recipient of the award.

Joe Maidl, Jody Wills, and Ruth Klossner spoke of Gieseke's Lions and community involvement during the awards program.

Tricia "Trish" Gieseke has only been a Lion for four years but "jumped in with both feet," and is one of the most active members of the club.

Almost immediately upon joining, Trish got involved with the club's playground committee that, over several years, planned and bonded for a \$125,000 upgrade to the Lafayette kiddie park.

An excellent organizer, Gieseke has provided her talents to the pie social, Santa Day, Halloween, Night to Unite meal, and 45th anniversary committees. She chaired the club's August food event in the summer of 2024.

When the club's second vice president position remained open through many months, Trish volunteered to fill it, then moved up to first vice president. She became club president last week—but had already conducted several meetings in the absence of the president.

When the scholarship committee needed another member, Trish volunteered and led the plan to revamp the program. She also headed the silent auction committee for a very successful benefit for a teen who lost her father.

This past April, Gieseke decided that the Easter Egg Hunt needed an Easter bunny, so she got a costume and greeted the kids.

Gieseke is not only a member, but a leader. When asked to be the district Peace Poster co-chair for 2024-25, Trish didn't hesitate to take on the role. As such, she's only the second Lion from the Lafayette club to be a member of the District 5M2 cabinet.

Active in the community, Gieseke is administrative assistant for the Fields of Grace Lutheran tri-parish and took on a huge role when the churches were without a permanent pastor for three years. She continues in that role and schedules church use, communicates with the pastor, and prepares bulletins, reports, and newsletters.

In their presentations, Wills talked about getting to know Gieseke when the two worked on Nicollet High School football run-through banners and the school's after-prom parties. She noted that, in addition to getting the job done, they always had a lot of fun.

Klossner shared that, while Gieseke got involved with the Nicollet High School After Prom committee when her son

was in high school, she's now been on the committee for 11 years, long after her son graduated.

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As a member of the Lion's scholarship committee, Gieseke recognized the incoming college freshmen who will receive \$1,000 Lafayette Area Lions scholarships. Two were present Tuesday evening and introduced their parents and told of their college plans. They are Dylan Armstrong, son of Jason and Natasha Armstrong, and Rory Gieseke, daughter of Jessica Gieseke. Unable to attend was Avery Roiger, daughter of Emily and Matt Hagberg.

Following the introductions, Gieseke announced that Rory Gieseke is the recipient of the Lafayette Lions first bonus scholarship, an extra award of \$1,500.

The Lafayette Lions has made significant contributions toward higher education, having awarded 292 scholarships, totaling \$162,300, over the past 30 years.

At the close of the program, Lion and Past District Governor Joan Blank of Nicollet installed the club's 2025-2026 officers, using cleaning products to explain their roles as officers. They are, Gieseke, president; Scott Portner, first vice president; Alma Forst, second vice president; Ruth Klossner, secretary; Taylor Mages, treasurer; Portner, Lion tamer; Arden DeBoer and Mark Dick, tail twisters; and Tom Hayes, Andrew Maidl, Mark Haler, Sandy Hartley, and Daniel Hayes, directors. Dave Reed is the club's gambling manager.

2024-25 president Daniel Hayes emceed the program. A slide show of the Lions past year was shown at the start of the evening. Brad DeBoer and Andy Maidl handled tail-twisting, with the proceeds going to Blank's favorite charity, T.E.A.M. Sheehan Charitable Foundation.



After Joan Blank installed the new Lafayette Lions officers and directors, they gathered for a photo. Front, from left: Alma Forst, Blank, Trish Gieseke, Ruth Klossner, and Taylor Mages. Back: Scott Portner, Sandy Hartley, Mark Haler, Andrew Maidl, Daniel Hayes, and Tom Hayes.

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Money raised benefits the community and organizations we support.

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Annual Brownton Corn Feed

MONDAY - August 11, 2025

Brownton Community Center

Sponsored by the Brownton Lions Club

Serving from 5pm to 7pm or until the corn is gone.

Menu: Sweet Corn, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,
Potato Chips, Milk & Coffee

Cost: \$5 for ages 13 & up

\$2 for ages 6 - 12

\$1 for extra Hot Dog

Free for children 5 and under

Thank you to the Brownton Fire Department

We will have a kids game again - prepare you might get wet!



HAMBURG LIONS

HAMBURGER, HOT DOG AND CORN FEED

Thursday Aug 14th

5-7:30PM

Hamburg Bi-Centennial Park

Music By:

Cindy Eggers and Jim Wendolek

Hamburger or Hot Dog, Corn, and a bottle of water

(All you can eat corn-until it's gone)

Free Will donation

Profits will be split **50/50** between Leader Dog
and

Can-Do Canines.

Pop available for \$1.00



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Serving the Third Sunday of
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2025 Dates

8:00
AM
til
11:30
AM

May 18th
June 15th
July 20th
August 17th

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Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

**The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will
once again be the Presenting Sponsors.**



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Saturday, November 1, 2025

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to the Golden Bubble

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2026 MAY 1-3
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2026 JUNE 5-7
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Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

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