



5M-2 Lions' News



December 2024

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Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor

For many the holidays bring a time of remembering the past year and looking to the next year. This year, it has me thinking about Lions and our goals. As we approach the halfway point of the Lions year are we meeting our goals?

Mission 1.5 and growth is the name of the game. Without retaining our members, adding new members and clubs we will not be here in the future. Our growth goal established by Lions Club International for this Lions year is to add 205 new members, end the year at a positive four members and add one new club. How are we doing? So far so good, as of today November 26, 2024 we have added 104 new Lions! Woohoo....but we have lost 75, but we are at a plus 29. Positive news if we can keep the momentum going and we have a community our district is working with to start a new club.



This also has me thinking about branch clubs. Branch clubs can be a road map to our future. There is an opportunity to start a branch club which might grow to someday being a Lions club. Clubs meet at all different times of the day, but this may not work for all. Is there an opportunity in your area to start a branch club which might meet a different time of the day? This is a win-win for all, helps strengthen your club and brings more hands to serve.

As I think of the past year, I am grateful for each and every Lion in our District. This year we started a DG Team approach to club visits, thank you for embracing this. Our fall zone meetings were combined with two zones each, again thank you for embracing this. During those meetings we conducted education on food insecurity and conducted a food drive. The donations were beyond expectations, thank you!

As we move into 2025 there is still a lot to be done. We are in the midst of convention planning. Please register, as always they are slow at coming in and it makes it hard to plan. Please take the time to register. The easy way to get to the registration form is through the 5M-2 website. You can obtain the paper form or click on the link for electronic registration on the website.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

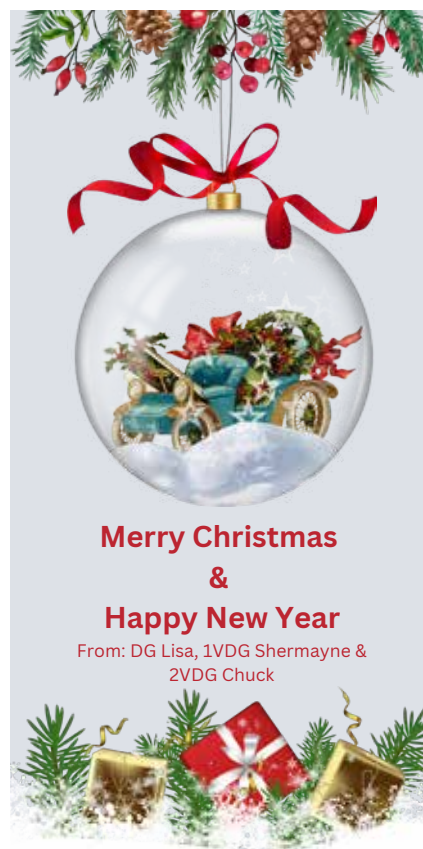
Lion Glenn and I have enjoyed the club visits we have made to date. For those clubs who have gave a donation in honor of our visit, those have been given to the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, to date this is approximately \$2000! Thank you.

In closing, I will be keeping the tradition of doing the Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics. Zone Chair and Prior Lake Club President Kris Ziskovsky will be jumping with me on February 1st in St. Peter to honor 2VDG Gerald, this would have been his year as DG. We will hold no shame in seeking donations from our Lions and clubs in our district to support us.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – DG Lisa

"I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring." David Bowie



**Merry Christmas
&**

Happy New Year

From: DG Lisa, 1VDG Shermayne &
2VDG Chuck



We Serve

Merry Christmas



*Lion Shermayne Cross
1st Vice District Governor*

Where has 2024 gone? It seems like yesterday we were turning the page to start a new year and now it is December. The hustle and bustle of Christmas is here. Take time to enjoy all that this season means to you and your family. And take time for YOU; whether it is with friends, family or just some alone time to have a cup

of tea and enjoy the stillness of the moment.

Did you know that a couple of 5M-2 clubs meet early in the morning? The sunrise was spectacular in November when we traveled to Winnebago for a 7 am meeting. I also attended a mid-morning meeting and a noon meeting, along with many evening meetings. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you and to learn about your clubs and service projects that you do. I have inducted seven new members from the Waseca Lions club and one from the Eagle Lake Club. Many chevrons were handed out to various members, delicious meals were eaten, and lively conversations were enjoyed.

Each year our district recognizes one Lion from each Zone as the Zone Lion of the Year. The application to nominate a member from your club is in the newsletter. Please submit the form no later than February 28 to me and mail or email it to me. My address is on the form. This award

will be presented during each Zone meeting later in the spring.

Have you registered for the Mid-Winter Convention yet? It is only 2.5 months away, so don't delay! You won't want to miss any part of this fun, educational, entertaining weekend with fellow Lions around our district. You don't know what PDG Anna has up her sleeve to raise funds for LCIF either!

December 10 is Lions Day at the United Nations. Did you know that in 1945, Lions were invited to participate in the founding conference of the UN? This partnership emphasized the shared commitment to global service and humanitarian efforts. Lions Clubs have partnered with UN agencies on specific campaigns, such as vision care, health initiatives and disaster relief efforts.

The UN recognizes the efforts of all Lions Clubs around the world and the work we do to make a better world now and into the future. Our motto of "We Serve" is as relevant today as it was in 1917 and 1945. Thank you to each and every one of you who tirelessly serve your neighbors at home and around the world.

From our family to yours, we would like to wish you the happiest Christmas filled with joy, love and laughter!

VDG Shermayne and Lion Bob

Welcome new Waseca Lions!!



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

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:
5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

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

Hello Fellow Lions!



Chuck Toltzman
2nd Vice District Governor

Well winter has graced us with its presence with the cold weather and all. But it is December, and we should expect that here in Minnesota. I am just thankful we don't have a foot of snow yet.

December is a time when we are all

thinking about giving. But as Lions we have been giving all year long. So, maybe December is just another month to a Lion. December is also about being joyful and fun and Lions know how to have fun, don't we Lions?

Speaking of fun, how are we all doing with the new portal? Well maybe not so fun! I know many of you have been able to get in and get your activities into the portal. But if any clubs out there are having trouble yet with getting their activities into the portal, please let me know so that I can help you. Looking ahead, starting next month is a new year. How many clubs have completed half of their year's activities? Are you still looking for new activities to do? A quick activity to do is put together a diabetes kit. It is simple to do, and you can put the kit together while your members are walking into the meeting, it is just that

simple. You can then hand them out into your communities like at your schools, police departments, or libraries or any place that has a large amount of public presence. Just an idea for any Clubs looking for a new project.

We are only about 2 1/2 months away from our 5M-2 District convention in Mankato. How many of you have signed up to go? It is going to be an exciting time with dancing and music on Friday night and a lot of great and useful information on Saturday. Get your applications in early.

I believe I am going to be brief this month and wrap this up. But not before I give everyone a little Lions history.

In 1939: Detroit Lions purchase an old farmhouse and barn and turn it into a school to train guide dogs for the visually impaired thus popularizing dog guides worldwide. In time, this became Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Be safe this holiday season. Merry Christmas from Myself and Lion Linda. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the new year.

Remember that "I am here, to help you, help others".

Welcome New Lions Club Members

Cologne:

Kathie Broll

Northfield:

Maimouna Toure-Keita

St. Peter:

Michael Spear

Henderson:

Joerg Feuchtinger
Michelle Feuchtinger
Roger Pivec
Trudy Pivec
Timothy Youngren

Shakopee:

Tim Brosam
David Duvick
Tristan Johnson
Jeff Patterson

Victoria:

Timothy Justin
Thomas Zawicki

Waconia Dandy Lions:

Ashley Lair

Nicolett:

Aaron Thompson

Waterville:

Richard Esser



DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

December 2024

- 1 - PDG Christmas Party
- 2 - Green Isle Christmas Party
- 4 - Carver DG Team Visit
- 7 - Owatonna Rock & Roll Christmas
- 9 - Christmas Planter Class
- 10 - Cologne DG Team Visit
- 11 - Jordan Jordaness & Jordan DG Team Visit
- 17 - Albert Lea Cloverleaf DG Team Visit
- 20 - Chanhassen Lions Christmas Party
- 25 - Lump of coal for Lion Glenn



Merry Christmas!

As the year draws to a close, let us take a moment to reflect on our blessings and remember those who are less fortunate. Many are still grappling with the devastating effects of natural disasters. Even in our own community, fellow Lions, family and friends are working hard to recover from the spring flooding.

As you prepare your gift lists and check them twice, consider giving a gift that keeps on giving. Our foundation is a meaningful option for those hard-to-buy-for relatives, friends and neighbors—a gift that pays it forward by supporting those in need.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with love, gratitude, and the spirit of giving!

PDG Anna and Lion Rose



**STUCK ON WHAT TO GIFT
THAT PICKY LION OR FAMILY
MEMBER?**

Give a little love to LCIF!

**DONATE AT
[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/DONATE](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate)**

**Donations of \$50.00 or more qualify you for the LCIF Presidential
Supporter recognition**

Questions: Contact Anna at 952-913-1467 or Rose at 612-756-1316



Ignite the Lions Pride

MD5M Multiple District

Convention

April 25-27, 2025



Lions All:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



2025 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention

Tentative Schedule

International Guests: ID Hans & DG Shari Neidhardt
Potwin, KS

Friday, February 14, 2025

Registration	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cabinet Meeting & Dinner	4:30 p.m.
Invite Only	
Opening Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
Celebration of Life	7:15 p.m.
1 st Timers Meeting	8:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Entertainment	8:00 p.m. – 11:30 P.M.
Lions Rock with DJ Gina D.	

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Registration	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Get Moving – Chair Yoga	8:15 a.m.
Hunger Seminar	9:00 a.m.
Lion Patti Sinykin, Bountiful Baskets	
Kids First – Dessert First	10:00 a.m.
Essay Contest, PID Debra Wassermann	
Peace Poster Contest, PDG Diana Kroells & Lion Trish Gieseke	
Write-off Contest, Lion Deb Koehnen	
Break	11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Lunch & Program	11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Family Style Lunch	
Speaker – Empowering People, PDG Chris Wooters, Prince Frederick, MD	
Awards & Presentations – DG Team	
Business Meeting	2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
ID & Governor's Reception	6:00 p.m.
Banquet	6:30 p.m.
Speaker – ID Hans Neidhardt	
Awards – ID Hans Neidhardt & DG Lisa Kaufmann	
Evening Fun	9:00 p.m.
Hosts: Lions Dirk & Deidra Peterson	

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Ecumenical Service	8:30 a.m.
PDG Kevin Reich	
Seminar - Amazing Breastforms	9:15 a.m.
DG Shari Neidhardt	
TBD TEAM Sheehan Foundation	9:45 a.m.
TBD	
Parade of Green	10:15 a.m.
Closing Comments	10:45 a.m.
Flag Retirement & Adjournment	



**District 5M-2 MidWinter Convention
February 14-16, 2025
Country Inn & Suites
1900 Premier Dr., Mankato, MN 56001**



ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION PREFERRED:



Scan the above QR code or go to
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/a323e4e8-8e97-45e0-a127-ae01fa466df7>
Pay attention to the service fee, you can select other and enter \$0.

FOR PAPER REGISTRATION:

Complete one form for each person attending.

Attendee Information: ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Spouse/Guest ☐ 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	Email address:
Address:	City, State & Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	Club Name:	

Instructions:

- Register online or Return Registration Form no later than January 31, 2025.
- For paper registration you can pay via Venmo or mail a paper check with your form.
 - Checks Made Payable To: District 5M-2 Convention
 - Mail To: Jean Hess
8682 Flamingo Drive
Chanhassen, MN 55317



Include convention
when completing
transaction.

Convention Costs:

- Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person and **applies to all attendees** including non-Lions.
- On-site registration will be limited, and no meals will be available for purchase.

Meal Options:

If you have dietary restrictions, please email: jhess1966@gmail.com

<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch - Family Style (Ham & Turkey Wraps, Chips, Pasta Salad, Cookies)	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet (Salad, Vegetable, Dessert)	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Champagne Chicken(GF) <input type="checkbox"/> Walleye	
Total Registration (\$30) + Meals	

Hotel Accommodations: Book directly with the Country Inn & Suites by calling (507) 225-0007 or type the following into a browser: www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HU19T1 to book online.

- Rate \$129 per night, mention 5M-2 Lions 2025 or code HU19T1 to secure this rate.
- Continental breakfast is included.
- Block held until Tuesday, January 14, 2024.



District 5M-2 Lions Club Delegate Roster



Form must be completed and returned by February 1st.

Club Name _____

Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for every 10 members or major fraction (5) thereof.

Number of Club Members: _____

Number of Delegates: _____

List of Club Delegates:

Print Name:

**Initial at
check-in:**

Email Address:

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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5. _____

5. _____

6. _____

6. _____

District Governors who will be voting - DO NOT include in delegate counts.

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

IMPORTANT: If the delegate form is not completed and returned by February 1st you will not be able to pick-up your credentials and vote at the Mid-Winter Convention.

The delegate form can be sent via U.S. Mail or Email to the addresses below:

Mail: Lion Pamela Koenen, Cabinet Secretary
62702 150th St.
Alden, MN 56009

Email: pkkoenen@gmail.com

If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members.

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District 5M-2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is unique to District 5M-2 and provides us the opportunity to recognize one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies Lions Clubs International Centennial motto: "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion". Each Club is encouraged to nominate one member who deserves this recognition; it can be anyone in your Club.

Zone Lion of the Year recognitions will be made during the 2025 Spring Zone meetings. The Club President or person designated by him/her is asked to complete this application and return it to 1VDG Shermayne Cross no later than February 28, 2025, by either US Mail or email.

Mail to: 1VDG Shermayne Cross
18209 Roberds Lake Blvd
Faribault, MN 55021

Email: shermayne.c@live.com

Please write a brief description of the Lion being nominated including information on number of years as a Lion, participation in Club activities, offices held and/or involvement in your community. You may use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.

The Club president must sign this form.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone 1 ☐ Zone 5 ☐

Zone 2 ☐ Zone 6 ☐

Zone 3 ☐ Zone 7 ☐

Zone 4 ☐ Zone 8 ☐

Club President _____

(Signature)

(Date)

Appendix 29.0

MD5M HALL OF FAME

Procedure

Purpose

To honor those Lion members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and they are in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and they should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lions Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Appendix 30.0
MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

District _____

Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____
Address _____
Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service, Family,
Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects, and awards.
(Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.)

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Midwinter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form shall be accepted and the nomination shall only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.
The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

*More than 38 million Americans have diabetes.
More than 97 million Americans are pre-diabetic.*



Walk, Run, Cycle, Swim, Ski, Skate, Curl...

Our STRIDES Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge is back in time for National Diabetes Month and the holiday stretch of gatherings and feasts of food and beverage!

To draw attention to **National Diabetes Month** and the **benefits of physical activity** we are conducting our **STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge** beginning **November 1, 2024, and extending through January 1, 2025** – *to cover the holiday season that is usually filled with lots of hard-to-resist food and beverages.*

We are asking your club to:

- **Participate** as a club team or as individual Lions.
- **Promote** our STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge within your community. *(This challenge is for everyone, not just Lions.)*
- **Please share this information with** your local radio, tv or newspaper outlets; place flyers in public areas; place information on your club and personal social media pages.
- **Consider** a club or individual sponsorship for this Challenge. Sponsorship levels: Gold: \$1,000; Silver: \$500; Bronze: \$250. *(Contact us for more information.)*

Physical Activity Challenge

Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices, are key to preventing diabetes and improving health.

- Commit to a minimum of 15 miles of activity each month (2,000 steps = 1 mile)
- Choose your activities.
- Choose your activity days and times, locations (indoor / outdoor).
- Be active on your own.
- Be active with a team.

Challenge Registration and Donations

- Our Challenge Link opens **November 1, 2024**, and remains open through **January 1, 2025**.
- The Challenge Registration / Donation link will be posted on MNLionsDiabetes.org home page.
- Net proceeds benefit Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
- Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation supports programs and services related to diabetes, including research, education, and diabetes screening.

Lions support of Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation has helped provide grants for research that has led to a cure for diabetes in mice, leading to the next steps in research for a cure in humans and other critical research related to developing treatments and a cure. *We appreciate your support!*

Please contact either Lion Mary or myself to schedule a club visit, and for diabetes service project ideas.

Lion Mary Meyers
5M-2 Trustee
mmeyer66@yahoo.com
612-306-1574

Lion Steve Jiobe
5M-2 Trustee
Jobedc@hotmail.com
218-251-6966

To-do List

Things to get done in December!

☐ Register for the MidWinter Convention

- Please register in December as this assists with convention planning.
 - Convention booklets need to be ordered in early January.
- Registration form is in this newsletter & on the 5M-2 Website

☐ Has your club had a member pass away this last year?

- Email the name, photo a brief write-up to PDG Eunice Rucks & Lion Rose Thies at 5M2lionsdistrictactivities@gmail.com

☐ Submit the Delegate Roster

- The delegate roster is located in this newsletter & on the 5M-2 website.

☐ Enjoy the holidays with your family & friends. Merry Christmas!



Year to Date: 11/27/2024

Membership Metrics

2,287

Total Membership

74

Drop Members in FY

106

Members Added in FY

32

Net Growth in FY

1.40%

Net Growth in FY%

2024-2025 Goals

205 Members Added
4 Net Growth
1 New Club



MISSION 1.5



As the year draws to a close, your generosity can ensure life-changing experiences for individuals of all abilities.

Explore impactful ways to give:

- **Cash Donations:** A straightforward and immediate way to support the True Friends mission.
- **Gifts of Securities:** Donating appreciated securities such as stocks or bonds is a smart way to give back to maximize the tax benefits of your charitable contributions.
- **Retirement Giving:** If you're 70½ or older, you can make tax-free Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA, up to \$105,000 in 2024.

[Give Today](#)

A New Era for Camp Courage



We're thrilled to share that construction has begun on the new Recreation Center at Camp Courage! In recognition of a generous \$2.5 million gift from the Camp Cambria Foundation, a longstanding True Friends partner, the facility will be named the Camp Cambria Recreation Center. This \$17.7 million project is set to open in early 2026, creating new opportunities for independence and growth for individuals with disabilities.



DISTRICT 5M-2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST 2024-2025

JUDGING

- **New for 2024-2025:** All winners will be People's Choice winners!
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, based on voting at the Midwinter Convention.
- Voting will take place at the convention from Friday, February 14 through the morning of Saturday, February 15.



Photo by Lion Sandra Kelley
Carver Lions Club
2023-2024 2nd Place Winner

WHO CAN ENTER:

The 2024-2025 Environmental Photo Contest is open to Lions and Leos in District 5M-2

HOW TO ENTER:

- Each Lions and Leo club in District 5M-2 is invited to select and submit **one** entry by January 17, 2025
- Mail the photo entry along with the Entry Form to:

Lion Diane Hesse
22425 Helena Blvd
Jordan, MN 55352

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

- Photo must depict a nature theme (i.e. plants, animals, landscape, weather, etc.)
- Photo must have been taken in 2024
- Photo must be original and unaltered
- Photo must have been taken by the submitting Lion or Leo
- Photo must depict the local environment of the community the Lion or Leo serves
- Photo must not include people. Photos that include people will be disqualified
- Photo must be printed on high-quality **photo** paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm)

Questions? Contact 5M-2 Environmental Chair: Lion Diane Hesse
liondianehesse@gmail.com



**5M-2 Environmental Photo Contest
2024-2025 ENTRY FORM**

Name of Photographer:	
Lions or Leo Club of Photographer:	
Email of Photographer:	
Title of Photo:	
Date Photo was Taken:	
Place Photo was Taken:	

RULES:

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QUESTIONS?: Email Lion Diane Hesse at liondianehesse@gmail.com



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2024 – 2025 school year that there will be **6 US \$2,500** scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (6), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (3) and Virginia (6). The 2025 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2025.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.

4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2025** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Minnesota Lake Lions

Summer festivals 'build community' and boost business across Minnesota

In Minnesota Lake, FestAg fills downtown with bustling crowds, a yearly commune in an era short on local gatherings.

By Christopher Vondracek Star Tribune

JULY 27, 2024 AT 3:00PM

2024 MN Lake Lions Festag Pork Burger Stand with 5M-2 1VDG Shermayne Cross and MN Lake Lions.



MN Lake Lions Service Project. Pumpkin Patch planted for the youth and community.



Photo featured in the Star Tribune this July: featuring Minnesota Lake Lions 2024 Festag Pork Stand with helpers from Amboy Lions, Serteen member and MN Lake Lion Darlene Breamer.



Above: Melvin Jones Fellowship Award given to Minnesota Lake Lion Darlene Breamer. Presented by 5M-2 2nd VDG Chuck Toltzman and Minnesota Lake Lion Jim More.

Left: 5M-2 2VDG Chuck Toltzman receives a \$513 donation to the MN Lions Children's Cancer Foundation from Minnesota Lake Lions Club presented by Treasurer Deb Ramsley.



Jordaness Lions

For the past twenty two years, the Jordaness club has sponsored a biennial Veterans Day program. This year, the club worked with administrators from Jordan Middle School, Jordan High School, and St. John the Baptist School to plan an event attended by hundreds of middle school and high school students. Special guests at the event were the Jordan Honor Guard, numerous local veterans, and two very special guest speakers: Brigadier General Kathleen Clary, Deputy Commanding General, 3D Medical Command; and Colonel Seth Pedersen, Army

Reserve, Army Reserve Sustainment Command.

The heart warming event included music by the Jordan Middle School 5th Grade Choir, the Jordan High School Choir, and the Jordan High School Band. In addition, two St. John the Baptist School students read a touching tribute to Veterans in the form of a poem. New to the program this year was the recognition of two Jordan High School seniors who have committed entrance into the Army National Guard after graduation.



More Jordanness Lions

The Jordanness Club had a JOYFUL time kicking off the holiday season with their 35th annual Holiday Fashion Show! The show included a delicious luncheon, a comical skit by club members, a silent auction, raffles, and the main event - fashion models! The show's theme this year was "Comfort and Joy," and random guests were pulled from the audience to model the cozy outfits they chose to wear. DG Lisa was one of the lovely models, and club members were impressed with the thought she put into her joyful ensemble!



The Jordanness club is a proud sponsor of Jordan Family Outreach (JFO), which is an organization that assists families in need. In the photo, Lion Wanda Breimhorst presents JFO representative, Molly Nefstead, with a check for the organization's Holiday Gift Card Distribution project. This project provides gift cards for local parents, enabling them to buy holiday gifts for their children.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

Our membership drive is on fire thanks to **Lion Pat Murray**, the membership committee and all of you. We've added 29 new members this year year, which brings our total member count to 129 community members committing to serve! We are now the largest club in the district. Thank you all for continuing to promote our club to the community and by not only recruiting new members, but members that are willing to work to make our community better. Our membership drive isn't just about being big. Its about being the most active, making the biggest impact and simply put, to be the best. If you know anyone that is interested in servicing please introduce them and welcome them in.

Please take a look at the Q2 calendar of events for some fun recruiting events coming up soon, starting with a bourbon tasting on November 21st! There will be more to come in the coming months! If everyone does just a little, together we'll do great things. TOGETHER we serve!



Waconia Lions

We handed out hotdogs at the Junior Fair Board's Trunk or Treat with Tippy at the Fair Grounds.

We sold Raffle tickets for the 2025 Fireworks festival at Waconia's Nickle Dickle Day event.

We helped to prepare 250 lbs of food at our last meeting at humanity Alliance in Victoria, MN.



Waconia DandyLions

The DandyLions are currently busy shopping for our holiday "Gifts for Grands" event. We are able to shop with the money we raised from our annual Flannel Fall Crawl event.



\$25* a golfer - Please include a Team name if you want to be grouped together with others registering separately.

Saturday, January 25, 2025. No set tee times - hop on the course anytime between 12:00 and 2:00! Registration starts at 11:30 AM.

*Ticket gets you a fun afternoon of 9 holes of snow golf! We supply the tennis balls, and YOU bring the golf club of choice! Think hockey stick, broom, tee-ball bat or a simple golf club!

NEW THIS YEAR - Best Dressed Team Contest!!

**** Cash Only **** Bring cash as the raffles and food / drink will be cash only. No credit card availability, no ATM on site.

Food and Beverages Available for sale at event (Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic - no outside alcohol allowed). Event is 21 and over. Mike Bustin (mikebustin.com) will be our entertainment for the day! He will play from 1:00pm - 4:30pm.

Profits from the day (registration, games, food & beverages) will be split between Two great causes *The Hope Chest for Breast Cancer (hopechest.com) and The Waconia DandyLions*

Mayer Area Lions have had a busy fall!

Mayer Area Lions provided their food stand and had a blast at the Mayer Music in the Park event. Pictured: volunteer Kaylee Palmitessa, Lion Laura and husband behind her Lion Jesse Dukowitz, Lion Danielle Barrett, Lion Paul Pelletier and Lion Nick Johnson.



NEW MEMBERS photo: Lion Vice President Paulette Pelletier sponsored Nick Johnson, Lion President Joe Dvorak did the swearing in ceremony, new member Dan Scherman was sponsored by Lion Mark Gutzke.

Cooking traditional German foods for the Mayer October Car Fest are Lion Dan Scherman, Lion Paul Pelletier, Lion Mark Gutzke and Lion Joe Dvorak. The menu included REAL German potato salad, brats, burgers, and BIG pretzels with cheese. Largest attendance of vintage cars all summer!



LaFayette Area Lions Celebrate 45th Anniversary

The 45th anniversary of the Lafayette Area Lions Club was celebrated in fun fashion with a member and guest dinner at Hahn's Dining in Winthrop Tuesday, November 12. In addition to recognizing the club's first 45 years, longtime members were recognized and District Governor Lisa Kaufmann presented a greeting. She reviewed historical events of 1979, when the club was organized, and club happenings since that time. She also presented several awards to club members.

Kaufmann presented chevrons to members achieving longtime membership milestones. Recognized were Larry Mages, 35 years; Ruth Klossner, 25 years; and Carol Hoffmann and Andrew Maidl, 10 years each.

In addition, Kaufmann surprised club vice president Trish Gieseke and administrator Ruth Klossner with MD5M District Governor Award and Make Your Mark pins for their service. She noted that Gieseke has also stepped up to join the district cabinet as co-chair for the Peace Poster Project.

In addition to the district governor and her husband, Past Council Chair Glenn Kaufmann, a number of other current and past district officers attended, including Second Vice District Governor Chuck Toltzman and his wife Linda and eight other members of the Winthrop Lions. Other attendees came from the Gibbon, Nicollet, Arlington, Green Isle, Hamburg, and Chanhassen clubs.



Club president Daniel Hayes, left, and DG Lisa Kaufmann, right, are pictured with membership milestone chevron recipients Andrew Maidl and Carol Hoffmann, ten years; Larry Mages, 35 years; and Ruth Klossner, 25 years.



Daniel Hayes, president of the Lafayette Area Lions, emceed the program.



DG Lisa Kaufmann not only presented Ruth Klossner with a District Governor Award pin and a Make Your Mark pin, but gave Ruth a pair of stress reliever cows for her collection—noting that she probably had some stress helping to organize the event.



Club vice president Trish Gieseke received a District Governor Award pin and a Make Your Mark pin from DG Lisa Kaufmann.



District Governor Lisa Kaufmann spoke during the program and presented awards.



Arden DeBoer, one of four active charter members of the Lafayette Lions, was on hand to do his usual job, tail twisting. He read a series of questions, while fellow tail twister Mark Dick canvassed the room, collecting donations that ultimately went toward the Lions kiddie park project.



Glenn Kaufmann, husband of District Governor Lisa Kaufmann, checked out the Lions' history display.

Four charter members of the Lafayette Lions have reached 45 years of membership. Of those, Arden DeBoer was the only one present and was busy as he assisted with tail twisting. Other charter members who continue with the club are Dwight DeBoer, Jim Langhoff, and Steve Langhoff.

A moment of silence was observed for four club members who have passed since the club celebrated its 40th anniversary. They are charter member Dave Martin, Wallace Guggisberg, Heidi Hagstrom, and Richard Hoffmann.

Proceeds from tail twisting were presented to DG Kaufmann. Rather than giving the collection to a Lions foundation, Kaufmann presented it back to the Lafayette club to put toward the group's kiddie playground project. Along with gifts from area Lions clubs and the district officer team, a total of \$315 went to the project.

A historical slide show and club scrapbooks dating back 29 years were available for viewing during a social hour before the dinner and program.

The Lafayette-Bernadotte Lions Club was chartered with 57 members May 5, 1979. The club name was officially changed to Lafayette Area Lions on July 22, 1986. Current membership is 45—with the club setting a goal to enroll more members in 2025.

Le Sueur Lions

This Halloween, the Le Sueur Lions Club enjoyed handing out candy to almost 550 trick-or-treaters on Main Street. The children's costumes had a great variety of characters such as Elsa, Stitch, a police officer, and the Grim Reaper.

Congratulations to the winners of the Le Sueur Lions' Club peace poster contest first place winner of \$50 is Maggie McDonough-Hartwell and second place winner of \$25 is Mackenzie Jones.



Recently, the LeSueur Lions Club along with The Rotary Club of Le Sueur teamed up to assemble 55 food boxes for the local back pack families. The boxes ranged between 42 and 72 pounds each depending upon the size of the receiving family. Each box contained a variety of canned goods, fresh fruits, vegetables, and a grocery gift card. The Lions are proud to support the local back pack program and We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



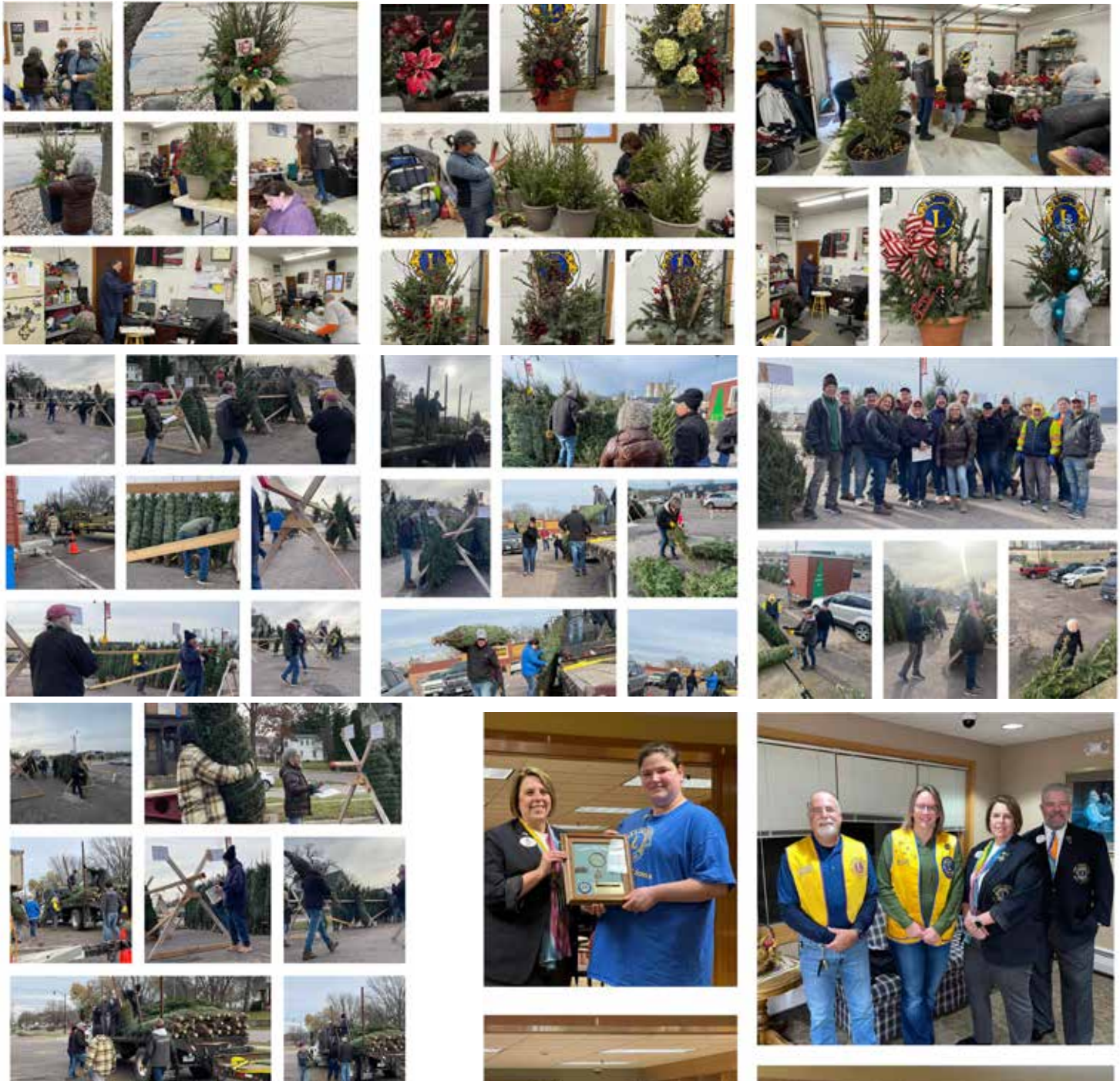
5M-2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:
5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

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

More Le Sueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions Club has been hard at work today Saturday, November 23rd preparing for the launch of our Christmas tree lot sales. In addition to our trees, we will also have a range of beautiful porch pots available for purchase. Our lot, located at the corner of 2nd Street and Bridge, features a wide selection of beautiful trees.



On Tuesday November 19th, Lisa Kaufmann, 5m2 District Governor, and her husband Glenn Kaufmann, a past district governor, attended the Le Sueur Lions' monthly meeting, celebrating 65 years of service to Le Sueur. The meeting recognized several Lions, including Lion Phil, Dean, and Larry, with Chevron Pins for their years of service, while Lions President Jena was honored with the 'Make Your Mark' award as well as Lion Kim received the Dream Catcher award.



Brownton Lions

Brownton Lions held their Governors night & was honored to have 2nd Vice District Governor Chuck Toltzman as our guest.

We donated towards GSL after prom party, McLeod County Holiday Project, & Brownton Days. We held our annual Halloween party & had 130 kids in attendance. Fun was had by all!!!

Events coming up was discussed. Santa Day, Holiday Bake Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, Fish fry

Our meat raffles are being held at the Brownton Bar & Grill every Saturday at 4 - 6 pm.

Our club received the Membership Satisfaction Award for 2023-2024.

2nd VDG Chuck Toltzman presented Milestone Chevron Awards to the following 3 members Nancy Sweely, Lori Lindeman & Billie Diepold for 15 years of service!!!!



Amboy Lions

The Amboy Lions club has been busy with many events the past few months. During Amboy City Celebration in September, we sold tacos in a bag and sponsored a golf putting contest at the mini putting green that the Amboy Lions help build.

In October we held our 4th Annual Golf Tournament with 18 participants. We helped the MN Lake Lions provide dictionaries for 78 third graders at the Maple River Schools. For Veterans Day, we hosted a luncheon on November 9 for Amboy area veterans and spouses. We served them a meal of sloppy joes, baked beans, Chips, Pecan Bars and Chocolate Cake.

This December we are sponsoring a family from the Amboy area for Christmas and providing extra gifts for the family. We will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army in December also. We are looking forward to hosting our first winter golf tournament in January. Let it snow! Watch the www.amboymn.com (city web page) for more information on upcoming events for Amboy Lions.



The Amboy Lions Club hosted a Veterans Lunch on November 8. The attendees represented the Army, Navy, Marines, National Guard and Army Reserve with a total of over 46 years of service to our country. Thank you to all Veterans who served.





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Christmas Planter Class

December 9 Start 6 PM

Instructor: Lion David Dominick
\$40 for one planter/\$70 for two
Bring your planter(s) filled with dirt

Lions Park
1505 82nd St., Victoria, MN

Price Includes:

- Planter flowers & materials
- Wine, water and snacks

Limited to 25 individuals.

R s v p
lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com
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SEPT 13 - OCT 11 - NOV 1 - DEC 13
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Save the date!



Lions Clubs International
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Go for the Gold Gala

Saturday March 29, 2025

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 4th Ave S.

St Cloud, MN 56301

We had such a fantastic response to last years Gala-we are going to do it again! MD5M's LCIF District Coordinators have been brainstorming to make this a fun filled event. What we know so far is that there will be a silent/live auction, "Olympic" games, raffles and perhaps a costume contest.

We are working on special guest speakers.

There will be more to come.

Invite your club members, community leaders, anyone that you think that would be interested in learning what our Foundation does for others. Yes-this is a Fun-Raiser!!

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find your personal balance that you have donated to LCIF. If you want to be presented with a MJF plaque or PMJF pin by PIP Douglas Alexander, then you will need to order your plaque/pin by Feb 3, 2025.

You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you are attending.

Any further questions please contact
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1. Quarter of Beef
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