



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor

I just wanted to give a BIG LIONS AIR HUG to the Lions of District 5M2!

I am grateful for your resilience during all of the upheaval in the world and locally. The texts, emails, cards and phone calls to me offering support

does not go unnoticed. Sometimes they are what get me through the day. I know it can be exhausting all of the changes happening from hour to hour. I sometimes feel I don't know what to think depending on what the news or social media is "Accurately" reporting. With that being said, I am positive the following bits of information are true.

Lions Club International has waived its new member fee of \$35 until June 30, 2021.

The Lions International Convention that was to take place in Montreal is going Virtual. For \$50 this is your most affordable chance to go to an International Convention (pants not mandatory).

Our Midwinter convention is also going Virtual this year. No cost to attend. The date is Saturday February 13, 2021. It will go from 9 am until loosely 12ish. If technology does not fail us there will be a Facebook Live Streaming off of the 5M2 Facebook Page. Also there will be a link to Zoom and we are currently working on putting all of this information onto our District Website. So in a nutshell we had a FANTASTIC hybrid convention all in place. Now we are trying to consolidate 3 days into 4 hours:) It is a challenge, but the committee is working so very hard to make this enjoyable for everyone. There will be email blasts, facebook posts etc. when this all comes together and we are confident that it will be simple for everyone to get access to it.



Also new this year is how we are doing elections. It will be using a platform called Election Runner. So when you have sent your delegates to Cindy Walters she will verify their credentials and everyone that you chose as a delegate will get emailed to them their specific link to log in. More in depth details will be emailed out to you. So if you are registered as a delegate start checking your spam:) During the Business Meeting you will hear nominating speeches for our candidates and our Hall Of Fame and Constitution & Bylaws changes. Then Cindy will explain to you about the voting again and we will take a break so people can use their smartphones, tablets or PC's to vote. You do not have to be registered on Zoom-this can also be done using Facebook Streaming.

So please be patient while we get the last details in place and an accurate schedule/timeframe. Please note that the Celebration of Life will happen at 9 am with the Business Meeting/Voting following directly after for those that are trying to plan your day.

We are LIONS Strong-ROAR!

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Did You Know?



*Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor*

Lion Lisa and I are working with DG Anna and her convention team to ensure everyone has a fun, informative 2021 Midwinter Convention. After that, it's all hands on deck for Sammich Obsession Season. While we may not have our traditional food events again this year, 5M2

can continue to show our communities that a little pandemic won't slow down Lions and our yearning to feed the masses! It seems like 5M2 became the drive-through food event capital of the world last year. If your club hasn't "turned the lights on" yet, consider a drive-through event to let your town know your club is still there and ready to help.

While we make our travels, I continue to try to avoid the need to move up a pant size. It's great to see all the enthusiasm clubs have for their pancakes, soups, and pork chops, but what if there was something more?



What if there was SOMETHING BEYOND THE SAMMICH AND PANCAKE? Did you know there are countless opportunities for all of us to make a difference outside our individual clubs? Even if you don't know what they are yet, rest assured there are many opportunities for involvement at the zone, district, and multi-district levels.

District Governors are always on the lookout for eager Lions who have energy, new ideas, or just want to learn more about Lions.

So, you say you're interested, but wouldn't know where to start? Here's a list of Job Descriptions held throughout the district:

- District Governor
- Vice District Governors
- Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer
- Zone Chair

- LCIF Chair
- Computer Technology
- Can Do Canines or Leader Dog Chair
- Special Olympics Chair
- Constitution and By-Laws or Long-Range Planning Chair
- District Convention Chair(s)
- District Activities or Historian Chair
- Journey for Service
- Leo Chair
- Liberty Day Chair(s)
- Lions Quest
- Youth Exchange
- Newsletter Editor
- Protocol or Public Relations Chair
- Peace Poster or Write-Off Chair(s)

Small job descriptions are also available for most of the Lions foundations, such as:

- Hearing, Vision, Diabetes, KidSight, and Childhood Cancer.

To read the above job descriptions, point and click your way to the District Website (<https://district5m2lions.com/position-descriptions>).

Not everyone is interested in Lions activities outside of their clubs, but if you have a desire to make a greater impact, find an area that speaks to you and reach out to anyone on the District Governor team (DG Anna, 1VDG Glenn, or 2VDG Kathleen). Good luck and we're all looking forward to working with you.



From My Garden...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor*

January is breezing by and we are into February.

The middle of January thru the middle of March is Mid-Winter season for LIONS. I have only been to 5M-2's until this year. In the past couple of weeks, I have been able to attend a couple of other dis-

trict's Mid-Winters. It makes me even more aware of how resourceful LIONS are, give a LION a lemon and they will make lemon drops. LIONS will do what needs to be done to make things happen, it may not be perfect, but it will get done and well.

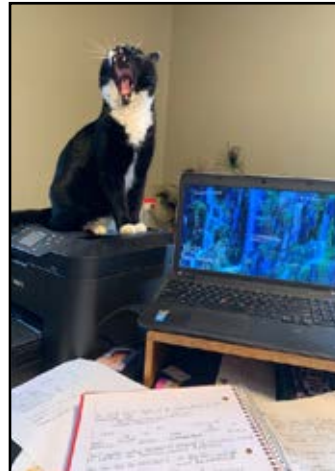
District Governor Anna and her Mid-Winter Chairs worked so hard to do a great hybrid convention this year but, with so many unknowns they decided to go virtual. They switched gears and are now working on to present a fun event.

I am really looking forward to Mid-Winter this year, it's going to be different from what we are used to, but to me this will demonstrate to everyone in our district that thinking outside the box and not be afraid of trying new things or putting a new twist on some old things is not a bad thing. I know it's going to be fun no matter what.

I hope everyone will attend this years Mid-Winter. I even have heard there may be a few delegate parties for the business meeting.

Hey, Let's shoot for 100% attendance for this years Mid-Winter!!! No dress code, you don't have to leave your house, it's free It's the Super Bowl of LIONS!

Just an update from last month's newsletter. LCI has waived all charter and entrance fees starting January 1st to June 30th, 2021. So, if you know of any or a group of any ones who would love to be a LION now is the time.



Introducing our International Director attending the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention



DR. JOSÉ A. MARRERO
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr, José A. Marrero, from Arecibo, Puerto Rico, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Marrero has been a physician for 39 years and is currently medical director for a community care clinic with emergency care, lab and X-ray facilities. His clinic is the primary care provider to most of the population within the surrounding areas. Dr. Marrero also works as an emergency physician for a third-level medical facility which receives referrals from all medical facilities and hospitals within the Arecibo district.

He became a Lion when he joined the Arecibo Capitan Correa Lions Club in 1996. Director Marrero has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district Diabetes Awareness and Action chairperson, multiple district GLT coordinator and recently, multiple district GST coordinator. He has served as a presenter in five Regional Leadership Institutes and three USA/Canada Forums. Director Marrero has also served as a member of several International Convention Election committees.

In recognition of his service, Director Marrero has received 11 International President's Certificates, one International President's Leadership Award and two International President's Awards. Director Marrero and his wife, Annie, are both Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

Director Marrero also supports an outreach program to the homeless population within Arecibo. Established by his son and the Arecibo Capitan Correa Lions Club, the program provides food, clothing and medical care to people in need. Director Marrero has served as president of his local chapter of the Puerto Rico College of Physicians and as a former city councilperson to the city of Arecibo.

Outside of his Lions and professional responsibilities, Director Marrero pursues an interest in botany and grows tropical bonsais and orchids in his home.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow Lions,

Below is an excerpt from a recent message from LCIF Chair PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir.

Just eight months after a large earthquake struck Croatia's capital in March 2020, another, more powerful quake struck the area, killing at least seven people and injuring dozens more. The December 29 6.4 magnitude quake destroyed several cities and dozens of villages in Sisak-Moslavina County.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions and humanitarians, are [ready to help](#). Our global foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), quickly responded and approved US\$10,000 in Emergency grant funding to allow Lions in Croatia to respond to urgent needs of the victims.

As enormous challenges due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) persist, so too do natural disasters. LCIF continues to support recovery efforts from natural disasters worldwide, providing Emergency grant funding when and where it is needed.

In November and December 2020 alone, and adding to relief funding for Sisak-Moslavina County, LCIF provided US\$235,000 in Emergency grants for:

- Flood relief in India, Brazil, Italy, and Sri Lanka
- Tropical storm relief in Colombia
- Typhoon relief in the Philippines
- Earthquake relief in Greece

You can help.

Your generous donation to LCIF helps deliver relief and hope. Any donation helps and every donation matters. Thank you for your kindness and for working together with LCIF to rebuild lives.

\$\$\$ Parade of Green Reminder \$\$\$

Mail your *"Parade of Green"* checks by February 5 to:

Michael Olson
2240 Silver Leaf Trail
Cologne, MN 55322



2021 MD5M Convention

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention "Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree" in Mankato, MN, April 30 – May 2, 2021. Our theme builds on our previous Bend in the River themes. At this point in time, our committee is planning a hybrid convention to give all members the opportunity to join us for the weekend as they feel comfortable. All in-person events will be held at the Mayo Event Center, the same venue as the 2011 and 2016 conventions.

Registration and hotel information is available online via the MD5M website/conventions. Registration prices will be updated shortly to reflect the necessary format changes being made.

Changes to accommodate the hybrid model will be made to the raffle room/silent auction, co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, and which will be conducted all online. Stay tuned for updates and additional information from these two foundations.

Another change will be online only voting for any voting


needs. Further information on the club requirements for online voting will be sent to all club secretaries in upcoming months.

At this time, we have several great speakers lined up for the weekend - Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Hospital on Children's cancer; Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight; Dr. Bevan Yueh from MN Lions Hearing Foundation and a Leader Dog speaker on the puppy program at Lino Lakes. Our scheduled International guest is Past International President Frank Moore. Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.

Plans are changing frequently as the host committee continues to deal with the changing coronavirus restraints. Watch for additional information in the next weeks and months via emails to your club secretaries, your district newsletters and via the multiple district website.

District 5M-2 hopes you will Join Us for the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!


February 15th



INTERNATIONAL
CHILDHOOD
CANCER DAY

"The family is a nucleus around which most communities are built. The next generation's ability to thrive is closely tied to the supports of the local community. Lions and Leos have seen and felt the effects of cancer on children and their families, and continue to bring hope through tangible service and support."

As Lions, one of our strategic objectives is to help those affected by childhood cancer survive & thrive.





Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions around the world. As you know, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.
- **Flexible payments** – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.
 - **Please note** that clubs placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until the full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at Lions Clubs International to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 1, 2021.

These additional measures will help Lions facing financial hardships and give our clubs the support and encouragement they need during these challenging times. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

The world needs Lions now more than ever, so thank you for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



LIONS DAY

AT

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



The first LIONS DAY AT FMSC that we organized was held at all 3 FMSC locations on March 26, 2018. There were a total of 11 packing sessions with 484 Lions, Leos and Lioness and family and friends of Lions participating out of a total of 1,339 total volunteers. There was a total of 1,503 boxes that were packed which was a total of 324,648 meals! This fed 889 kids for a year! The amount of donations was \$13,526.55.

The second LIONS DAY AT FMSC that we organized was held at all 3 FMSC locations on April 15, 2019. There were a total of 10 packing sessions with 605 Lions, Leos and Lioness and family and friends of Lions participating out of a total of 875 volunteers. There was a total of 888 boxes that were packed which was a total of 191,808 meals! This fed 525 kids for a year! The amount of donations was \$19,961.

Our third LION'S DAY AT FMSC that we organized was originally scheduled for April 20, 2020. With the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to postpone the event and rescheduled for October 20, 2020. Little did we know the pandemic was still here AND on that date, we also had a SNOWSTORM!! There were a total of 9 packing sessions with 118 Lions, Leos and Lioness and family and friends of Lions participating out of a total of 183 volunteers. There was a total of 323 boxes that were packed which was a total of 69,768 meals! This will feed 191 kids for a year! The amount of donations was \$15,350.

As of today, the pandemic is still here!! MANY challenges and changes have occurred at Feed My Starving Children as they work around the pandemic restrictions to be able to continue to feed the starving children throughout the world!! MANY challenges and changes have also come to Lions and to Lions Clubs!!

With ALL of these changes, we are NOT planning another LION'S DAY AT FMSC. The efforts on our part as co-chairman have included hundreds of hours each year to plan, organize, and carry-out successful LION'S DAYS.

We feel that each Lion and Leo can personally go to FMSC by themselves or with family and pack food. We also feel that Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs can plan their own time during the year to go to FMSC and pack food.

Monetary donations can be made ANYTIME during the year by individuals, Lions clubs or businesses! Especially now during the pandemic, the NEED is greater than ever before!! Please feel free to go on their site at: www.fmsc.org and read the stories and get updates and information!

Again, Thank You ALL so VERY much for ALL you do and will continue to do!! WE SERVE!! WE SERVE!!

Yours in Lionism,

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie



empowering and transforming
diabetics

Camp Sweet Life needs YOU!

Volunteers, Counselors, Medical Staff (volunteer a couple of hours, one day of camp or volunteer the whole week!) – for more information how you or your Lions Club can get involved (besides making a donation to keep the cost of camp down, Camp Sweet Life is a 501c3 non-profit).

Dates of Camp: Sunday August 01, 2021 – Thursday August 5, 2021! (set up and volunteer helpers needed on Friday, July 30th in the afternoon and Saturday, July 31st 2021!

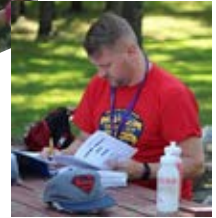
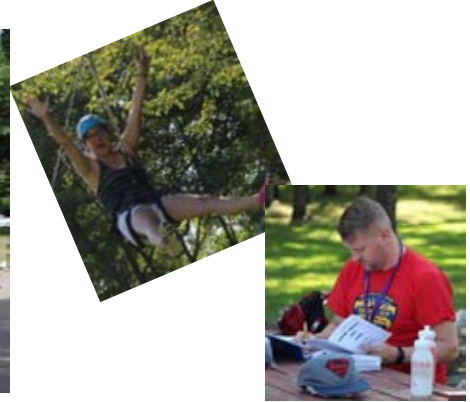
This is very rewarding doing fun things and helping kids to have a normal camp experience (even though all the campers have Type 1 Diabetes). What would you be doing? Call Lion Rene' or send him an email for more info!

Thanks! Lion Rene' Maes
Camp Sweet Life Executive Director and Camp Director
507-995-6910 cell
rene.maes@campsweetlife.org

Interested in making a difference in kids' lives?

Camp Sweet Life Adventures is seeking staff for its Annual Camp for youth with Type 1 Diabetes! Positions may include:

- Counselors in Training (CIT) – age 16/17
- Counselors – age 18 and over
- Medical Staff (MD, NP, RN, CDE, PA, EMT, Pharmacist, Student Nurses)



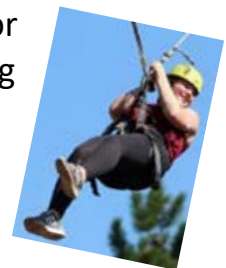
Staff at Camp Sweet Life help transform the lives of kids with Type 1 Diabetes; support the community; learn about diabetes (diabetes training for CIT and Counselors is provided); and have an immeasurable amount of fun!!

Camp Sweet Life 2021 – August 1 thru August 5 at Camp Courage - a True Friends Camp near Maple Lake, MN.

Requirements:

- ❖ All staff training/orientation begins at 8:30am Saturday, July 31 at Camp Courage
 - We ask that counselors are present for the entire week of camp to provide the campers the best experience possible.
 - CIT's will be required to arrive Friday, July 30 at 12pm to assist with move-in.
 - Counselors and Medical Staff are invited to arrive Friday evening for a night of fellow-ship and networking.

For more information, go to www.campsweetlife.org or email Robin Jordan at robin.jordan@campsweetlife.org



Just wanted to take a minute of your time to introduce myself to those of you that don't know me. My name is Lion Margie Jacobson. I have been a member of the Waterville Lions Club since 2014 and have held the offices of Secretary, Membership and am currently the First Vice President. I just recently was asked to serve as the 5M2 Lions Kidsight Vision Screening Coordinator as a co-chair with PDG Harry Klenke.



I was really excited about accepting this new role and getting started with screenings but the wind has been sort of knocked out of my balloon with Covid-19 and the restrictions not only in Minnesota but in the schools as well.

Protocols have been established so that we can begin screenings in the new year following CDC, Minnesota and school/daycare guidelines. Although it still remains to be seen what those guidelines will look like after the first of the year and what schools and daycares will be willing to have us screening for Kidsight in their buildings. I am excited to get more active with the screenings. If you wish to have screenings done either in your school or a daycare facility, please contact me.

Also I wanted to remind each club or Lions member that

Kidsight is in need of donations. I realize that a number of the donations are probably down due to the difficulty of fundraising this year with the Covid-19 restrictions. The MD5M Lions KidSight "Sight Saver" award is an excellent way to honor an exceptional Lion, Lioness, Leo or non-Lion individuals and organizations who have distinguished themselves on behalf of children's vision and who see and care for the needs of those less

fortunate than themselves. A \$1,000 U.S. donation to the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc allows the donor to present a Sight Saver Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin. Both the donor and recipient have the satisfaction of supporting children's vision screening. Donations help support the MD5M Lions KidSight program.

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you at some point when we can. In the meantime, Roar like a Lion and Serve.

Lion Margie Jacobson; 507-649-1034



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



It is Mid Winter Convention time and this year it will be totally different. It will be a virtual convention. You will do your Mid Winter Convention from the comforts of your home.

This will be very different,

no greeting and mingling with all our District friends, no in person meetings, no happy hours or meals together. We really have to "Get Our Lion On" as it is hard getting that feeling from a distance.

The Parade of Green will happen. Send your checks to Michael Olson, 2240 Silver leaf Trail, Cologne, MN 55322. Your Trustees hope for 100% of the clubs to donate. We know fundraising has been hard or did not happen, but even a small amount will help. The MN Lions Foundations Trustees have designated this years Parade of Green funds to the U of M Professorships in research.

Glasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges, and cell phones will still be collected. Check with your Zone Chair to see where they will be collected. I believe each Zone will have a collection point.

Start thinking about the Lions Hearing Foundation Award. If your club has \$1000 credit, your club can give an award. Your Trustees can let you know your credit amounts.

Trustees:

Lion Marvin Grimm 1-952-448-9465

Lion Vern Breamer 1-507-525-3850



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

Although our special events are not happening now because of Covid-19, seating for events is always something good to know. We hope this information will be necessary soon.

When planning for special events and a larger than usual head table, please check the Protocol Manual – page 6 & 7 – on the 5M2 Website for the correct seating. In addition, when there are spouses present, it is customary to seat them with their escorts, alternating the men and women, if possible. However, a man should be seated at each end of the head table.

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs



The Lions Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation expresses its gratitude to and honors individuals through the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award. A great deal of valuable research is carried out at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These awards come from the donations of clubs through the 5M9 district projects. For every \$1000 cumulated (per club), an award can be given to an individual, business or group who the club designates. The award may be given to a Lion, but does not have to be so.

The club decides and then sends in an application to the Minnesota Hearing Foundation treasurer, whose information is listed on the form. The form must include the club applying for the award, the name or names of the recipient(s) and the address of the recipient(s). The club will receive the plaque and can then decide when to give it to the award winner.

The plaque is a lovely tribute for service to others, especially in the field of hearing health. Over the next few months, we will be describing several of the research grants that have been given out this year. We are sure you will find some of them interesting and informative.



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Award

For more about the many services offered, visit our website: www.5mhf.org



Lion Christy Trutnau for 2nd Vice District Governor Elect

Lion Christy Trutnau is seeking your vote for 2nd Vice District Governor. She will work hard to support 5M2 in OUR goals as a district. With her enthusiasm and dedication, she will become a hard working District Governor for us all.



Tidbits from the Past

(taken from past district newsletters)

As we head into the 2021 Midwinter Convention, how many of these visiting International guests at our Midwinter Conventions do you remember?

- 1995 (DG Maynard Rucks) – International Director, Dr Carlos Justiniano from Puerto Rico.
- 1996 (DG Bill Harkins) – International Director, Floyd Newberry from Ohio.
- 2004 (DG Debra Wasserman) – International Director, Jules Cote from Vermont.
- 2005 (DG Tiny Brandt) – International Director, Bob Lastinger from Florida.
- 2006 (DG Marlys Meskan) – International Director Sam Miliken, from Pennsylvania.
- 2010 (DG Darwin Mathwig) – International Director, Neil Spencer from Florida
- 2011 (DG Eunice Rucks) – International Director, Judge Haynes Townsend from Dalton, Georgia. Judge Haynes went on to become 3rd, 2nd and 1st Vice President of Lions Clubs International and would have gone in as President in Singapore. Sadly, 1st VP Haynes passed away in December 2019.
- 2012 (DG Sue Bowman) – International Director, Dr. Gary Anderson from Michigan.
- 2013 (DG Ron Dahlke) – International Director Marvin Chambers from Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Canada.
- 2014 (DG Joan Blank) – International Director Steve Glass from West Virginia.
- 2015 (DG Harry Klenke) – international Director Karla Harris from Wisconsin.
- 2016 (DG Marvin Grimm) – International Director Howard Hudson from California.
- 2017 (DG Steve Wasserman) – International Director Bill Phillip from Kansas.
- 2018 (DG Nancy Mathwig) – International Director Gwen White from North Carolina.
- 2019 (DG Diana Kroells) – International Director Nick Xinopoulos from Indiana
- 2020 (DG Brian Thies) – International Director Bob Block from Illinois.

More to come next month –

PDG Nancy Mathwig, District 5M2 Historian



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness 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 Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at www.litpc.org In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, 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, 2021 to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

"WE SERVE"



TINNITUS RESEARCH STUDY

Are you between 18-75 years old?
Do you experience ringing in your ears?
Or want to help people who do?

Help us study how tinnitus affects brain signals!

- Participation involves questionnaires and brain imaging (MRI and MEG)
- Compensation will be provided

Contact: ENTSTUDY@umn.edu



Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Waconia Lions

Below are a couple photos from the annual poinsettia project where we give away 500 poinsettias to the senior nursing home, memory care, assisted living, and senior housing..

With COVID restrictions. we were only able to drop them off in the lobby and the staff distributed them to the residents. This is our 8th annual Poinsettia project for community service. We were assisted by the Waconia Boy Scout troop.



Veseli Lions

The Veseli Area Lions hosted a Drive Thru Santa on 12-12-20. The children and their parents had the option of visiting with Santa from their car or hop out and have a socially distant visit & take a picture with him. Each child received a gift and candy cane from Santa. We also accepted food and cash donations for our local food shelf.



Plato Lions

Myra Franke (Plato Lions Club) posting her final post on the Plato Lions marquee-sign. Myra has been doing this for 25 years and is now ready to hand over the job to another member of her club. We all thank Myra as she has done a wonderful job!



Jordaness Lions

Jordaness Lions Annual Toy Project -

The Jordaness Lions have been very busy packaging hundreds and hundreds of beautiful wooden toys for little girls and boys this holiday season.

Jordaness Lion Hedy Joachim began this project of love a dozen years ago and has been chairing it ever since. The beautifully crafted toys are donated by Doug and Louise Brown who reside in Pennsylvania. The toys are in loving memory of Doug's sister, Mary Brown.

These wooden trains, cars, tractors, animals, puzzles and yoyos are delivered to organizations such as Sharing Caring Hands, New Beginnings, St. Joseph's Children's Home, Families Moving Forward, the Jordan Food Shelf, and Southern Valley Alliance. They then make sure that the toys reach the waiting arms and hearts of many children in time for the holidays.



Courtland Lions

After months of waiting for the Covid pandemic to settle down, the Courtland Lions were able to meet and enjoy a social distancing evening together. It was an opportune time to present some long anticipated awards. So, on Monday, January 11, the following received awards for their service to the Courtland Community, the 5M2 Lions District, as well as to the nation. Their humanitarian efforts make for a better world.

Lion Lowell Abbas received the Melvin Jones Fellow

Lion Charlette Abbas received the 2019/2020 Zone 3 Lion of the Year Award

Lion Shirlene Hvinden received the MN Lions Hearing Foundation Award

Not present, but definitely worthy of recognition for their year's of service are:

Lion Dennis Schaffer for 30 years of service

Lion Brenda Jones for 25 years of service



Lonsdale Lions: Many Activities

(Right) Lion Fritz Duban, Lion Jim Mahler, & Lion Barb Peterson (not pictured Lion Scotty Ziskovsky & Lion Alan Fitterer) picked up our 2-mile MN Adopt-A-Highway section on Highway 19 north of Lonsdale on October 10th. The MN Adopt-A-Highway Program is celebrating 30 years with the Lonsdale Lions being part of the program since 1996 living & doing the Lions International mission of "Together We Serve!"



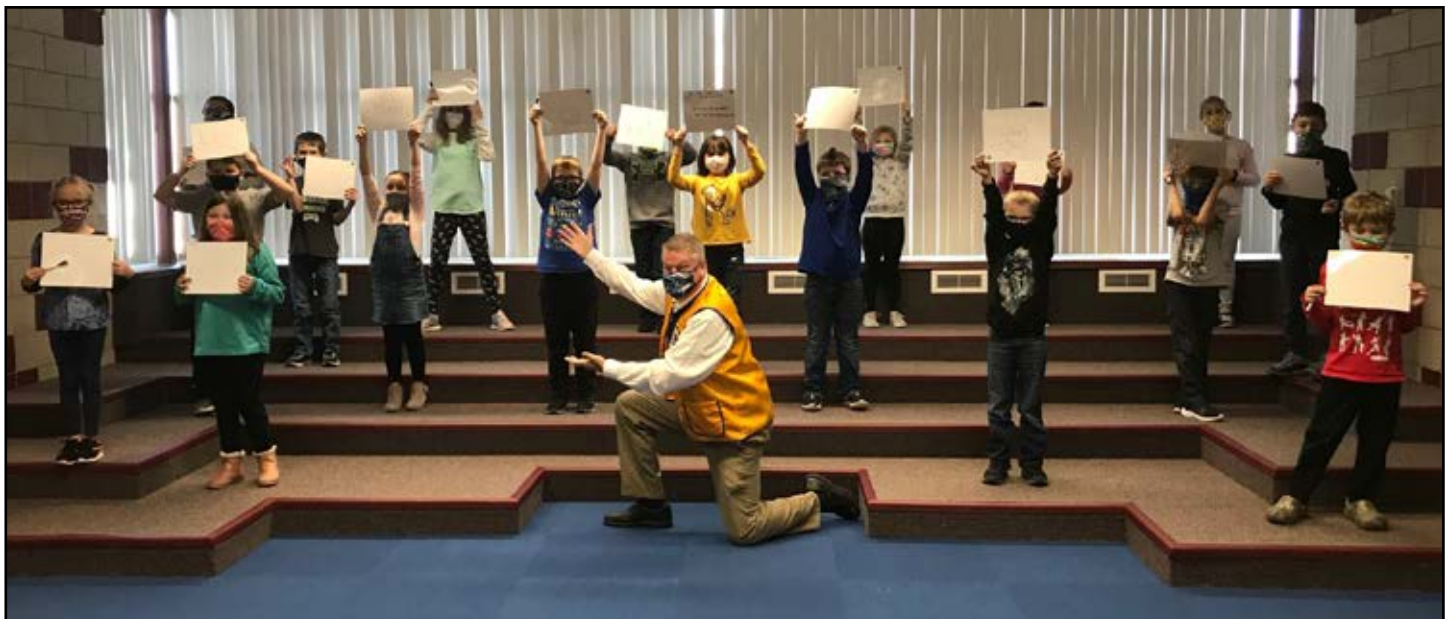
(Left) Lonsdale Lions Club Banner, chartered on 12.27.1979.



(Below) 2020-21 Lonsdale Lions Officers installation on 6.17.2020.



Tri-City United Lonsdale Titan 3rd graders in Ms. Jennifer Tuma's & Ms. Lydia Gurthridge's classes each received a whiteboard mat with x/y axis on 1 side & a whiteboard marker from Lonsdale Lions President Alan Fitterer on November 12th & 13th, instead of a dictionary as in past years. With TCU School District going into full Distance Learning the next week, the Lonsdale Lions decided that the whiteboard mats/markers would allow the 3rd graders to display their answers in their live Google Meet by holding the mat up showing their answers into the camera on their Chromebook for their teacher to see. Lion Alan spoke to the 3rd graders & shared about the community & service projects that our Lions do each year.



**Courtland Lions
Ham Dinner
Fundraiser**
Sunday, February 7th
11AM – 1PM
Courtland Community Center
300 Railroad Street
Courtland, MN



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| Sliced Ham | | |
| Baked Potato | Cost | Drive Up |
| Corn | \$10.00 | Take Home |
| Dinner Roll | Per Meal | Enjoy! |
| Dessert | | |

**Text or Call 507-382-2758 to reserve your meal(s)
by Friday, February 5th @ 8PM**
Additional meals available the day of, while supplies last

Sponsored by the Courtland Lions
(Profits will go towards local projects)

SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD SHELF

Bring non-perishable items to help
those less fortunate



BRING UNWANTED:

Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Empty Ink Cartridges,
Pop Tabs, and Old Cell Phones
These will be refurbished for those in
need or recycled



Twelfth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

**Thursday, March 18, 2021
6 to 6:45 p.m.**

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2021

Faculty Research Presentations:

- David Bernlohr, Ph.D., *Targeting Adipose Tissue to Treat Type 2 Diabetes*
- Brian Fife, Ph.D., *Curing Diabetes by Stopping the Immune System*
- Michael Garwood, Ph.D. and Paul Wang, M.D./Ph.D. candidate, *Desktop MRI Oxygen Scanner for Assessing Islet Oxygenation in the Bioartificial Pancreas*
- Bernhard Hering, M.D., *Transplants of Insulin-Secreting Islet Cells Without Anti-Rejection Drugs*
- Steve Koester, Ph.D., *A Novel Breath Sensing Device for Early Detection of Diabetic Ketoacidosis*

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at ochte001@umn.edu with any questions.

You will receive an email confirmation, including a link to the virtual gathering, prior to the webinar.



*Catch the Dream...
...a world without Diabetes!*

& Catch some Ca\$h

A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate
net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research
to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10

2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners
2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee
for tickets & information!**

Lion Wanda Breimhorst
wjbreim@comcast.net
612-716-4705

Lion Brian Rykus
bgrinhim@gmail.com
507-521-2689



Visit MnLionsDiabetes.org for more information and contacts.

SAVE THE DATE!!

CAMP SWEET LIFE 2021

AUGUST 1-5

At Camp Courage
a True Friends Camp
Maple Lake, MN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

www.campsweetlife.org

QUESTIONS? EMAIL:

info@campsweetlife.org





Virtual

Midwinter "Mask-erade"

February 13, 2021

Event link will be available February 10, 2021 via email,
visit district5m2lions.com or stream via [facebook.com/District5M2Lions/](https://www.facebook.com/District5M2Lions/)

No registration required to attend. Full schedule at district5m2lions.com



Midwinter Mask-erade



5M2 MIDWINTER LIONS VIRTUAL CONVENTION February 13, 2021

Lion Terry Kvitek and Lion Nate Kells (convention co-chairs)

NOTE: Link will be provided closer to the event date on district5m2lions.com and via email.

The Convention Committee has been busy switching to Plan B for the 5M2 district convention.

CLUBS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Please submit by **February 5, 2021**, a photo of your club banner and a few photos (more the merrier) of your service or fundraising projects held in your community.
Send to Nate Kells at member.colonelions@gmail.com

YOUR CLUB SUPPORT MATTERS!

The District encourages all clubs to make a donation to each area of the Parade of Green. Please mail checks by February 5, 2021 to Michael Olson, 2240 Silver Leaf Trail, Cologne, MN 55322

1. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) – 501(c)(3)
2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation – 501(c)(3)
3. Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation – 501(c)(3)
4. Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
5. Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
6. MD5M Kidsight Foundation – 501(c)(3)
7. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation- 501 (c)(3)
8. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
9. Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation – 501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Youth Exchange – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
10. 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota – 501(c)(3)

