



### Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser District Governor

Happy spring to all!

I am keeping my fingers crossed that the snow will stay away now for the next few months! As many of you may have seen, over the past month I have been fortunate enough to go on two

nice, warm vacations. First was a family spring break trip to Arizona, then a girls trip to Florida. Believe it or not, the girls trip was much more relaxing and restful! But now I am back, tanned and energized and ready to serve!

I am happy to report that half of our spring zone meetings have been completed, and I have enjoyed the creative ways our Zone chairs worked to make the meetings engaging, despite having to host them over Zoom. On the topic of meetings, I hope your clubs are able to take advantage of the warmer weather and are meeting outside and/or in person again soon!

It is also time for Club Officer elections to take place. Please make sure to have your secretary enter the new officers into LCI ASAP (May 15th deadline), even if you will be having 2-year terms for your officers.



Lion Don/Monkey and I are looking forward to the Journey for Service May 5-7th, and can't wait to see you in person for that! There are still some clubs that need to schedule their governors visits, so please reach out to me so that I can come and see all that you and your club have been doing to help support your community!

And lastly, you can watch the MD5M virtual Multiple Convention on May 1st, check out the MD5M Facebook page or website to watch this!

Click the link to watch the Facebook live stream of the convention here, https://fb.me/e/1EdevvxnC



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### Did You Know?

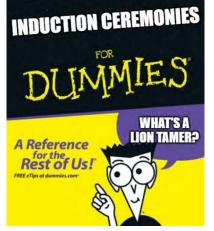


Lion Glenn Kaufmann District Governor Elect

While we're still doing things mostly virtually, it has been good for Lion Lisa and I to see many of our Lion friends during the online Spring Zone Meetings. Just about every club in the district has started to or asked about turning the lights back on. Clubs are rethinking about how

to do their top fundraisers. They're asking themselves, "How do we complete a socially-distant service project, like diabetes screening?" I'm proud of all the clubs in the district that are on their way. There are small ways our clubs can get engaged again.

Do you want to jumpstart your club and get it out of the doldrums? Does your club install your new officers at



the beginning of the new Lions year? "But Glenn, do we really have to?" Nope, the world will not stop rotating. The fact is, it's your club, do what makes sense for you.

Did you know a Club Officer Installation Ceremony is a great chance to express gratitude to the previous board members as they complete their term?

An installation Ceremony is a great opportunity to:

 Transfer authority and responsibility from current to newly elected leaders.

- Recognize members who have provided excellent leadership to the club the previous year.
- Celebrate the club's service and positive effect on the community.
- Recognize long-time members of the club for their dedication and service.
- Provide an opportunity to share club goals and service plans for the next year.

It is the club's decision how traditional or formal its club officer installation will be. There are many different installation scripts on line at lionsclubs.org. Many clubs reach out to the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, or Past District Governors to act as an installing officer. Many of those folks have experience doing so, and have found or developed creative ways to recognize new officers.

If your club has never tried an installation ceremony, I'd ask you to consider giving it a chance.





## From My Garden...



Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg 1st Vice District Governor Elect

Spring is finally in the air, Baseball has started, the garden is starting to show signs of life, the rhubarb and asparagus is starting to peck their heads out of the ground. I have even started to plant somethings.

Zone meetings have started, as of right now four Zones have held their

spring meeting and we have four more to go. I am very encouraged by all the clubs that have been finding new ways to do thing and even more so by the clubs that are starting to meet in person and/or virtually. We still must take things day by day. Being Lions I know we will continue to find ways to serve our communities in the best way we know how to.

Zone Chair training will be on May 22nd this will be virtual. Keep an eye on this newsletter and Zone chairs will be getting notifications.

Officer Training will be held June 5, this will also be virtual Keep an eye on this newsletter, as well as Presidents and Secretaries will be getting notifications on this as well.

The most important part is reporting your officers into My LCI as soon as you hold elections. This will make it easier for Lion Nancy to get information out to the correct officers. Even if your officers are not changing you still need

to report in My LCI and this is a good time to make sure contact information is entered and updated. Also encourage people that are thinking about stepping into a club leadership role to attend officer training, training is not a waste of time.

R.L.L.I. (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) will be held October 21st through the 24th in Detroit Lakes, MN. RLLI is a great opportunity to learn about Lions, leadership and make new friends. This is not just about Lions it also helps in everyday life. I attended RLLI in 2015. It was the best 3 days; I still have friend I talk to on a regular basis. It gave me more tools to work with in my life and gave me some confidence I did not have before. I encourage everyone to go. GO GOLD!!!





# 5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: <u>15th of each month...</u>

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to: 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

What are your clubs doing for Service? Get Me the NEWS!!



### Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2 Lions,

Spring seems to definitely be here. I saw several dandelions in someone else's front yard. Sandals have overtaken boots in my closet. And we've even attended our first MN Twins game since 2019. Things are happening here and around the world. Check out these short stories about how you, through LCIF are supporting the work of Lions in MN and beyond:

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation received a LCIF Matching Grant of \$100,000 to acquire a Spectralis Flex HRA+OCT2. This equipment can scan a supine patient in surgery or elsewhere. The equipment will allow Doctors to obtain intra---operative images of the retina to determine the effect of the surgery before they leave the eye and thus prevent having to do a second surgery at a later date. The Spectralis Flex at the U of M will be the first in an operating room in the United States and will ensure that the Minnesota Health Ambulatory Surgery Center will be equipped with the latest ophthalmic surgical technologies. This equipment allows for state---of---the----art diagnostic and treatment capabilities located in one of the most advanced surgical centers in the Midwest. Thank you to all the Lions of MD5M for their generous donations. Without the Lions the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation could not do all the great things it does.

Sources	Amount
LCIF Grant	\$100,000
MN Lions Vision Foundation	\$113,300
Total	\$213,300

Second graders at Chatterton Elementary School in Merrick, New York felt the positive effects of Lions Quest, LCIF's social and emotional learning curriculum.

LCIF has awarded a US\$10,000 Emergency grant to St. Vincent Lions in District 60-B for volcano relief. Lions will use the funds to support immediate needs for those relocated to safe regions (in shelters) outside the danger area.

When two Lions clubs in Italy learned about the food insecurity in West African villages, they wanted to help. They collaborated with the Koudougou Baobab Lions Club in Burkina Faso and with a US\$54,267 LCIF grant, they completed a very successful project.

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# 5M2 Spring Officer Virtual Training Saturday, June 5, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or when session attendees have all questions answered

All members are encouraged to attend. Specific sessions are being planned for Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers

## Saturday, June 5th

8:30 to 9:00 am - Sign in for the Zoom meeting will be available

- 9:00 to 9:30 am All members will meet in the Main Room with DGE Glenn, who will cover District Goals & general information for the 2021-2022 year
- 9:30 to 11:00 am You will be assigned to a Breakout rooms for separate President/Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer training. The end of the specific session is open since we want all questions answered.

Handouts for the meeting as well as the link to register will be emailed to 2021-2022 officers in mid-May. If you have extra time before June 5th, consider reviewing specific training modules for your specific club position in the Lions Learning Center at lionsclubs.org/Member Login/Learn/Online Training or Lions University at lionsuniversity.org/bachelors.

WANTED
2021 Regional Lions

# Leadership Institute (RLLI) October 21-24, 2021 Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the

**2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!** 

Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director. The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, *if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.* The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants. Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by September 30, 2021. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection. Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

> If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact: Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com

### MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

# MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
E-Mail ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NO:	
CLUB NAME:	MEMBER NUMBER:	
CURRENT OFFICE HELD:		
OTHER OFFICES HELD:		
WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGION	AL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?	
Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.		
APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING	G:	
APPLICANT:	DATE:	
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR:	DATE:	

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute. your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration and check to MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



#### Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

The Children's Hearing Clinic is done. PCC's Bob Jechorek (5M5) and Dave Dominick (5M6) toured it and presented a carload of wooden cars made by Lion Vern Breamer

(5M2). A virtual annual meeting will be held May 8 for a 1 hour zoom meeting. The following Lions are going off the board of Trustees this year: Lion Cindy Labrie 5M3 – 6 yrs, Lion Julie Nielson 5M5 – 6 yrs, PCC Dave Dominick 5M6 – 6yrs, Lion Barb Tanski 5M10 – 6 years and PCC Kathy Jensen 5M4 – 4 yrs.

We thank you for your leadership. Lion Marvin Grimm (5M2) is finishing his 4th year and Lion Vern Breamer is finishing his 2nd year.

Parade of Green Totals as expected was down this year. 5M2's donation was at \$101,253. 5M2's club donations were down about \$6,000. Our clubs have another opportunity to help the Lions Hearing Foundation!

The 2021 D Feet Hearing Loss Walk has gone virtual. Your club secretaries should have received information about the D Feet Walk. The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation needs your help today! In 2020 we had to pause our Annual Walk due to the pandemic. We started a project several years ago to establish an endowment chair in the Department of Otolaryngology. To help wrap up this critical project, we need your help in completing it. Dr. Bevan Yueh, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery will talk about this at the 2021 MD5M Convention.

Please consider participating in our 2021 virtual walk. You can take a walk at your local park, bring some club members together for a walk in the park or jump on your treadmill.

There are various levels of support and also the option for a t-shirt that would be mailed to you. Children under 12 will receive a free walk shirt. Example support level \$25 no shirt, support level \$35 include walk t-shirt mailed to you. All other levels of support are accepted. \$1,000 gets your Club name on back of the t-shirt.

Mail your registration forms to PDG Mike Vos, Treasurer, Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, 2047237 1st Ave, Green Isle, MN 55338-2171. Make your check payable to Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Thank you for your understanding and great support.

5M2 Trustees:

PDG Marvin Grimm Lion Vern Breamer



# Save the Date!!!

2021-2022 Zone Chair Virtual Training

# Saturday, May 22, 2021

Watch for additional information from your District Governor Elect and Global Leadership Team Coordinator!



# **Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project**

**Do you have a low-income person who needs hearing aids?** There is a procedure that needs to be followed in

order for your club to help out. First, that person must see an audiologist for a hearing evaluation. The audiologist should work with Medicare and/or Lions clubs to help with costs of hearing tests and later installation of hearing aids.

After the evaluation, if the person needs hearing aids, the audiologist needs to order hearing aids from Starkey (address below). Your district should have money in their Starkey account from the used hearing aids that your district has donated. This money will provide free aids for the person. The audiologist then calls territory account manager at Starkey to order hearing aids. Your district trustee will help get that information for you. The audiologist then will fit the aids. Lions Clubs may have to offer some financial assistance.



If your recipient is young person up to age 15, the audiologist may want to check with other hearing aids companies for grants to help with purchasing hearing aids for children.

**Lions Club International** also has more information and materials to help with hearing aids in a program called Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP) available only through local Lions clubs. To learn more about this project and for an application, go to <u>https://temp.lionsclubs.org/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif128.pdf</u>.



# Journey for Service May 5, 6, 7, 2021

It is nearing that time of year again to tour the country side of 5M2 for our annual Journey for Service. This year District Governor Anna and I will be traveling over 700 miles making some 63 stops meeting Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs collecting money for various service projects in our District.

Please verify with me the meeting place and contact person with a phone number.

I am looking forward to another successful Journey for Service with 100% participation as my goal.

Journey

FOR SERVICE

PDG Mike Vos Journey for Service mike@vosconstruction.com (507)381-3752

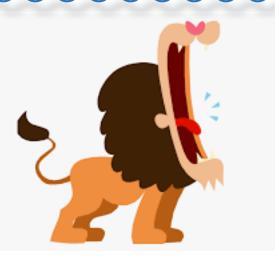
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Wednesday May 5, 2021	1		1
Faribault	7·30 AM	Roberts Lake Resort	Wasserman's
Waterville		247 E Main Law Office	Don Novack
Waseca		McDonalds	Kelli Lenz
Owatonna		741 East Main	Duane Ludewig
Blooming Prairie		City Center Offices	Paul Fiebiger
Ellendale		,	Faul Flebiger
New Richland		Lerberg's Grocery Schmidt Trucking	Dan Schmidt
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Albert Lea		McDonalds	Tom & Mary
Albert Lea Cloverleaf		McDonalds	Ferleman
Albert Lea Lake View		McDonalds	
Alden		Newspaper office	Kathleen Bleckeberg
Wells		Lion's Plaza	Dawn Navara
Minnesota Lake	12:00	Bremer's House	Vern & Darlene
LUNCH			
Blue Earth		Statue Park	Dean Vereide
Winnebago		Ron's Plumbing	Tom Hoffman
Amboy	2:00	Linda's Place	
Lake Crystal	2:30	Kevin's IGA	
Mankato	2:55	Best Western Inn	Dennis & Karen
Mankato Key City	2:55	Best Western Inn	Wayne May
Mankato Sunrise	2:55	Best Western Inn	Richard Wheeler
Eagle Lake	3:10	Ephiany Church 605 Parkway	Susan Nasinec
St Peter	3:30	River Rock Coffee Shop	Chris Grean
Nicollet	3:50	New Sweden Mutual Ins	Kevin Blank
Courtland	4:10	312 Foothills Road	Lowell & Char
Lafayette Area		Citizens Bank	Ruth Klossner
Gibbon		D's Pit Stop	Joyce Woods
Winthrop		Hahn's Café	Chuck Toltzman
Thursday May 6, 2021			
Sibley East Leos Jr	8.55	Sibley East	
Sibley East Leos Sr		Sibley East	
Arlington		Sibley East	Nancy Mathwig
Green Isle		CornerStone State	Nulley Maching
Norwood Young America		CornerStone State	Ed Magee
Hamburg		Park	Diana Kroells
NYA West Carver		Old National	Didild KI Delis
Plato		Plato Home Center	Kan & Mura Franka
			Ken & Myra Franke Ellsworth
Glencoe		Bump's Café	Elisworth
New Auburn		Security Bank	
Brownton		Lori Lindeman	
Stewart		City Hall	Orville Trettin
Hutchinson Lioness		West Lions Park	
Hutchinson		725 Sunset St	Dave Sebesta
Silver Lake	12:15	American Legion	Dale & Joanne Kautz
LUNCH	4.00	Current and ANI Cire	Taga Falta
Lester Prairie		Greater MN Signs	Troy Feltmann
Winsted		Vet's Park	Patty Fitzgerald
Watertown		Citizens Alliance Bank	Deb Koehnen
Watertown Leos		Citizens Alliance Bank	
Mayer Area		Casey's	Joe Dvorak
Chanhassen		Am Legion Parking Lot	Brad Kingsley
Victoria		Old National	Brent Romemesko
Waconia		Security Bank	Matt Sackett
Waconia Hive		Security Bank	
Cologne	3:40	Community Center	Tom Stuewe
Cologne Leos	3:40	Community Center	Joan Takata
Carver	3:55	Gazebo Park	Marvin Grimm
Chaska	4:10	Old National	Julie Koosman
Shakopee	4:25	O'Brien Public House	Scott Trosen
Shakopee Valley	4:25	O'Brien Public House	Heidi
Shakopee Leos	4:25	O'Brien Public House	Heidi
Prior Lake		Velishek Auto	Loretta Klenke
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Friday May 7, 2021			
Jordan	8:00 AM	McDonald's	
Jordaness	8:00	McDonald's	Betty Hubner
Belle Plaine	8:20	Coborn's Liquor	Brian Burtness
Henderson	8:45	Road Haus	Roger Graham
LeSueur	9:00	Pizza Ranch Parking	Shirley Hespenheide
Le Center	9:25	Home Plate	Joe Blaschko
Montgomery	9:40	Mackenthun's	Roger Heyda
New Prague	10:00	Ettlin's Café	Ulrich Ettlin
Veseli	10:20	GoldSmith Eye Care-NP	Barb Skluzacek
Lonsdale	10:40	Lions Park	Alan Fitterer
NEW	11:10	New Market Bank	Laura Vogel
Northfield	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	Todd Bornhasuer
Northfield Cannon Valley	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	Bob Moore
Northfield Leos	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	



#### Tidbits from the Past (taken from past district newsletters)

Did you know in the past there was an annual 5M Lions Day at "The Twins". A newsletter ad in 1989 states "2nd Annual 5M Day at The Twins. Saturday noon – July 15, 1989, Game Time 12:50 p.m., Twins vs Boston, 10,000 Reserved Seats.

Do you remember when District 5M2 had the following Lioness Clubs – Albert Lea Lioness (now the Albert Lea Lakeview Lions), Carver Lioness, Hutchinson Lioness (still in existence 2020-21), Jordan Lioness (now the Jordan Jordaness Lions), Lake Crystal Lioness, LeCenter Lioness, N.E.W. Lioness, Prior Lake Lioness, Shakopee Lioness (now the Shakopee Valley Lions) and West Carver Lioness (now the NYA West Carver Lions). Over the years, the 5M2 Lioness clubs either chartered as a Lions Club or members joined an existing Lions club in their communities. Since 2018, Lions Club International has provided incentives and the Lioness Bridge Program to encourage Lioness clubs to become Lions. The LCI Board of Directors has made the decision to end the Lioness Bridge Program after June 30, 2021. Lioness Clubs that decide not to join Lions Clubs International will no longer be considered a sponsored activity of a Lions club, and will lose all associated benefits. This includes protection under Lions Clubs International's general liability insurance, and utilization of all registered trademarks of LCI, including Lioness logo.

More to come next month – PDG Nancy Mathwig, District 5M2 Historian



### PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

The following is found in the 5M2 Protocol Manual (see the 5M2 website):

"Protocol means respect for position. It is a system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations. It is defined as a diplomatic etiquette and precedence. It has also humorously been termed "the science of seats"."

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs

PROJECT NEW HOPE

June Retreat Change of Date At the Osprey Wilds June 18 – 20

Project New Hope a Veteran and their family weekend retreat.

Thank you for all the donations from the Parade of Green

and personal memorials. 18 families will be able to participate at our retreat.

For more information call or email me.

Lion Darlene Wondra 507-744-2503, darlene. wondra@earthlink.net

projectnewhope.net

# Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Courtland Lions





Above: Courtland Lions donated \$100 to "Blessed Bottoms", a project that gives diapers to people who need this service.

Left: Lions Lowell & Charlette Abbas received a 2021 MN Lions Hearing Foundation Research Fellow. CC Brian Thies presented the award to Lions Lowell & Charlette Abbas at the Courtland Lions April Meeting. CC Brian also presented Lion Charlette with a 100% Secretary's pin.

# Lafayette Area Lions Easter Egg Hunt

After having to hold last year's Easter Egg Hunt as an "Easter Parade" in May, the Lafayette Lions were excited to hold the event in a "normal" format this year. A few modifications were made to meet social distancing requirements, but the event returned to the Lafayette Charter School grounds.

Youngsters—and their parents—were asked to come at staggered times so that not everyone was on site at once. The youngest kids—0 to 4 years old—were sent off to look for eggs at 10:00 a.m. The next group—5 to 7 year-olds—took off to "look" for eggs at 10:15 a.m. and the

oldest—ages 8-12—got their chance at 10:30 a.m. Each group had their own area to hunt and there were plenty of eggs!

The Lafayette Lions came early to spread the 2,000 candy-filled eggs purchased from netegg.us over the entire grounds. After the kids had picked up their quota of 15 eggs each, they came to a central table to get a goodie bag with a chocolate bunny and a Beanie Baby. The stuffed animals were donated to the club by a local woman.



Lions helping at the event were, from left: Mark Dick, Joyce Halverson, Trish Gieseke, Dale Bjorklund, Mark LeGare, Dave Reed, Joe Hoffmann, Andrew Maidl, Lee Zion, Joe Maidl, and Tom Hayes. Also Ruth Klossner, not pictured.

## Cologne Lions and Leos & Waconia Hive Lions



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Courtland Lions Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser Sunday, May 2nd 10AM – 12:30PM Courtland Community Center 300 Railroad Street Courtland, MN



Burrito: 10" Tortilla Wrap filled with Hash Browns, Scrambled Eggs & Ham, and Cheese, with Sides: Salsa, Mixed Fruit, & Cinnamon Roll

#### \$10.00 per meal

Drive Up

Take Home

Text or Call to Leave a Message @ 507-382-2758 to reserve your meal(s) by Friday, April 30th @ 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











# Luncheon Sunday, May 16, 2021

### 10 am to 1 pm

New Auburn Community Center Dine In or Carry Out

> \$10.00 (proceeds benefit local projects)

Serving: Vegetable Beef and Potato Soup Ham & Egg Salad Sandwiches & Dessert Coffee & Milk (Water with Carry Out)



Sponsored by the New Auburn Lions



We Serve

**Minnesota Lake Lions Club** 

**Festag Pork Burger Fundraiser** 

### Sunday May 16

4 PM to 7 PM or while they last The Great Escape Bar & Grill

\$10

Includes 1/3 # pork burger on a bun,

chips & a cookie With grilled or raw onions, pickles, ketchup, & mustard

Take outs or eat at The Great Escape



Enjoy



**Waterville Lions** 

**Drive Thru** 

May 16th June 20th July 18th August 15th September 19th

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**Goodwill donation appreciated** 

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