



5M-2 Lions' News



February 2025

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Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor

Hard to believe we are already at the time when we all come together and celebrate everything Lions. The convention committee has spent a lot of time putting together an agenda for an educational and fun-filled weekend. There will be some new things and some of the same.

We do need to pivot on one of our service projects. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) approved our grant to do a District service project to benefit childhood cancer patients. This project is called RyGear bags. There will be more information coming on this project soon, but in a nutshell, it is to assist parents with a child who is battling cancer. The bags contained needed supplies when there is an emergency run to a hospital. All the needed supplies would not be delivered in time for the convention, we will plan an event to assemble this after convention weekend. Instead, we will be collecting individual Lego kits, the hospital is always in need of these. There will also be an

Mid-Winter Convention is here!

opportunity for those not attending the business meeting to make cards for children battling cancer.

As a reminder, we are also collecting food for Bountiful Baskets, please bring food items or a cash donation. Both childhood cancer and hunger are the global causes I am championing this Lions year.

Final meal counts are due to the hotel on February 3rd, if you have not yet registered and are planning to come, we will welcome you can pay the registration fee on site. Please note, no meals are guaranteed for any registrations received after this date.

Switching gears, you all have done a great job at service reporting. As of this week every club has reported at least one activity. Thank you!!! Please continue entering your activities in the Lions Portal. You all rock!

"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve"
Martin Luther King, Jr.


Welcome
New Lions Club Members

Albert Lea Lakeview: Jeanne Birch Kelly Hagen Kathy Knutson Kathy Nyquist Bonnie Wedge	Lafayette & Area Bruce Bringle
Blue Earth: Gerardo Martinez, Jr. Carly Passante Joseph Rosales	Lonsdale: Elizabeth Marson
Brownton: Pamela Noren	Silver Lake: Kari Fraser



Year to Date: 1/29/2025

Membership Metrics 2,284 Total Membership 118 Drop Members in FY 147 Members Added in FY 29 Net Growth in FY 1.27% Net Growth in FY%	2024-2025 Goals 205 Members Added 4 Net Growth 1 New Club
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MISSION 1.5



We Serve

Happy Busy February....



Lion Shermayne Cross
1st Vice District Governor

The shortest month of the year, February, will be one of the busiest for me this year. The Faribault Lions club will be providing lunch for 40 goal ball participants at the MN School for the Blind on February 1. Never heard of goal ball, it is a fast-paced game played by athletes who have a vision

impairment. All athletes must wear blindfolds with teams of three, throwing a ball with bells embedded inside it to the opponents' goal. The quietness in the gym is almost deafening as no one speaks, claps, or makes noise so the athletes can hear the ball coming towards them.

February 2 is the Faribault Lions' 58th all you can eat pancake breakfast. We collect hearing aids, glasses, and plastic at this event. My boys use the secret recipe their grandfather developed forty years ago and field many questions and guesses of what that secret ingredient might be.

Please join us if you are in the neighborhood...

A couple more District Conventions to attend, than on to St. Charles, IL. for District Governor training. I will return on Friday the 14th just in time for 5M-2's Mid-Winter Convention. I hope many of you will be attending and you know DG Lisa likes to put FUN in everything she does, and this Convention will be no exception. Further antics might happen when LCIF District Coordinator Anna has the floor. She's being very close mouth about her fund-raising activity for this year, but I am sure it will make us laugh, brighten our evening, and lighten our wallets for a great cause. With so many disasters this year and the recent fires in California, every spare penny is badly needed.

Did you know that February is Childhood Cancer month? The Childhood Cancer Foundation partners with local Lions clubs to help families dealing with a child who has



cancer. Matching grants of up to \$500 from the Foundation and \$500 from the local club can be given to the family to be used for the greatest need they might have. 2VDG Chuck Toltzman and Lion Debbie Trebiatowski are serving as our District Trustees on the Childhood Cancer Foundation. If you have any questions on that grant program, please reach out to them.

Our District has also applied for a LCIF Community Impact grant to purchase 2 overnight bags to give to any family who has a child being treated for cancer. The first bag will be filled with toiletries and other staples in a grab-n-go bag and the second bag can be used for clothing and personal items. Often when a child spikes a fever or is in distress, they must immediately be taken to the hospital for care and parents have little time to gather supplies. We are calling this RyGear after Lion Gerald Ziskovsky and Ryent the grandson of one of the Foundations Trustees. Hopefully, the grant will be approved before the Convention, and Lion members will pack the grab-n-go bags as a service project during the business meeting.

Is there one outstanding Lion in your club that works tirelessly on projects, always giving a 100 percent or more or a Lion that does service with joy and happiness in just being able to help others The Zone Lion of the Year is a great way to recognize that person. Nomination forms are in the newsletter, fill it out, have your Club President sign it then mail/email it to me no later than February 28th. I will be awarding one Lion from each zone for this award at the Spring Zone Meetings in April and May. I have only received one application from Zone 1, 2 and 6. Thank you! Where are the rest of you???? I'd really like to have at least 2 applicants from each zone. Applications are included in the newsletter and must be sent to me by February 28th.

See you all at 5M-2's Mid-Winter Convention and be ready to have FUN!!!



From the Cabinet Secretary:

November Cabinet meeting minutes were sent to all cabinet members. Minutes of the 2024 District 5M-2 annual business meeting will be emailed to all cabinet members and club presidents and secretaries the week of the Mid-Winter Convention. Please share those will all delegates from your clubs who will be attending the annual business meeting.

Delegate rosters were due on February 1. If your club has not sent in a delegate roster, please email those to: pkkoenen@gmail.com PRIOR to the start of convention. This will ensure that delegate cards are prepared for all delegates and that the delegate registration process runs efficiently.

Thank you,
Lion Pamela Koenen; Cabinet Secretary District 5M-2

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Submit newsletter articles to: 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

Hello Fellow Lions!



*Chuck Toltzman
2nd Vice District Governor*

Hello Lions of District 5M-2. Here we are in the middle of winter and the month of February already. Do you realize that already half of the Lion's year is over? Yes, that is correct. Do any of your clubs have half of their yearly goals complete? Do your clubs have any new mem-

bers? Do you have any potential new members? These are all questions we should ask ourselves at the halfway point of the year. How about for your personal goals in Lions, do you have half of your personal goals complete for the year? The club at this point during the year should be about halfway through their goals for the year. Do not sit on it too long or the next thing you know the end of the year will be here.

Well, the District Convention is right around the corner. The dates are February 14th 15th and 16th this year and we are going to have a rocking fun time at the convention. If you do not have your registration in for the convention it might be too late.

This past month, I attended an Area C GAT Zoom meeting with Lions from all over the US and Canada. We listened to our First International Vice President talk about membership. His name is Lion AP Singh from India. He gave one of the most interesting talks about membership. He

talked about how we can get to that 1.5 million Lions. Mission 1.5. Something that I was quite struck by was that if every club would just gain 1 member this year, we would be remarkably close to those 1.5 million members already this year. Now how cool would it be if we helped District Governor Lion Lisa and every club in the district get one new member this year. And helped get to the 1.5 million Lions strong. I think it can be done.

Just one quick note on entering members and service activities into the portal. If you are still struggling with this, please contact me and I can get together with you at your meeting or wherever we can get Wi-Fi and we can sit down and go through the portal together and give you a one-on-one experience.

Now, how about a little Lion's history.

In 1945: Lions assist with drafting the United Nations charter. The bond with the UN continues today.

In 1947: in October, Lions celebrate 30th anniversary at Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City. It is now the largest service organization with 349,690 members in 19 nations.

I hope to see a lot of you at the convention. If you happen to see me just standing around, please do not hesitate to stop, and say hi. Please vote for me for First Vice District Governor.

I am here, to help you, help others.

DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

FEBRUARY 2025

1 - Lions Rock Polar Plunge Team takes the plunge!

7-9 - 5M-8 Mid-Winter Convention

14-16 - 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention

18 - NYA DG Team Visit

21-23 - 5M-3 Mid-Winter Convention



From the LCIF Chair

District 5M2 has received in the past 10 years approximately \$580,000 in Grants. From 2023-2025 LCIF has supported:

- Diabetes Grant for Camp Sweet Life-\$37,500
- District Community Grant (DCG) for the Buddy Bags-\$10,000
- Hunger Grant for the Bountiful Baskets Van-\$67,000
- Matching Grant for Shakopee Miracle Field-\$100,000
- Recovery Grant for the Waterville area floods-\$20,000
- DCG for Rygear Bags for families in the hospital-\$6500

To be able to receive these grants LCIF needs money to be donated. 100% of your donation goes to LCIF Grants!!!!

Click on the Blue Link to learn more about grants [LCIF Grants](#)

Come to the LCIF "Go for the Gold" Gala-information is found in the newsletter.

Please increase your Parade of Green this year. Lion Rose and I will be asking for money at the convention:-)

Lion Rose Thies – rthies001@gmail.com or 612-756-1316

PDG Anna Wickenhauser – lionannaw@gmail.com 952-913-1467



Lions Clubs International
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PIP Douglas X. Alexander was our International President from 2021-2022. He is from Brooklyn, New York and his theme was "Service from the Heart".

LCIF Gala

"Go for the Gold"

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud

75 37th Avenue South

St. Cloud, MN 563011

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Who wants to get their Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque or Progressive pin presented by Past International President Douglas X. Alexander??? Have I got the opportunity for YOU!

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find the personal balance you donated to LCIF. If you have donated \$1,000 and want to be presented with an MJF plaque (or PMJF pin for each additional \$1,000) by PIP Doug Alexander, then you will need to order your plague/pin by Feb 18, 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. If you or your club want to present someone with a Melvin Jones Fellowship/or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, the same criteria applies. Remember this Gala is not for Lions members only. Invite people who are interested in learning about our Foundation and what it does. This year, there will be stories shared from around our Multiple about the impact our Foundation/Grants had on the community.

Registrations are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator, MD5M Website, and District/MD Newsletters and will be available at your District Conventions. The cost is \$45 for each person, or if you prefer, you can purchase a table of 8 for \$500 that comes with perks. There is a PayPal, Venmo, or check option to register.

The Gala will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Saint Cloud. There will be a costume contest with a Gold Theme. A tentative agenda will be posted as the Gala gets closer. Remember this is a FUN-Raiser...and there will be a cash bar.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a booking link with the Holiday Inn is in the registration form.

WooHoo - Get your Lion on!!! I would love to help you with any questions.

Anna Wickenhauser 952-913-1467 or lionannaw@gmail.com



MD5M "Go for the Gold Gala"

March 29, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites
75 37th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Name _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Club: _____

Tickets: Individual \$45.00 Tables of 8 \$ 500.00

Pay online or return Registration form, no later than March 14, 2025.

Make checks payable to: **LCIF Gala**

c/o Rose Thies

21515 371st Ave.

Green Isle, MN 55338

Pay online by Venmo or PayPal, please scan or email your registration form to: rthies001@gmail.com or 612-756-1316.

- **PayPal:** Rosemary Thies [paypal.me/GreenIsleLions](https://www.paypal.me/GreenIsleLions)
- Venmo: [@Rose-Thies](#)

Lunch Menu

Choice of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian)

Choice of Penne, Cavatappi or Gluten-free Penne

Choose two of Grilled Chicken, Meatballs, Broccoli or Mushrooms

Choice of Garlic Alfredo or Marinara

Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread sticks

Dessert: Cupcakes

Hotel Accommodations: Book Directly to Holiday Inn & Suites by calling 615-321-8259 (mention 2025 Lions Club)

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&locateCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=STCMN&PMID=99801505&GPC=LIO7cn=no&viewfullsite=true> to book online. **Block held until, Monday, March 3, 2025.**



EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ELLI



Date: March 14-16, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn, Willmar



ELLI is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

You qualify for trainings if you:

- **Have NOT served as Club President**
- **Are a current member in good standing**
- **Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.**
- **Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas**
- **Like having FUN!!!!**

Participants are required to:

- **Attend all sessions of the three-day institute.**
- **You may commute to trainings if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.**
- **Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of training weekends**

**Applications due by
Friday, February 6, 2025
Applications are due to the
District Governor**

Questions, please reach out to your GLT Chair or your District Governor



**MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
MARCH 14-16, 2025, WILLMAR MN**

Institute starts at 8:00am on March 14, 2025

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 6, 2025

PLEASE PRINT

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

NOTE: Please submit this completed application to your District Governor by February 6, 2025. The registration fee for the Institute will be \$125 USD. This fee is payable to MD5M by check or credit card BEFORE you can attend the Institute. You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by February 7, 2025.



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



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our current International President, Fabrício Oliveira, will be at our multiple district convention. His presence gives you the opportunity to engage with him and to learn more about the work being done by our international association across the globe.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, International President Fabrício has held several offices in the association. In recognition of his service as a Lion and to the association, he has received several awards including multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, Leadership Medals, Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. International President Fabrício and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

International President Fabrício's theme for this year is Make Your Mark. The IP believes there's a leader inside every Lion. And all leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. This inspiration and empowerment make our communities healthier and stronger than ever before, thus making our mark in the process. Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so it is time to act!

IP Fabrício will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Take advantage of hearing on how you can make your mark as a Lion from the man who has envisioned it. Come to the MD5M 2025 Convention, hear IP Fabrício's inspirational words, and take them back to your community to share with your fellow Lions. Please register today for the MD5M 2025 Convention!

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee



Our Mission:
Connecting, empowering and transforming kids with Type 1 Diabetes.

2025 Sponsor a Camp Cabin: \$150

Our mission is to connect, empower, and transform kids with Type 1 Diabetes that attend Camp. We hold camp once a year. One of our goals is to keep the cost of camp down!

Would you consider being a Camp Cabin Sponsor? \$150 donation

Camp 2025 July 27 – July 31 at Camp Courage (by Maple Lake, MN)

Day Campers: Ages 5, 6, 7 Overnight Campers: Ages 8 and up
Counselor In Trainings (CIT's) – age 16/17 Counselors – Age 18 and up

- Camp 2019: 120 overnight campers, 10 day campers, and a staff – 76!
- Camp 2021: (one day experience due to Covid) – 150 participants, and a staff of 10!
- Camp 2022: (happy to be back!) – 90 Overnight Campers and a staff of 50!
- Camp 2023: 100 overnight campers, 8 day campers and a staff of 70!
- Camp 2024: 123 Campers and a staff of 71!

Would you make a simple \$150 dollar donation and be a cabin sponsor. Our goal is 25 cabin sponsors. Your donation is tax deductible: 501c3 non-profit# 27-3206536!

Make out check to Camp Sweet Life or to pay by Venmo or credit card – contact Rene' Maes Jr.

Information on Your Cabin Sign:
This Cabin is Sponsored by: _____
(company logo, business card (up to three lines). Or be anonymous

Your contact information: Name: _____
Address to send receipt: _____
Phone: _____ Email _____

Questions: Contact Rene' Maes Jr. 507-995-6910 Rene.Maes@campsweetlife.org



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2025 WISH LIST!

We appreciate your consideration to donate to Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit organization – EIN: 27-3206536)

Here are a few of our "Wish List" items for 2025. Or make a tax-deductible donation to support Camp Sweet Life!

- A. Juice Boxes - \$1,000 - (a necessary staple needed at camp)
- B. Camp Staff Training - \$2,000 – necessary to have a great trained staff. In 2024 we had a staff of 37 counselors/program and 34 medical staff!
- C. Sponsor a Golf Cart(s) - \$3,000 for six golf carts needed for the week of Camp (\$500 per golf cart).
- D. CSL Connects – \$4,000 – CSL Connects is our "Other than Camp Time Activities". Sponsor one activity or sponsor them all!
- E. Sponsor a Camper - \$9,500 (in 2024 we had 19 camperships at \$500).

Make donation today: make your check to Camp Sweet Life and mail to:
Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc
26486 Sioux Trail
Madison Lake, MN 56063

Contact:

Lion Rene' Maes Jr.
Executive Director, Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc.
Cell: 507-995-6910
Email: Rene.Maes@campsweetlife.org
501c3 – 27-3206536



Consider Hosting a Youth Exchange Student this summer

What is Youth Exchange?	Students from around the world come to Minnesota for the month of July and live with host families. This is an amazing way to share our culture and learn about others.
Travel Dates	Jul 1, 2025 to Aug 3, 2025
Camp Spicer Dates	July 25, 2025 to August 2, 2025...all students come together for a week of activities. No hosting required during this week.
What's next?	Stay inspired, and participate in achieving World Peace one young person at a time!

For more information about this incredible opportunity please contact your District Youth Exchange chair or PDG Sue Mullen/ES Cindy Walters at MD5MLionsyouthexchange@gmail.com.

Not able to host this summer? Perhaps you/your club would consider sponsoring a Camp Activity

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$8,800 Bussing for the week | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,200 Valleyfair | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Camp Confidence Team Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500 Brainerd Housing (3 nights) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$600 Zoo Event | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 T-shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000 Metro Housing (3 nights) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$400 Banquet facility rental | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Evening Snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,700 Chanhassen Dinner Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> \$400 A Meal for Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Any amount is helpful!!! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Dorm Housing (2 nights) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 Mini-Golf | |

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated by the students and staff of MD5M Youth Exchange. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation is a 501(c)3 and can accept gambling funds. (EIN #46-4182698)

Checks can be mailed to: MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation; attn: Cindy Walters; 1915 Waterford Circle, Chaska MN USA 55318





2024

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)

Lions Clubs International – New Members matter!

“Who is going to be responsible for our Lions club once we’re gone?”

“How are we going to find these people who will take up the mantle of Lionism?”

“What do we need to do to attract new Lions to our club?”



One of the primary goals of your Lions marketing efforts is to attract new members to your club. The phrases above are probably something you and your fellow Lions may have thought about at one time or another. Whether or not you have had these thoughts, the important thing is to look to promote your club's upcoming events, service projects, or the club in general to attract new Lions.

Lions Clubs International has many excellent tools you can find on their website to aid you in promoting your club and to gain those needed new members. Check out all the different options found on the website at the following links:



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>



Make sure your club members are part of the planning and the execution of your membership marketing plans. Everyone should be involved in seeking new club members and in utilizing the tools and materials developed by your club's membership & marketing teams.

Please remember to constantly be promoting your Lions' club and its activities. Show how your club is a vital part of your community and how becoming a member can build lasting friendships. Demonstrate how your prospective new members can be a part of something important to your community and can potentially offer personal growth opportunities.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Lyle Goff
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair
gofflt@msn.com



Can Do Canines to Host Open House May 18

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer



department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



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!!**



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 Carver Lions

The Carver Lions are getting a much need breather in January and February after lots of December events. Although we have no projects this month, we inducted 3 new members during our January meeting. We're excit-

ed to introduce Lions Karen, Katee and Katie. We also honored Lion Deidre and Lion Tim for 10 and 20 years of service, respectively.



Lester Prairie Lions

Santa visited Lester Prairie in December. He found all the Lester Prairie Lions were on the "nice" list



**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!!**

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf Receives Refrigerated Truck Through Lions Club Collaboration



Bountiful Basket Food Shelf has announced the addition of a new refrigerated truck to its operations, made possible through a grant from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and the combined support of five local Lions Clubs: Chaska, Carver, Victoria, Chanhassen and Cologne. The \$66,784 grant will significantly expand Bountiful Basket's capacity to serve food-insecure individuals and families throughout Carver County and beyond.

According to a press release from Bountiful Basket, the addition of the refrigerated truck is a pivotal asset as Bountiful Basket Food Shelf continues to grow and evolve in response to increasing community needs. The truck will allow the organization to deliver fresh, nutritious food to under-served areas and individuals, expand mobile food programs, and increase the reach of food rescue efforts.

"Thanks to the unwavering support of the Lions Clubs, this refrigerated truck represents a monumental step forward in our mission to nourish neighbors, inspire hope and support families on their road to self-sufficiency," said Patti Sinykin, executive director of Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. "As the landscape for food insecurity changes and grows, this truck will allow us to continue to dream big as we reach more people and rescue more food, all with greater efficiency."

To celebrate this milestone, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf hosted a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on Dec. 20. The event honored the Lions Clubs for their support while showcasing the expanded efforts to combat hunger made possible by this new resource.

The Lions Clubs have been long-standing supporters of Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. Their collaboration exemplifies their shared commitment to alleviating hunger and improving the quality of life for residents in Carver County, said Sinykin.

This new addition comes at a crucial time. With food insecurity on the rise, Bountiful Basket saw a 72% increase in service demand, serving over 9,615 individuals last year and distributing more than 1,255,733 pounds of food – the equivalent of 1,046,444 meals. Last year, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf also rescued 494,861 pounds of nutritious food from local groceries stores that would otherwise go to waste and looks forward to additional opportunities going forward.

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing food insecurity in Carver County. Through innovative programs, strong partnerships and a dignified approach, the organization provides free, healthy and culturally appropriate food to individuals and families in need.

LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world. LCIF supports the compassionate humanitarian service of Lions Clubs worldwide, helping communities address critical needs such as hunger, vision care, disaster relief and youth programs.

Jordan Lions

Here are some photos of the Jordan Lions at our recently completed Football Fanatics Fun Fest. This is a new event that we held at the Jordan Tap Room to raise funds for our scholarship program. We had a number of raffles and drawings for those in attendance.



Lonsdale Lions

Lonsdale Lions Club holiday dinner party at Rail 19 Bar & Grill in Lonsdale in mid-December. In attendance from L to R at the table to the left: Cheryl Fitterer, Lion Dale Furrer, Lion Barb Peterson & Cindy Furrer; Lions' widows at the table to the right: Fran Sticha, Betty Vosejпка, Darlene Kubes & Delores Kalina; front row standing: Lion Bonnie Simon, Lion Micki Ziskovsky, Heather Zehnder, Lion Liz Marson, Lion Annastina Barnes, Lion Kristen Glockner, LaVerne Duban, Charter Member Lion Don Sticha & Club

President Lion Alan Fitterer; back row standing: Lion Ron Simon, Lion Jim Mahler, Lion Scotty Ziskovsky, Lion Collan Zehnder, Club Treasurer Lion Dustin Marson, Lion Jeremy Barnes, Lion Andy Glockner, Lion Mike Sevcik & Charter Member Lion Fritz Duban. Interested in serving your community & giving back? Please contact Club Membership Chair Scotty Ziskovsky at 612.817.3503 or scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com or Club President Alan Fitterer at alanfitterer@gmail.com



Our Lonsdale Lions Club visited the two 3rd grade classrooms at TCU Lonsdale Prek-6 on Friday morning, January 17th, to pass out 69 books purchased by the Lions through Scholastic (\$150 donation). These books will be used year after year in the 3rd grade classrooms by our Titans to work on their reading & literacy skills. The excitement of the 3rd graders shows in the "raise your

book(s)" picture! Adults in the non-book picture from L to R across the back row are Lonsdale Lions President & TCU HS Principal Alan Fitterer, 3rd grade teacher Ms. Mallory Blaschko, Lion Liz Marson, Lion Jim Mahler, Lion Charter member Fritz Dubahn, Lion Charter member Don Sticha, & 3rd grade teacher Bethany Olsen. Go Titans!!!



Brownton Lions

The Brownton Lions held our January meeting. Did the requests & processed 5 of them onward!! Talked about our upcoming spaghetti dinner being held Jan 26th from 11-1 at the community center.

There will be 3 of us attending the convention on Feb 14-16th.

Our annual fish fry will be March 21st.

We have 7 scholarships that will be paid out to the students.

We welcomed a new member!!!

The club voted on Lion of the year Nancy Sweely. She is in charge of our corn feed & does the buying for our Halloween party!! Plus many other helping hands in our club.



Had a guest speaker! Bobby Paulson Zone #1 chair from the Hutchinson Lions.



Larry Tongen was awarded for bringing in a new member.

Green Isle Lions

Vice District Governor Chuck Toltzman of the Winthrop Lions presented letters of appreciation and chevrons for many years of service. Thank you Green Isle Lions.

From Left: Tom Eibs 10 years; Merlin Brueggemeier 30 years; Peter J. Trocke 40 years; Rose Thies 35 years; Brian Thies 30 years; Donald Wolter 30 years; Donna Wolter 30 years; Francis Bigaouette, Jr. 45 years.



LeSueur Lions

Thursday, January 16th Lions Barb, Rose Ann, Robin, and Kim spent their morning with kidsight screening 22 three to four-year-old preschoolers at Le Sueur Henderson Elementary. As well as 9 additional children from Henderson to prepare them for kindergarten.



Faribault Lions Club Pancake & Sausage Feast



Sunday, Feb 2 @ 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Faribault American Legion

The Lions want your plastic!

Bring your **CLEAN** and **DRY**
plastic bags, bubble wrap, packaging film, etc.

To Be Recycled!

Donation: Adults \$10.00, Children 12 & Under \$5.00
All Proceeds go to Lions Projects

Please Bring Your Old Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids to Donate

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2025 CHASKA LIONS ICE GOLF EVENT

AT LIONS PARK IN CHASKA

**WE ARE RAISING MONEY TO
FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH FROM 10AM TO 1 PM

**COME OUT AND PLAY ICE GOLF WITH YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A GOOD CAUSE AND
A GOOD TIME!!**

**BEVERAGES-HOT DOGS-CHIPS-SNACKS
RAFFELS-PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!!**

**RECOMMEND YOU BRING A GOLF PUTTER AND
A TENNIS BALL FOR THE EVENT (we will have some)**

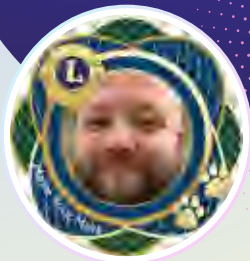


MD5M GAT Webinar series

MARKETING 101: EMPOWER YOUR LIONS CLUB WITH CHATGPT AND CANVA

February 13, 2025
7:00-8:00PM CST

This class will equip you with the tools and strategies to make your marketing shine. Perfect for beginners and seasoned marketers alike, this session will transform how you share your club's story with the world!



with
Zach Wosmek
5M8 Lion

SAVE THE DATE NEXT WEBINAR:
Thursday, March 13th
7:00PM

Use this link to join
the meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/2zbz3bmy>

Advanced registration not required.
lionsmd5m.org

LAKE CRYSTAL LION'S CLUB

ANNUAL ICE GOLF

ON CRYSTAL LAKE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:30 SIGN IN

11:00 SHOTGUN START

**TEAM OF 4
\$160**

**PRIZE MONEY
TOP 3
TEAMS**

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER NOW
OR SIGN UP DAY OF



Celebrating Can Do Canines



The Fetching Ball

Can Do Canines Fetching Ball Gala

Can Do Canines will host its annual Fetching Ball Gala on Saturday, February 22, 2025. This year's event will be held at the Radisson Blu Mall of America, and KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

We invite you to join us for this evening that celebrates the amazing teams of Can Do Canines. Enjoy dinner, inspiring stories, games, and silent and live auctions – all benefitting the organization. See candocanines.org/fetchingball for more information and to purchase tickets by February 12.

Do you want to help the victims of the California fires but aren't sure how to?

Let the Hamburg Lions help you.
Hamburg Lions Free Will Dinner.

Friday February 28th, 2025

5:00pm-7:30pm

Hamburg Community Center - 351 Henrietta Ave, Hamburg MN

100% of the proceeds will be sent to help the California fire victims.

Menu: California or Pork burgers

Potato salad

Beans

Dessert

Cash Bar

Raffles: \$5.00 per chance

(\$200.00+ value per package)

Booze package (Good times Liquors)

Hair care package (Creative Hair)

Maluna cooler *MN made (Good Times Liquors)

Fishing package (Cabin Fever)

Chiropractic package (Schmidt Chiro)

Pickles, lettuce, tomato

Cheese, onion, mayo, mustard, ketchup



Arlington Lion's 47th Annual

Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th

From 11:00 a.m. to 6:30p.m.
Arlington Event Center
Adults \$18
Children Ages 5-12 \$9
Take Outs Available



Premium Fish
Homemade Potato Salad
Homemade Cole Slaw
Baked Beans
Beverages

Proceeds benefit local projects

We can accept cash & checks only
Thank you for your support

Jordan Lions



Friday, March 7, 2025

4:30 – 7:00 pm

St. John's Catholic Church

Meal includes:

All you can eat fried fish, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, dinner roll, coffee

Take Outs Available

Proceeds support local organizations and events

Stewart Lions fun opportunities: All held at Cactus Jacks

STEWART LIONS CLUB
2024 2025

MEAT RAFFLE & BINGO

MEAT RAFFLE
1-26
2-23
3-9
4-6

BINGO
1-26
2-23
3-23

AT CACTUS JACKS II STEWART
Weather Permitting

MEAT RAFFLE AT 1:30PM
BINGO AT 3:00PM

\$2 RAFFLE TICKETS **\$1 BINGO GAMES**

JOIN US AT THE RACES!

NEXT RACE 4th Saturday of every month

BE HERE @ 4:00PM

Hamburg Lions Club

Purse & Gun Bingo

Saturday March 8th, 2025

Hamburg Community Hall

351 Henrietta Ave

Doors open at 4:30pm Bingo Begins at 5:30pm

Purses by: Coach
Kate Spade
Michael Kors



- (2) Radical Arm RF-15 .223/5.56
- Stoeger M3020 20ga
- Savage Axis II w/scope .270
- Glock 17 9mm
- Stoeger STR 9mm
- ATI Cavalry 20ga over/under
- Winchester 12ga SXP upland field

15 Games of Bingo \$50.00

Food \$ Bar available

Must be 18 or older to play

7 games for Purses
8 games for guns



Mid-Winter

Convention Corner

Convention month is here!

Final meal counts are due 2/3/2025. If you have not registered you need to do so by this date online. Mailed in forms will not reach us in time. You can find the registration link on the 5M-2 website.

Looking forward to a great weekend together celebrating everything Lions.

See you in Mankato!

Country Inn & Suites
Mankato, MN



Service Projects



Project #1

Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids

Have glasses sorted, no cases.
Registration will direct you to drop-off location.

Project #2

Stuff the Food Truck

Food truck will be on-site.
Bring non-perishable food items or cash to stuff the food truck.

Project #3

Pop Tabs

Registration will direct you to drop-off location.

Project #4

Lego Kits & Cards

Individual Lego kits which will be donated to the Children's Hospital. Those not attending the business meeting will have the opportunity to make cards.



Where there is a need there is a Lion!