



5M-2 Lions' News



November 2025

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"Sprinkle Service with Kindness"



*Sherma Cross
District Governor*

As we enter November, my heart is full of gratitude for the Lions and Leos of 5M-2. This month reminds us that kindness is more than a theme—it is a way of serving. Whether it is delivering meals, collecting winter coats, or sharing a smile and saying hello, you continue to sprinkle service with kindness across every community you

touch.

This November, District 5M-2 proudly pauses to thank the brave men and women who have served – and those who continue to serve – our country. Your courage, sacrifice and unwavering dedication safeguard the freedoms we hold dear. To every veteran in our Lions family and beyond: we honor you, we thank you, and we salute you. Thank you Veterans!

November also brings in World Kindness Day (Nov. 13) and the season of Thanksgiving. Let us celebrate by giving thanks for our blessings and remembering why we serve: to make the world a little brighter for everyone.

Membership is steadily increasing. Clubs continue to grow through creative outreach, inviting friends and family to join, and celebrate each new Lion. Our membership is at 2,298. We have added eighty-three (83) new members and have had sixty-eight (68) drops. We are at +15. HURRAY!! Let us keep our focus on Mission 1.5--- strengthening our existing clubs and forming new ones that reflect the diverse populations in our communities. IP AP Singh encourages all of us to seek younger members with an emphasis on women. If all of us would ask just one, we could add over 5,000 members!! I am confident that we can close out 2026 stronger than ever.

Mark your calendars for our Districts Mid-Winter Convention, Feb 13-15. Plans are coming together for a weekend full of fun, fellowship, and inspiration. Registration and hotel information is further in the newsletter.

The Global Action Team met the other evening. Each team-Global Leadership Team and Global Service Team gave a brief report on the service projects and training

that has taken place and future plans. Global Extension and Global Membership talked of areas that would have the potential to support a new club, whether it is a Join-together club, stand alone or a champion club. If anyone would like to join these teams, you are most welcome.



Exciting news. 5M-2 is starting a Marketing Committee. We have secured a \$1000.00 grant from MD5M (or the multiple for short), to use to market our District. Last year, we also received a grant and that was used to purchase two 5M-2 backdrops. They are quite large but make an excellent backdrop for pictures and advertising. Here is another opportunity to volunteer with other like-minded Lions to further the cause.

If you participated in the Mental Health Focus week, be sure to record your project on the Portal. There are no paper applications to fill out for the Club Excellence Award-LCI will review all entries on the portal.

We have held four zone meetings so far, with four scheduled for the second week of November. They all have been well attended, meals were delicious, fellowship was buzzing, service projects were all different, excellent speakers, cabinet, district, and club reports were given and appreciated by everyone.

"Until next time---keep leading, keep serving, and keep sprinkling kindness"

Happy Thanksgiving !

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District Governor Team

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2nd VDG Deb Koehnen	debkoehnen@hotmail.com

Submit newsletter articles to: 5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com



We Serve

Hello Lions...



Chuck Toltzman
1st Vice District Governor

Hello Lions. How are we all doing with our service projects? Were you able to complete the first of three service projects that you need to do this year to get your Club Excellence Award. From October 4th through October 12th, we needed to complete a Mental Health and

Awareness project. The project could have taken place ten days before to ten days past the actual week that it needed to be completed. The next service project that needs to be done is the week of January 3rd through January 11th. The project is Hunger. So now is the time to think about a project that you can do that has to do with hunger. Remember it can be done ten days before the week of the service project to ten days after. Remember to "Sprinkle Service with Kindness".

I attended the Vice District Governor training in Alexandria on October 16th and 17th. This training is vital for any person thinking of becoming a District Governor. Not only does it help a person get ready for their year as Governor, but it also builds on what it means to be a Lion. There was a lot of communication and team building among the First and Second Vices of all every district in our Multiple District. The team was also a team building in our own district. The district cannot survive without having a good team working for it. I will be putting together my team for next year. If anyone wants to join the team next year, please let me know. There are plenty of spots open on different foundations that you can be a part of. If you are thinking about joining the team, this is a great way to get a feel for the district and how it feels to be on the 5M-2 team. I am also searching for Zone Chairs. This is another great way to get involved in the district team that is fun to do. Please let me know if you would like to join the team. I can give you all the information you need to make sure you are ready to join the team. If you are the artistic type of person, I am looking for a newsletter publisher to join the team. Our current newsletter publisher would like to retire from doing the Newsletter. She has been a great team member for a long time. I will greatly miss her experience and knowledge by putting the newsletter together. This could be your time to serve. The International President's motto is "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead". There is no better time to serve than now.

Finally, I wish every Lion in 5M-2 a Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, please be safe. I know it is an old saying but "don't eat too much". This is something that I can never do. I always eat too much.

Here are a couple of quotes for Thanksgiving.

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual" Henry David Thoreau

"Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude"
Nigel Hamilton

I am here to help you, help others.



1st VDG Chuck and some of his fellow 5M 1st VDGs with 1st IP Mark Lyon at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

SAVE THE DATE

ROAR

for a

CAUSE



Special Olympics & LCIF are partnering for the
2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota

Saturday February 28, 2026

Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

501 W 78th St, Chanhassen, MN 55317



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Hello Lions of 5M-2!



Hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful fall we're having here in 5M-2.

At the time of writing this, I just returned from two full days VDG training in Alexandria. 1st and 2nd DGs from Multiple 5M attended the training. Three of the four trainers, along with a district secretary, were Past District Governors.

Our sessions were engaging and informative. Topics included decision making, listening, speaking skills, being resilient and flexible, and using the portal to monitor membership and club performance.

We went offsite Thursday to a Habitat for Humanity site to work on playhouses that the local DECA student group

would complete to be auctioned off to raise money for the Habitat for Humanity Program. It was an impactful way to end day 1 of the training.

Lots of Service discussions took place through the training. Most centered around Service being the main reason that people join a Lions club. What better way for community members to meet Lions then to see us out and about providing service.

The training ended with the 1st and 2nd VDG's being invited to attend the 5M COG meeting (Council of Governors)

All 5M-2 Zone meetings are scheduled and I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks. My training will continue during November with a series of six 2-hour training Zoom sessions. I also have a club visit with Ellendale scheduled in November.



SHOW YOUR LIONS PRIDE

Yard Signs

\$30 each or 2 for \$50

Each purchase provides a donation to LCIF!

Yard signs are on a metal frame.



CONTACT:
PDG Rick Wagener
Phone: 612-701-0346



Dates to Remember

November 1 - Thanksgiving for Vision - St. Cloud

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 11 - Zones 5 & 6 - Eagle Lake

November 13 - Zones 1 & 3 - Green Isle

November 17 - DG Brownton Visit

November 18 - Convention Committee - Arlington

November 20 - DG Stewart Visit

November 24 - DG Waterville Visit

November 27 - Happy Thanksgiving!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026
Coming to
MINNESOTA
JUNE
20-26



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Coming Together for Inclusion!

In 2026, MD5M Lions will host a Family Night Celebration for 3,050 Special Olympics athletes and their families—a night of joy, unity, and unforgettable memories. Each athlete will receive "A Ball For All"—branded with the logos of MD5M, LCIF, LEOs, and Lions USA—a symbol of fun, inclusion, and the power of community.

Our Multiple District's role in the partnership:

- Raise \$350,000 to sponsor Family Night for 3,050 Olympians and their families.
- Provide every athlete with A Ball For All, a goodwill gift specially designed for the athletes.
- Volunteers for vision screening (Opening Eyes) and family night. Sign-up information coming soon.

How can you make an impact:

- Donate to **LCIF's MD5M Special Olympics Fund**.
- Donations will count towards **Melvin Jones Fellowships** (but not District or Community Grants).
- Every club and individual gift helps reach our **\$350,000 goal!**

Let's show the world what it means to be a Lion.

Every club. Every member. Every donation counts.



Send all checks* made out to LCIF to:

PDG Anna Wickenhauser
13650 County Road 41
Cologne, MN 55322

*On the memo line of the check write MD5M Special Olympics

GLT Corner

Submitted by: IPDG Lisa Kaufmann, GLT

Greetings fellow Lions!

I am excited to share there will be training and learning opportunities via Zoom scheduled for remainder of the Lions year. Opportunities will include:

- **Lions Portal Drop-In Sessions:** Anyone is welcome to join us to learn more about the portal. It will include how to enter a service activity, reporting available and time for you to ask questions. These will be scheduled based on need and interest.
- **Officer Training:** Not all officers could attend the training last May. There will be sessions scheduled for presidents and secretaries/club administrators. In addition, in-person officer training will be held prior to the start of the next Lions year.
- **Elevator Pitch:** If someone asked you what Lions is or what they do, can you provide an answer? Join us to learn more about what an elevator pitch is and how you can develop one.
- **Canva:** Are you new to using Canva? Join us for some tips and tricks.
- **Leveraging Your Personal Brand:** Learn how to shape your personal brand and how others view you.
- **Membership Growth:** Tools and resources on how to grow your club and retaining your members.
- **Preparing for the Next Lions Year:** As the year begins to wind down, there will be a session on how your club can prepare for the next Lions year.

These are just some of the sessions planned you can participate in. Watch the 5M-2 Facebook page where the sessions will be announced. Additionally, an email will be sent to the club presidents and secretaries to share with their members.

If you have any requests or ideas for training please share them with me at lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com.





“SPRINKLE KINDNESS”



5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

When: February 13–15, 2026
Where: Country Inn & Suites
Mankato, MN

Guest: International Director Gary Steele

Friday

- **1st Timers Get-together**
- **Service of Remembrance**
- **Evening - Beach Party with Fat City All-Stars Band**

Saturday

- **Seminars on Vision and Diabetes**
- **Peace Poster and Write Off Winners**
- **Service Project**
- **Banquet featuring ID Gary Steele**
- **Fun Team Activity (groups of 4)**

Sunday Morning

- **Inspiring presentation by Tim Emmers and his daughters speaking on diabetes.**

What to Bring

- **Banners for opening ceremony**
- **Eyeglasses and hearing aids for collection**
- **Raffle Baskets**

- **Cost: \$95 for Registration, includes Saturday lunch and banquet**



SEE YOU THERE!



District 5M-2 MidWinter Convention
February 13-15, 2026
Country Inn & Suites
1900 Premier Dr., Mankato, MN 56001



Electronic Registration Preferred

Go to [district5M2lions.com/Calendars & Events](https://district5M2lions.com/Calendars&Events)

☐ Lions ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
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Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____

Prov/State: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Club: _____

Club: _____

Instructions:

- Register online or Return registration form no later than January 31, 2026.
- For paper registration you can pay via Venmo to @suevos28, or mail a paper check with your form.

- Checks made payable to: District 5M-2 Convention ☐, or Venmo to: ☐

- Mail registration & check to: District 5M-2 Convention
 Nancy Mathwig
 PO Box 944
 Arlington, MN 55307



Convention costs:

- Registration fee: \$25.00 per person and **applies to all attendees**, including non-Lions.
- On-site registration will be limited, and no meals will be available for purchase.

Meal Options:

Please specify dietary needs: _____

Saturday lunch: (Ham & Turkey wraps, chips, pasta salad, cookies) **\$25.00**

- Attendee #1: Yes No Attendee #2: Yes No

Saturday evening banquet: (potato, salad, vegetable, dessert) **\$45.00**

- Attendee #1: Choice of Herb Roasted Chicken ☐ Honey Roasted Pork ☐ None ☐

- Attendee #2: Choice of Herb Roasted Chicken ☐ Honey Roasted Pork ☐ None ☐

Total Registration (\$25.00 + Meal costs): Attendee #1 \$ _____ Attendee #2 \$ _____

Hotel Accommodations: Book directly with the Country Inn & Suites by calling (507) 225-0007 or online at: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IN66O6>.

- Rate \$135 + tax per night, mention 5M-2 Lions 2026. Stated rate expires on January 13, 2026.



District 5M-2 PARADE OF GREEN

The Parade of Green is an integral part of our Mid-Winter Convention. The purpose of the Parade of Green is to provide our district Lions Clubs with the opportunity to make monetary donations to foundations/programs we support.

A list of foundations/programs our district supports is below. The list includes if they are a 501 (c)(3) and their tax identification number. If the foundation/program is a 501 (c)(3), donations can come from either gambling or project funds. If not, funding may only come from project funds.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): (501 (c)(3)/23-7030455) LCIF is the main humanitarian arm of the Lions around the world. Donated funds are recorded as a Melvin Jones donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Records for donations are kept by LCIF. This year we are excited to host the Special Olympic Games in Minnesota. Multiple District 5M has committed to a \$350,000 sponsorship in the way of a "pass thru grant" from LCIF. Please put in the memo of your check MD5M Special Olympics to ensure your donation goes to the correct designation.

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/41-6026488) The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation has been working to help the blind and visually impaired since 1960. Through their support of Lions Gift of Sight (formerly Minnesota Lions Eye Bank), their collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology, and their work collecting and distributing used eyeglasses, the Foundation helps countless people every day. Donated funds are recorded as a Helen Keller donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Helen Keller Award in honor of those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. Records for donations are kept by the Vision Foundation.

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation: (501(c)(3)/ 41-6172730) The Foundation was founded in 1973 to promote to the fullest extent the advance of research and programs concerned with hearing health and communication disorders. Further, it was founded to provide assistance with the organization and administration of these activities throughout the Lions Multiple District 5M, which encompasses Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a Hearing Research Fellowship. A second donation in the same named individual will receive a Progressive Fellowship.

Diabetes: Clubs can donate to either or both.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/26-3238179) Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities. Donated funds are recorded as a Dream Catcher donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Dream Catcher Award. Records for donations are kept by your own Club.

5M-2 Diabetes: Funds stay in District 5M-2.

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/83-2970348) A charity of the Lions Clubs of Minnesota to support efforts to end childhood cancer. A relatively new initiative by the Foundation involves partnering with local Lions Clubs to help local families dealing with childhood cancer. Thus far, we have approved matches \$500 to three local Lions Clubs who had fundraisers for local families. The Believe Award has been established to recognize Clubs and individuals who have donated \$1,000 to the Foundation to further our mission to assist patients and families dealing with childhood cancer.

MD5M KidSight Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/81-3338106) KidSight is a program to screen the vision of children, primarily between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. About 7 to 15% of children screened will be referred for follow-up professional exams. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a "Sight

Saver" award.

Can Do Canines: (501 (c)(3)/41-1594165) Can do Canines raises and trains Mobility Assist, Diabetes Assist, Autism Assist, Hearing Assist, Seizure Assist and other Service Dogs. The dogs are provided at no charge to the recipient. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a "Top Dog" award. Donation records are kept by Can do Canines

Leader Dogs for the Blind: (501 (c)(3)/38-1366931) People who are blind or visually impaired endure hardships most of us can barely imagine. Things that were once routine and taken for granted may gradually or suddenly become insurmountable hurdles. Leader Dogs for the Blind provide white cane training to matching people with a Leader Dog, they provide the tools and training to reintroduce people to a life of independence, confidence and companionship. It's a way of living that leads to a new perspective on life.

Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota: (501 (c)(3)/27-2749699) Provides family retreats for veterans and their families with educational skills to manage their lives after wartime service. The organization provides these activities totally free to the veterans and their families.

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation (501)(3)88-1542839 TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation will support Multiple District 5M Lions Clubs with matching 50/50 Fund Grants, for up to \$3000 initially. This will help fill gaps where an LCIF grant is too large or otherwise not appropriate. Smaller Lions Clubs projects will be funded.

Youth Exchange: Clubs can donate to either or both.

5D5M Youth Exchange: (501 (c)(3)/46-4182698) The Lions Youth Exchange Program was launched to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and cultures other than their own in an effort to promote world peace. Young people are given the opportunity of living with a family or families in a foreign country for a few weeks to experience first-hand a new culture, history and a different way of life. The ultimate goal is to have each participant upon returning home share his or her experiences in promoting international understanding.

5M-2 Youth Exchange: Funds stay in 5M-2.

5M-2 Youth Outreach: The Youth Outreach program is a part of the Lions Organization encompassing Leos, Peace Poster, Essay Contest, Liberty Day & Write-Off.

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!!**



District 5M-2 Lions Club Delegate Roster



Form must be completed and returned by February 1st.

Club Name _____

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

Number of Club Members: _____

Number of Delegates: _____

List of Club Delegates:

Print Name:

**Initial at
check-in:**

Email Address:

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

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6. _____

6. _____

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

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

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

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

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

Email: pkkoenen@gmail.com

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

Delegate Roster Form

WELCOME NEW LION MEMBERS

“We’re donut-ing without you-glad you joined us!”

Carver

Hailey Raether
Clare Reitsma

Chaska

Connie Leamont

Cologne

Kaarin Foede
John Kolstad
Jenny Olson
Kara Schmidt
Christy Theis
Jim Theis
Leon Vinkemeier
Sara Vinkemeier

Faribault

Charlie Lechtenberg
Marinda Lechtenberg

Henderson

Nathan Hanson

Hutchinson

Serina Espey-Wolf

Jordan

Kyle Narum
Jeffrey Schlicht

New Richland

Alverrecheo Bell

Nicollet

Linda Baker

NYA-West Carver

Cindy Bosma
Mary Rempel

Prior Lake

Mary Hernandez
Patty Lanting-Boatman
Terry Lindsoe

St Peter

James Irwin
Jay Zender

Victoria

Matt Cherry
Jesse Sandas
Gerry Seurer
Samantha Willson

Waconia

Nicholas Loudon

Waconia Dandylions

Erika Emmings

Waseca

Ashley Kuhlman
Theresa Sunde

Watertown

Austin Hinrichs

Winthrop

Jerald Anderson
Angie Lederle
Jeremy Lederle

2026 MD5M CONVENTION IS HAVING A...

BEACH PARTY!

APRIL 24-26, 2026



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

Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.

<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>

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

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





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



☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ City: _____
 Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____ Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____
 Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____
 Club: _____ Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025

\$185 US - \$266 CDN _____

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026

\$195 US - \$280 CDN _____

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

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

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

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

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

About Public Relations/Marketing

5M2 clubs...

Looking to spread the word on your clubs' activities with the folks in your area?

Maybe you're not certain where to begin? I can help! There are a few options. Keep reading...

Option 1:

Log on to the LIONS PORTAL, search out Public relations. You will find information on how to contact local media. There is help for messaging to the public. We need to let others know what is being done by our clubs, please check it out.

Option 2:

We have 2 PR KITS in our district. They are available to all clubs. It is a traveling PR KIT, it is in my possession! I'll find a way to get you the kit. Just call, text or email ...

I can be reached at megtribodeau@outlook.com or text me, 507-525-2249.

The following is a quote from the Lions Portal....Reasons to share how your clubs are

"In service"...."Lions Clubs International is the largest membership-based service club organization in the world. Our 1.4 million members are serving locally and globally to help take on some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.

We rely on members of the media and our Lions to help share our life-changing stories and inspire our communities to put their kindness in action. Here you will find a variety of resources, including media kits, logos, photos, templates and FAQs to help you with your story.



2025 Theme: "Together As One"

The deadline to submit your peace Posters is almost here!!

All Peace Posters must be delivered to the district chairpersons or postmarked by November 15th. If you need me to pick up your poster, please contact me (Diana) at 952 290 3677.

Before you submit your poster:

- Be sure there are no letters or numbers on the front of the poster.
- Have the sticker placed on the back of the poster in the proper position. See instructions please.
- Stickers must be filled out and signed by a parent- You must have a sticker for each entry submitted to the District Contest.
- Be sure there is nothing attached to the front of the poster-glued, stapled or taped.
- Be sure the paper size meets the requirements.
- Be sure the student is the proper age for entering the contest.

Thank you for participating and good luck to your club's entry.

Lion Diana Kroells (dianakroells@gmail.com) & Lion Trish Gieseke (trish.gieseke@gmail.com)
Peace Poster Co-Chairpersons



Leader Dog for the Blind: Puppy Raising Volunteer Update

Leader Dog for the Blind is seeking volunteers for its Puppy Raising program. Puppy raisers provide a loving home and basic training for a future Leader Dog over a period of 18 months to two years. This commitment involves teaching the puppy essential obedience, socialization, and good house manners. Volunteers receive ongoing support and guidance from Leader Dog staff throughout the process.

Recently, a Leader Dog client experienced a setback after surgery when her guide dog was unable to continue working with her. Leader Dog staff maintained close contact, and the dog was returned for retraining but did not meet the necessary standards. The client has received refresher training in white cane skills while awaiting a new guide dog as the client progresses to rehabilitation from pass

surgery. This situation highlights Leader Dog's dedication to client safety and ongoing support.

A current donor has pledged to match all donations to Leader Dog. Any contribution, regardless of size, will have double the impact.

Continued support from Lions clubs is essential, especially for the Parade of Green at the Midwinter event in Mankato. Leader Dog's commitment to its clients underscores the importance of ongoing support.

You anyone contact me for planning a club visit to learn more about Leader Dog for the Blind.

Contact Lion Loretta Klenke at lm.klenke@outlook.com or phone 952-913-8123.

Can Do Canines to Host Open House November 8

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, November 8, from noon to 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 finding out more about our organization can join us to **learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.**

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





2025-2026 DISTRICT 5M-2

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

WHO CAN ENTER:

The 2025-2026 Environmental Photo Contest is open to Lions and Leos in District 5M-2

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

- PHOTO MUST DEPICT A NATURE THEME (I.E. PLANTS, ANIMALS, LANDSCAPE, WEATHER, ETC.)
- PHOTO MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN 2025
- PHOTO MUST BE ORIGINAL AND UNALTERED
- PHOTO MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE SUBMITTING LION OR LEO
- PHOTO MUST DEPICT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE COMMUNITY THE LION OR LEO SERVES
- PHOTO MUST NOT INCLUDE PEOPLE. PHOTOS THAT INCLUDE PEOPLE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED
- PHOTO MUST BE PRINTED ON HIGH-QUALITY PHOTO PAPER AND MEASURE 8" X 10" (20.3 X 25.4 CM)

QUESTIONS?

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR:

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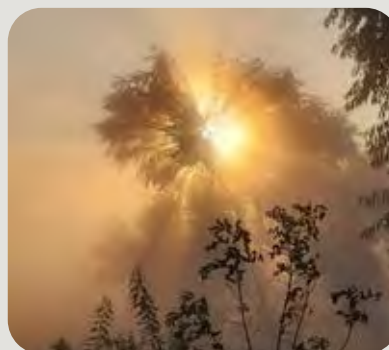
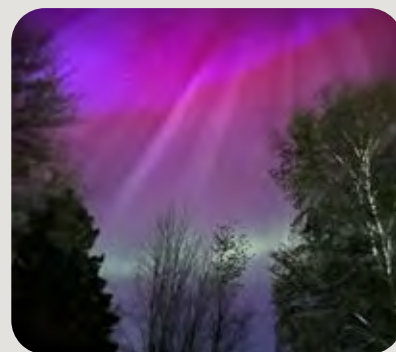
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5M-2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST 2025-2026 ENTRY FORM

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PLACE PHOTO WAS TAKEN:	

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5M-2 Fall Zone

MEETINGS

Save the Date

Zone 1 & 3
Nov. 13
Green Isle

Zone 2 & 4
Oct. 28
Carver

Zone 5 & 6
Nov. 11
Eagle Lake

Zone 7 & 8
Oct. 23
Albert Lea



Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

LeSueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions would like to express their sincere appreciation to North Memorial for providing their helicopter and facilitating public viewing, to all pilots, the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, Miss Le Sueur-Henderson Kendra Westphal, the City of Le Sueur for the use of the hangar for the highly successful Pancake Fly-in event, which fea-

tured 54 planes, 1 helicopter, and nearly 500 attendees. We would also like to thank Nicole Aune for providing chairs and tables for the Lions' use during the event and to Lion Jamie, Ally, and Kim for capturing these amazing photos.



More LeSueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions held their annual picnic at Jo Eagle Anderson Park, which the Lions Club adopted in early 2020. The event featured the presentation of several awards to deserving Lions members, including Leader Dogs, Kidsight, and Melvin Jones Fellows. The event also celebrated the birthday of Lions President Jena King.



The Le Sueur Lions recently held a commemoration ceremony to honor Bill Anderson, a devoted member of the Lions Club for many years. In attendance were Bill's family members, including Cheryl, Susie, Rick, and his wife of 54 years, Diane. Although Bill served in various capacities, not only with the Lions Club but also as a Sergeant in the Army, his contributions to the community were truly remarkable. During his tenure with the Lions Club, Bill was instrumental in various services, including Disaster Relief, Hunger, and Environment initiatives. Notably, Bill and fellow Lion Randy traveled to Rushford in 2007 to provide assistance following the devastating flash floods that ravaged the community. This event still holds the record for the most rainfall in Minnesota within a 24-hour period. Bill and Randy selflessly spent a week repairing and painting damaged homes and buildings, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to helping others. It is worth noting that Bill and Randy were in their mid-sixties at the time, exemplifying their remarkable dedication to the well-being of others. Bill was renowned for his kindness and willingness to lend a helping hand, and we take a moment to celebrate his enduring impact on our Lions Club. Bill had a passion for feeding others, which was evident in his

The Le Sueur Lions Club spent the morning with the 3rd grade classes at St. Anne's School and Le Sueur Henderson Elementary to distribute 95 dictionaries, which each student will utilize in their studies and retain as they grow older. This project was originally chaired by Larry Hylarides, who oversaw it for 20 years, commencing in 2005. Thank you to Larry for his dedicated service over the years.



extensive career with Green Giant and his volunteer work at our local food shelf following his retirement. He was often described as "the nicest guy around," "the sweetest man you will ever meet," and "the first person to lend you a hand." Bill also actively participated in local clean-ups and maintained the First Lutheran Church property for many years. He was an avid camper and nature enthusiast. Bill was particularly skilled with a shovel and was a gifted gardener, always willing to share his produce and insights on the weather. In recognition of his numerous contributions to our club and community, we have dedicated this flagpole to Bill. Lions like Bill inspire hope and plant seeds of kindness in one another and in the community. In memory of Bill and all Lions who have passed on, we have established a memorial pollinator garden surrounding the flagpole. On behalf of the Le Sueur Lions, we would like to extend our gratitude to everyone in attendance. We also have plans to add pavers for the walkway, create a kindness rock garden, relocate plants and rocks, and pursue Butterfly Garden Certification in the future.



Lafayette Area Lions



Lions partner in Diabetes Walk

Members of the Lafayette Area Lions Club partnered with Lions from New Ulm to host the 11th annual Strides New Ulm Diabetes Walk Saturday, October 4. The half-mile walk was held at Flandrau State Park in New Ulm. The weather was great and the trail was just right—making for a nice walk through the woods. Some walkers went around several times.

To date, more than \$13,000 was raised for research at the University of Minnesota to find a diabetes cure. Additional donations are still being accepted. This year's walk brings the New Ulm walk's 11-year total to \$157,751 (and still counting for this year).

The Lions clubs kick-started the fundraising efforts, with Lafayette presenting a \$1,000 check and New Ulm \$1,500. Ruth Klossner and Sandy Hartley made the presentation for Lafayette.

Nearly 70 walkers, and a number of dogs, took part this year, compared to 45 last year.

The joint effort by the New Ulm and Lafayette Lions is a unique venture across district lines in that New Ulm is in District 5M3 and Lafayette in District 5M2.



Healthy snacks were provided for the walkers.



Event organizer New Ulm Lion Bob Schirlinger with Hartley.



The event was promoted around New Ulm.

Hamburg Lions



Winthrop Lions

The Winthrop Lions donated to 2B Continued for Mental Health Awareness week.



The Winthrop Lions installed two new members at their monthly meeting. Congratulations to Jeremy and Angie for becoming Lions.



Hamburg, NYA West Carver, NYA Lions

NYA West Carver Lions, NYA Lions and Hamburg Lions presented dictionaries to the third grade students at St. Johns Lutheran School of NYA, Central Elementary of NYA and Emmanuel Lutheran of Hamburg. Great joint venture by our three clubs!



Jordaness Lions

Members of the Jordaness club joined with other groups and individuals to pack meals at a recent Feed My Starving Children MobilePack. At the end of the two hour shift, over 160 meals were packed, which will provide a year's worth of meals for 95 hungry children.



In honor of National Dictionary Day, the Jordaness Club delivered 166 dictionaries to the 3rd grade students at St. John the Baptist School and Jordan



Elementary School. This project continues to be a club favorite, and the students look forward to it as well!



More Jordanness Lions

Kathi Mocol, representing Southern Valley Alliance presented to our club during our October membership meeting.



Our club sponsored their Flannels and Flapjacks fundraiser and a few members attended to enjoy a good breakfast.



Chaska Lions

On September 10th the Chaska Lions partnered with the city of Chaska and the Chaska Police to hold a Senior picnic. The picnic was held at the Chaska Lions Park in downtown Chaska. 193 people attended the event.





Prior Lake Lions

Plastic bags collected in the bins outside of Club Prior is being put to good use and the result can be found throughout the city.

The Prior Lake Lions Club, in partnership with Smoke Signals and Club Prior, continues to coordinate the collection of clean plastic bags that are recycled and then turned into outdoor park benches.

Volunteers from the club pick up the plastic each week, which is weighed and stored until 1,000 pounds has accumulated. Once that is achieved, an order for a park bench is placed and shipped to Trex, a manufacturer of outdoor furniture. Once created, the bench is then installed at a pre-designated location within the area.

To date, a dozen park benches have been made from the recycled plastic and can be found at these locations: Club Prior, McKenna Crossing, Prior Lake City Hall, Fong's, The Little Market/Smoke Signals, Cub Foods, Harbor View, Velishek Auto Sales, Prior Lake VFW, Prior Lake Pickleball Court, Doherty's Bar and Grill and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

The bench project is just one of many efforts undertaken by Prior Lake Lions Club members.

Lions Club International has always been a strong promoter of initiatives that improve eyesight. For years, local members have assisted with vision screenings at local daycares and schools. They are scheduled to begin a new round of screenings later this month in Prior Lake elementary schools, followed by the middle schools in January, and St. Paul's Lutheran School, St. Michael Catholic School and Aspen Academy in 2026.

Prior Lake Lions also help in restocking diabetic kits containing crackers and glucose gel packs that can be distributed by school nurses to treat children with hypoglycemia. The volunteers do highway cleanup on a stretch of Highway 13 south of Lydia, as well. Throughout the year, the club donates to the CAP Agency and other worthy causes.

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

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

Carver Lions



Carver Lion's Trunk or Treat Event on 10/12/25



Hutchinson Lions

Hutchinson Lions packing "Food For Kids" for people in need.



Hutchinson Lions help Hutchinson School District support a Homecoming Parking Lot of Event. Selling Mini Donuts.



Winthrop Lions Club

Omelet Breakfast

November 2, 2025

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

501 N Brown St., Winthrop MN



Serving 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost \$10.00

Proceeds are used to support Winthrop Lions Projects.
Collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids.

Thank you to Michaels Food for the egg product!

Thank you to DFA and AMPI for their donations!

Thank you to Compart's Boar Store for the ham!

Jordaness Lions

present a night of

BINGO

PLAY 15 GAMES
FOR \$30

Friday, November 7, 2025

Ridges at Sand Creek

21175 Ridges Dr. Jordan

Social Hour 6:00-7:00 pm

The FUN begins at 7:00 pm

Cash Prizes for every game!

(2) Cash 50/50 Drawings & (2) Pekarna's Meat Raffles

Food & drinks will be available for purchase.



Proceeds to benefit The Lions Diabetes Foundation & other community projects.

Donations of cleaning supplies will be welcomed for the Jordan Area Food Shelf

It's all about the FUN!!!



BINGO

FRIDAY NIGHT

Lions Friday Night Bingo at the Lonsdale Legion!

10/17 | 11/14 | 12/12

Games start at 6:30pm
Packet sales start at 5pm



\$30 Packet - 10 Games
\$99 prize/game

PLUS
Game 11 - Coverall \$3/card
Coverall \$ prize TBD based on 75% of Game 11 card sales
Must buy packet to play coverall



Hamburg Lions Club Fall Bingo

Bingo and Meat Raffle

\$10.00 for 20 games of Bingo

Turkeys, Hams, and Summer Sausage

Optional 21st game coverall for 50/50 pot (\$1.00 per card)

Door Prizes

Cash bar, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
Chips, Candy, Peanuts, Popcorn

Friday, November 21st, 2025

6:30pm Doors open at 5:00pm**

Hamburg Community Hall
351 Henrietta Ave, Hamburg MN




Holiday HO HO HOEDOWN

GRAB YOUR HATS & BOOTS & MOSEY DOWN TO THE
Jordaness Lions 36th Annual Fashion Show
Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Ridges of Sand Creek, Jordan
Social hour starts at 10:00 am...Luncheon follows at 11:00 am
Fashion show & entertainment after the luncheon
(featuring the wildly amusing Jordaness Lions)

Tickets are limited and **MUST** be purchased in advance - cost \$30
Contact a Jordaness Lions member or call Donna Will 612-599-2646

Silent Auction, Raffles, "Wall of Wine" and "Sleigh of Suds"
Proceeds benefit the Jordan Area Food Shelf, the Jordan Holiday Food Basket program, the Lions Gift of Sight, Project New Hope and other community projects.
We are accepting cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for the Jordan Area Food Shelf.

REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT THE FUN!




SHOP FOR THE PERFECT TREE & WREATH

CHANHASSEN LIONS CHRISTMAS TREES

The most beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths in town.

LOCATED AT CUB FOODS IN CHANHASSEN

Lot opens at Noon on Black Friday, 11/28/2025
Lot will be open daily until sold out.
Monday - Friday 1 pm - 8pm
Saturday and Sunday 9 am - 8:30 pm

All proceeds are donated back to the community, organizations and foundations we support.

Step Up Your Style

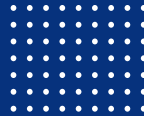
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Whether you are running errands, going to a Lions event, or just out and about -our baseball hats are the perfect blend of comfort, style and attitude!

Grab your 2029 Lions International Convention baseball hat now for \$30 and top off your look!



Contact:
PDG Rick Wagener
Phone: 612-701-0346



Silver Lake Lions Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Serving 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Silver Lake Auditorium, Silver Lake, MN

Menu:
Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast,
Fruit, Milk & Coffee

Freewill Offering

Proceeds donated to Silver Lake Pool & Parks
Collecting toy donations for the children
of all ages in Mcleod County

Christmas Cookie Bake Sale!

2025

Owatonna Lions ROCK & Roll Xmas Party!

SANTA'S GONE HONKY-TONK!

**DECEMBER 6
3 PM - 10 PM**

OWATONNA AMERICAN LEGION

Live Music By The Travis Thamert Band 6-10
~ Silent Auctions ~ Gift Card Raffles
~ Horse Racing ~ Ugly Xmas Sweater Contest
~ Meat Raffles ~ BBQ Brisket & Brats

OWATONNA LIONS CLUB

5TH Annual **ROCK'N ROLL** Christmas Party!

Saturday, Dec 6th

3 - 10 pm

Owatonna American Legion



Purpose of Event: Have fun and raise funds for scholarships benefiting Steele County Student post-secondary education in a trades career. Quality, skilled American labor is certainly in demand these days and often overlooked in many scholarship offerings. A portion of the fundraising efforts go to other local Lions Club charitable efforts in Steele County.

Party Agenda!

- * Prizes for Best Christmas Outfit & Ugliest Xmas Sweater
- * Silent Auctions Full Of Locally Donated Items
- * Always Popular Wall of Xmas Spirits
- * Brisket Sandwiches and Brats 4 - 7
- * Local Business Giftcard Raffles

**2025 Trade Scholarship
Fundraising Goal -
\$25,000!!**

Live Music By

Travis Thamert Band 6-10pm

Business	Contact
Phone	Email
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