



5M-2 Lions' News



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Servant Leadership

Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor

The definition of servant leadership is a leadership philosophy that prioritizes serving others over other goals. Servant leaders focus on creating an environment where their team can thrive and do their best work. They believe that effective leaders should serve others, such as customers, partners, employees, and the community, instead of seeking power or control.

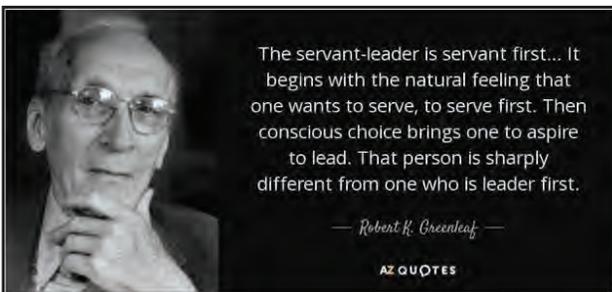
You do not have to look any further than PIP Brian Sheehan to have a great example of a servant leader. Over the next year leading 5M-2, my focus is to be a better servant leader. A DG does not lead on their own, we have many leaders to support us and help us get the job done. For this Lion's year we have a full cabinet, and we will be busy to ensure our district remains strong and grows.



Below is the word leadership spelled out offering a thought for each letter of the word. This is a combination of borrowed words with some of my own. Portions have also been edited to better fit Lions.

Listen. You can't lead effectively for very long without listening to people for their ideas and input. Plus, when you listen – really listen – you show people that you care about them. Few things will take you further as a leader than being a consistently great listener. Are you listening to the members of your club?

Empathy. It is important to understand someone's feelings, what circumstances or challenges are our members facing? These should be acknowledged and considered as we do the work we do as Lions.



Accountability. Once clear expectations exist, accountability can be created (you can't have one without the other). The best leaders help people take ownership of their work and actions, which leads to strong accountability. If someone steps up, let them do the work in the way they want to do it.

Develop. Effective leadership requires coaching others to reach both what is expected and what is possible. There are Lions who have a desire to lead, as a leader are you helping them develop? Have you encouraged them to take advantage of developmental opportunities either online at www.lionsclubs.org or in person?

Empower. Leading others means realizing you cannot do it all or alone. There are capable Lions around you, delegate and but also empower them to do the work.

Relationship builder. People want to follow people they know, like, and trust. The best leaders consistently work to build and nurture relationships. What are you doing to nurture those around you and who are serving alongside of you?

Support change. Leadership is about change. If everything were perfect (and no change was needed), what would be the role of a leader? When Lions see their club leadership support change, they are far more likely to change themselves. We do not always have to continue to do it the way it has been done.

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We Serve

“Rain, Rain Go Away”



Lion Shermanne Cross
1st Vice District Governor

WOW, it's the month of August already and finally the monsoon rains that were relentless this spring and early summer have

slowed down. So many of our members and communities in 5M-2 were affected by the flooding on a

personal basis and our hearts go out to them. Leaders of 5M-2 have been working with the Waterville Lion's club to assist in immediate needs, such as bleach and drinking water as the town experienced massive flooding throughout the city. LCIF Coordinator, PDG Anna Wickenhauser is working with Waterville Lion President Joe to apply for a LCIF grant to assist in the many needs of the community. It is unfortunate that we need to apply for a grant, but it is wonderful to know that the money we have all donated will be coming back to our District! Thank you all for your generous donations to LCIF!

Something different this year, the DG team has divided up the district for DG visits. I will be doing approximately 18 clubs in the southern part of the district. DG Lisa and 2VDG Chuck will be doing the northern and central portion. To request a visit from a team member, please fill out the request form on the 5M-2 website.

I was privileged to visit the Nicollet Club and the Albert Lea Lakeview Club to install their new officers. I also inducted a new member, Lion Jennifer into the Nicollet Club. Welcome to the Lions family! Both clubs had delicious food for all to enjoy. Ever had baked pineapple? It

was delicious!!!

I know many Lions Clubs do not meet during the summer months, but are busy with Lion festivals, parades, pork chop dinners, concerts in the park and many more projects. Don't forget the State Fair is coming at the end of August until Labor Day. KidSight will be doing free eye screening in the Kare 11 building and they need volunteers and screeners each day. MN Lions Vision Foundation, MN Lions Diabetes Foundation and the MN Lions Hearing Foundation all will have booths and are looking for volunteers also to help cover a shift or two. September 5-7 is the USA/Canada Leadership

Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. Over 70 seminar and training sessions are scheduled during the 3-day convention. The Northern Pride Forum is a mini-USA/Canada forum for Lions and Leos in the Mid-West Area. It will be held in St. Cloud at the Kelly Inn, Sept. 20-21. Hope to see many of you at one or all of the Forums this fall.

Mission 1.5 is poised to grow our organization to 1.5 million by July of 2027, but it will not happen unless all of us are making an effort to ask, ask, ask people to become Lions. To provide more service within our communities, districts, multiples and around the world we need more hands. More hands, more bodies and more Lions. Where there is a need there is a Lion. Please just ask one person in the next 60 days to be a Lion and to make a difference in the world!

Contact information: cell: 507-330-1544 or email: shermanne.c@live.com

Until next time...“Be Kind, Help Others, Have FUN, Make a Difference in Your Community.”

<p>Chanhassen: Brooklin Bates Aaron Dages Nicole Kragthrope Paul Kragthrope</p>	<p>New Auburn: Eugena Kuehn</p> <p>NYA - West Carver: Twyla Hermann</p>	<p>Victoria: Rob Bloedorn Mary Kay Cashetta Ralph Cashetta Rick Clerc tony Fornetti Chad Hake Jill Hake Tim Kaufmann Julie Murray Brian Potratz Jim Pucci Leah Zarns</p>	<p>Waseca: Eugene Glynn Jodie Thompson</p>
<p>Cologne: Joan Willenmesen</p>	<p>Plato: Patricia Longhenry</p>		
<p>Lake Crystal: Jon Schwaegerl</p>	<p>St. Peter Amanda Bohn Rita Rassbach</p>		

Hello Fellow Lions!



Chuck Toltzman
2nd Vice District Governor

Hello my fellow Lions. It is already August. The month of August being the hottest time of year. And for some, a busy month. There is vacation before school starts, oh, and school starting. How about fairs? County fairs and of course the great Minnesota get together the State

Fair. Speaking of the State Fair the Lions are busy also at the State Fair. How about Kid's Sight at the fair or the Vision and Hearing Foundations at the fair? Have many of you signed up to work at any of these Foundations booths? Many of them have signup sheets online to sign up on. Sounds like fun. And a free ticket to the fair.

Now that we are a month into the new Lions year. How many of you as individuals or club Secretaries or Presidents having trouble getting into the new Lions Portal? I would be happy to assist you if you are having trouble. Please contact me at circlethay@gmail.com or text me at 701-269-0950, and I can try to help you. There have been several situations where people are having trouble getting logged on. Like the new secretaries or the new,

old secretaries. If the club Secretary did not put the new officers in by the end of June. They would more than likely be locked out for the new year. Let me know and I will go in and enter in the secretary for the club and they can then go in and finish putting in the rest of the officers. If you need assistance in putting in activities let me know. I am urging all clubs to enter their club activities every month. This helps, so that by the end of the year you have a record of everything that you have done and then you can transfer these activities to the Club Excellence Award application at the end of the year. Sounds easy, right?

I cannot leave you without throwing in a little Lion's history. Did you know that at the 1925 Internataional Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller asks the Lion's to become the "knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness"? Or that in 1926 polar explorer and a member of the Washington DC Lion's Club, Admiral Richard E. Byrd Jr, flies over the North pole carrying the Lions flag with him? That same year he flew over the South pole also with the Lion's flag. Just thought you might want to know these fun Lion facts.

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

"We Serve"

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Humility. My husband, Lion Glenn says he is humble, just ask him. There is plenty of power that comes with the role of leader, and so ego can become a barrier. The best leaders are confident, but humble enough to know they don't have all the answers and can't do it alone. Say thank you to those who help your club, district, multiple districts and beyond to be successful.

Influence. Leadership is about reaching valuable outcomes with and through others. Once you realize you know everything a leader does requires influence, you will be successful. What are you doing to influence others?

Provide direction. Where are Lions going and where do we need to go? Whether it is a vision or mission, or a goal or objective, without direction there is no place to lead to. Effective leaders provide a clear picture of a destination. They have action plans which detail the steps needed to be successful. They conduct checkpoints and pivot when needed. If you are a Lions leader, have you created action plans? At a minimum it is helpful to identify the steps to be successful.

Lions Rock!

"Always have the highest bar for yourself. Wake up everyday and no matter how crappy you feel, want to change something for the better. Do something that makes someone happy. Create something that inspires someone. Be someone's light when they are hopeless."

Dave Grohl, Founder of the Foo Fighters, and former Nirvana drummer.

DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

August 2024

2 - 19 August: Out of Town

24th Jordan Jordaness Lions Concession Stand

26th Northfield DG Visit

27th NYA-West Carver DG Visit





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Anna Wickenhauser; LCIF Coordinator

I would like to introduce Lion Rose Thies of the Green Isle Lions Club as my Co-Coordinator for LCIF. She is excited to learn more about our Foundation and helping others with questions that may come up.

I had the opportunity to meet with the Waterville City Administrator Terry and her "assistant" Val this past Saturday. They took me on a tour of Waterville and gave me an experience I will never forget. People that have been displaced because of the flooding were gracious enough to show me what's left of their homes and share their stories. I would like to pass on a heartfelt THANK YOU from the people of Waterville!!!

The water has gone down and most people have their houses mucked out. Flood debris has been taken to a designated area. They are starting to combine the distribution locations into one place. It seems like Waterville is on a good path to recovery-BUT, the realization is the relief organizations are ending. We "assume" that the government and insurance companies are helping out. Not exactly true-most families did not have flood insurance. We have heard that FEMA is stepping in? The government agencies stepped in to keep electricity, running water etc. to the town-which of course is a HUGE help. They have not heard if or when they will get FEMA assistance for individuals. They can get upwards to \$30,000 to fix/rebuild their houses.

The communities affected by the flooding still need our help! LCIF is working with us to secure a Recovery Grant up to \$20,000. The district leadership also formed a 5M-2 Disaster Relief Fund that our district treasurer is handling. It will help supplement the LCIF Grant as they need it and other surrounding towns that need assistance. We have in our 5M-2 Disaster Relief Fund approximately \$5,000. The upcoming need is going to be building supplies: Plywood, Sheetrock, Lumber, you name it. Please contact Lion Anna or Lion Rose to find out more.

If you would like to make a donation to the District 5M-2 Disaster Relief send it to Cornerstone Bank PO Box 128 Green Isle, MN 55338 or Venmo @District5M2. Unfortunately this is NOT a 501c3, but you can make financial donations from your project account as it does not go directly to a club member or a club. Or make a donation to LCIF for Disaster Relief.

A shout out to Faribault Lions for they have been the primary source of getting them tangible goods and delivering them. Also to the Jordaness and Chanhassen clubs for delivering items. And the clubs of 5M-2 and MD5M who have made financial contributions.

We Serve

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SOCIAL MEDIA

TIPS FOR YOUR LIONS CLUB

- **On Facebook:**
 - Use @5M2 Lions to share your club posts
 - For this Lions year add #lionsrock
 - Join the Facebook group:
 - Lions Club Members: Public Image, Graphics & Ideas Hub
- **Does your club have an Instagram account? If so, did you know you can cross post?**
- **Have more than one club member who can post to share the work.**



5M-2 Disaster Relief



Lions of MD5M,

District 5M-2 is currently facing unprecedented devastation caused by heavy rains and flooding. Massive flooding is now impacting nearly half of Minnesota. More than 20 river gauges across the Upper Midwest have hit major flood stage, with more rain expected in flood-soaked areas. It is imperative for Lions to take the lead in supporting fellow Lions and the communities we serve during this challenging time.

We are looking for help to all those that have suffered great loss and destruction due to the flooding.

Water levels on the Minnesota, Mississippi and Crow rivers are expected to see their highest levels in at least a decade.



5M-2 District Governor Lisa and her Disaster Relief Team have devised a plan to assist Lions Clubs in 5M-2 as they navigate through this unfamiliar territory.

Our district is exploring avenues and will be seeking a grant from LCIF. Unfortunately it's times like these, that we Lions realize the importance and need for LCIF and why it's necessary for all of us to support our Foundation. Where there's a need, LCIF is there!

The Lions of 5M-2 will also need donations to supplement the LCIF grants, as they have greater flexibility and less restrictions, and can be used to fill in the gaps left by the LCIF funds.

Stay tuned for updates from the Disaster Relief Team on ways you can contribute financially and with your skills.

Remember, you are not alone in this endeavor. Your Lions family stands united with you. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

On Behalf of the Leadership Team of 5M-2



Any questions please email Lion Rose @ rthies001@gmail.com.

Mail to:

Attn: District 5M-2 - Disaster Relief

Cornerstone State Bank

P O Box 128

Green Isle, MN 55338-0128

Venmo is @District5M2

District 5M-2 - Lions Bingo Challenge

Club Name: _____ **Lion Submitting:** _____

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Have a "Fun" Club Event	Club Officer(s) Attend the Fall Zone Meeting	Complete a Vision Service Project	Schedule A Cabinet Member to Speak at a Club Meeting	Report One Service Activity in the Lions Portal
Submit an Item/Ad to the District Newsletter	Induct a New Member	Invite a Non-Lion to a Club Meeting or Service Project	Send DG Lisa a Picture of Your Club in Action (lionisakaufman@yahoo.com)	Conduct a Childhood Cancer Service Project
Have Your Zone Chair Attend a Club Meeting	Club has a Social Media Page and/or Website		Complete a Diabetes Service Project	Post a Club Meeting or Event on Social Media (Add #lionsrock)
Complete an Environmental Service Project	Club Member(s) registered for the Mid-Winter Convention	Offer Membership Orientation	Report a Second Activity in the Lions Portal	Schedule a DG Team Member to Visit Your Club
Complete a Hunger Service Project	Nominate a Lion from your Club for Zone Lion of the Year	Club Makes a Donation to LCIF	Invite Another Club to Your Club Meeting	Conduct a Club Fundraising Event

Rules: Starting July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 for every activity your club completes, "dab" the square (or X through it). For each bingo completed, your club will earn one entry into the drawing. Valid bingos: four corners, straight line or diagonal. A blackout will earn 15 entries into the drawing.

It is up to your club to determine what constitutes a "fun" event. Service activities can be collecting eyeglasses, roadside clean-up, food drive, etc. Many things your clubs are already doing.

Prize: DG Team will provide a meal for your club. It can be at a club meeting or a "fun" night.

Submission of Cards & Drawing: Submit to GST Coordinator, Lion Julie Beckius @ jbeckius5@gmail.com or 515 Red Oak Court, Jordan, MN 55352 by 2/7/2025 or bring them to the Mid-Winter Convention and turn in at the registration table. Winner will be drawn during Saturday lunch.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM



RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



RLLI participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



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:

- 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

Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register

NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM

FRI. SEP. 20 – SAT. SEP. 21



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100 4TH AVE S, ST CLOUD, MN 56301



Learning, Networking, and Inspiration

Keynote Speakers

Past International President Lion Brian Sheehan
& Lion Lori Sheehan

All Lions are invited to attend!

\$105 registration

includes: Friday appetizers,
Saturday Continental
Breakfast, Saturday luncheon
Deli Buffet & Saturday evening
banquet.

\$139 Hotel Rate

FORUM REGISTRATION



13 different topic seminars

4 Panel Discussions

Kid Sight Certification

Email: np11fmd5m@gmail.com
<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>



Northern Pride Lions Forum



September 20th – 21st, 2024

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 4th Ave. South, St Cloud, MN USA

2024 Registration Form

Your District & Club Name: _____

Lions Membership #: _____

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Registration form also available at
<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

Special Dietary Needs:
 Vegetarian, Gluten Free,
 (circle ones that apply)
 Allergies _____

Registration Fee \$105.00 (US\$ or CDN\$)

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, your choice of up to 6 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers:
(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

SIGN UP ONLINE @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-leadership-forum-2024-registration-871516237527?aff=oddtcreator>

Pay with credit card in US\$ or CDN\$ follow the online screen instructions to register.

If you would like to send a USD check or money order: Make it payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Forum**

Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$139.00 USD per night (+ taxes)

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606

» BOOK NOW This block is called **“Northern Pride Lions Forum”** **» BOOK NOW**

Cancellations prior to September 14th, 2024, will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after September 14th, 2024 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

For more Information Email the Northern Pride Lions Forum at: npllfmd5m@gmail.com

<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>



Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

**The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will
once again be the Presenting Sponsors.**



candocanines.org/woofaroo





MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Kidsight is looking for volunteers at the Minnesota State Fair. Kidsight is completed on youth 6 months to 18 years of age all 12 days of the fair. 5M-2 day at

the fair is Thursday August 29th. There are 4 shifts, and one does not need to know how to operate a camera to volunteer. We need at least 6 volunteers per shift. We are located in the KARE 11 Health Care building. As a thank you for volunteering, you will receive per snail mail FREE complementary tickets to the state fair. We need Lions to volunteer as soon as possible. You may have a friend who is not a Lion assist in this project. Below is the Sign-Up genius address to volunteer. Thank You. Please contact Lion Harry if you are having problems.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC-2FA7F58-48608689-state#/>



Calling All Quilters

Kamp Kace - Twin Size Quilts Needed

Kamp KACE provides a safe, rewarding, and memorable camp experience for school-aged kids with cancer and their siblings. Their mission is to help kids with cancer feel like kids.

Have extra material to get rid of and love to quilt, this is a great way for you to serve! Kamp KACE is in need of 35 twin size quilts. Specific request is for long arm quilted, not tied.

If you can help, contact:
 PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby
 Cell: 218-298-4743
 Email: pdglinda@gmail.com



TRUE FRIENDS

True Friends Annual Breakfast



**October 1,
2024**

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for our True Friends Annual Breakfast on October 1, 2024. Hear stories from current participants and their families, enjoy a hot meal, and meet others in the True Friends community.

We'd love for you to join us! RSVP will be available later this summer.



Welcome Home Sheehans



July 19, 2024
Kelly Inn, St. Cloud

We are in need of volunteers for the State Fair Booth in the education building to promote Lions, Minnesota Lions Hearing, Diabetes and Vision foundations. Please consider volunteering at the State Fair August 22nd to September 2nd. This is the link to our Sign-Up Genius to sign up for a shift at this year's State Fair.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-45000339-2024#/>



2024 State Fair Booth Volunteering

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors. The hope is to have a representative of each foundation at each shift.

www.signupgenius.com



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

2024-2025 Theme: Peace Without Limits

The Peace Poster project gives youth an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. We have seen many wonderful posters in 5M2 in previous years. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. I hope that your club has chosen to participate this year. It is not too late to order a Peace Poster kit which is available through October 1. You can order your kits from this website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster> or simply Google- Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

If you are a club participating for the first time, and (or) If your club's chairperson(s) would like any help getting started, please reach out to us and we will walk you through the steps necessary so that you will have a successful year sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in your area.

Thank you for giving the youth in your area an opportunity to showcase their talent. First, second & third place winners receive a nice monetary reward at the District level and the first place winner will advance to the Multiple District level. For any additional information, please contact one of us.

Lion Diana Kroells: dianakroells@gmail.com
Lion Tricia Gieseke: trish.gieseke@gmail.com
Peace Poster Co-Chairpersons

Lions International Youth Exchange

Top Ten Reasons to Host a Lions Youth Exchange

1. To learn/share about each other's countries.
2. They bring you Gifts!
3. They come with money to spend-helping out our economy. Yes-it still will cost you money. You have to feed them 3 meals a day or in my case they eat all day. Gotta love teenagers' metabolism.
4. They come July 1-August 1 and they spend a week at camp. So it really is a 3 week commitment.
5. They want to learn how to do laundry, dishes and household chores!!! Mowing the grass is "Fun".
6. You get to CHOOSE your Youth Exchange/s. Once you have picked your YE -contact with them is established and you can email, whatsapp etc. and start forming a relationship before they get here.
7. They can share a bedroom, as long as there are 2 beds. Heck, most of them crash wherever they may be at the time (teenagers) Couch, floor etc.
8. If the YE is not the right "fit" or if you have an unexpected situation come up, they will be relocated. The program wants what is best for the YE and host families to be happy.
9. The YE becomes a part of your family and you may get repeat visits from them, be invited to their weddings, honorary grandparents. The world becomes smaller and your family grows bigger.
10. IT IS FUN!!!
Make your Mark-
Host a Lions
Youth Exchange.



5/17-1



Cabinet Meeting



Thank you
IPDG Christy



Passing the gavel



PDG Anna receiving
the DG Award pin



\$270 Raised



Full House!



Lion Rose receiving the
"You Rock" Award



DG Team



2nd VDG Candidate
2025-2026
Lion Deb Koehnen

July 28, 2024
St. Peter, MN

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities NYA West Carver Lions



At our July meeting the following awards were presented to our members: Melvin Jones Fellow to Lion MaryKay Braun; Dreamcatcher to Lion Judy Maas and Helen Keller Sight Award to Lion Dianne Rain.



NYA West Carver Lions held a clothing drive with the Epilepsy Foundation. Here are some of our members helping fill the truck with some of the bags collected.

Stewart Lions



We started summer by placing easy to prepare food packages in our post office for anyone to take as needed - especially to help with food insecurity. These packages have been regularly picked up.

We also put a float in the Buffalo Lake Days parade July 20. Our theme was about recycling plastic.

We had two garbage bags of smaller bags for recycling on the float, as well as a grocery bag necklace for the Lion. (Yup, we are saving bags for a bench!)



Lafayette Lions

LeBrun receives Melvin Jones Award from Lafayette Lions

Cheri LeBrun was named a Melvin Jones Fellow and was recognized at the annual awards program of the Lafayette Area Lions Tuesday, July 9 at the Lafayette Community Center. She is the club's 32nd recipient of the award—and joins husband Steve on the list. He was the club's 11th recipient in 2004.

Steve and Cheri came to Lafayette in 1992 when they purchased Lloyd's Feed Service. They had three young sons—Kyle, Brett, and Troy. The boys were often at work with Steve and Cheri. Troy was in his car seat, sometimes on the sidewalk outside the store's door, which is how many first met Cheri.

Mark Dick, Lori Dick, Pam Morson, and Nancy Reed spoke about LeBrun's many community activities in Lafayette and beyond.

Mark began the presentation by listing Cheri's many activities that included being a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, co-chair of the Lafayette Centennial Parade, a Bloodmobile volunteer, on the board of New Ulm Medical Center and NUMC Foundation, and being a tee ball coach, wrestling booster secretary, and football boosters and Rolling Thunder member. In the religious community, she's been a VBS and Religious Ed instructor; a church musician at three churches; choir director and admin council secretary, a CCW member, a COF member, Harvest Festival chair, and cemetery sexton.

With that list of activities, it's no wonder that Lori, Pam, and Nancy referred to Cheri as "Energized Cheri" as they spoke about her involvement with sports, music, the community, as mom and grandma, and her work in human resources.

The trio of speakers noted, "Last, but certainly not least, Cheri's biggest claim to fame is she is the most prominent Lafayette street walker! Come rain or shine, day or night, you are sure to see or have seen our Lafayette energizer walker Cheri."

LeBrun joined the ranks of Lafayette Melvin Jones

recipients—Dick VanDeest, Harland Walter, Clarence Maidl, Earl Wise, Arnie Berdan, Mark Dick, Doug Webster, Amos Hayes, Arden DeBoer, Bob Wise, Steve LeBrun, Steve Langhoff, Ernie Sands, Ruth Klossner, Brad DeBoer, Joe Maidl, Tom Hayes, Sally Webster, Neal Hoffmann, Stanley Youngblom, Tom Hoffmann, Harold Olson, Deb Sjostrom, Jim Langhoff, Lori Dick, Greg Bieraugel, Larry Mages, Sandy Hartley, Heidi Hagstrom, Andrew Maidl, and Mark Haler. Honorees are selected by past recipients.

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Pinch hitting for the scholarship committee, Lion Trish Gieseke recognized 12 incoming college freshmen who will receive Lafayette Area Lions scholarships. Those present introduced their parents and told of their college plans. The Lafayette Lions have made significant contributions toward higher education, having awarded 280 scholarships, totaling \$151,300, over the past 29 years.

During the evening's program, Lion Andy Maidl conducted the drawing for a cash raffle benefiting Angie Hartmann and her children. Raffle winners were Ashley Christenson of Winthrop, Michael McDermott of New Ulm, and Rhonda Wilhelm of Winthrop, \$500 each; and Ruth Klossner of Bernadotte and Deb Maidl of Lafayette, \$250 each.

At the close of the program, Lion and Past District President Joan Blank of Nicollet installed the club's 2024-2025 officers, comparing their roles to the pieces of a Monopoly game. They are, Daniel Hayes, president; Gieseke, first vice president; Scott Portner, second vice president; Alma Forst, secretary; Taylor Mages, treasurer; Portner, Lion tamer; Arden DeBoer and Mark Dick, tail twisters; Mark LeGare, Tom Hayes, Andrew Maidl, Haler, and Sandy Hartley, directors; and Dave Reed, gambling manager.

Proceeds from tail twisting went to Blank's favorite charity, T.E.A.M. Sheehan Charitable Foundation.



Lion and Past District Governor Joan Blank, right, presented the Melvin Jones Award plaque to Cheri LeBrun.



Friends, from left, Nancy Reed, Lori Dick, and Pam Morson, described Cheri LeBrun as a ball of energy in all that she does in her community, church, and work.



The 2024-25 Lafayette Lions officers and directors gathered for a photo. Front, from left: Sandy Hartley, Mark LeGare, Daniel Hayes, and Trish Gieseke. Back: Scott Portner, Alma Forst, Taylor Mages, Andrew Maidl, Mark Dick, Mark Haler, and Tom Hayes.

Le Sueur Lions



The Le Sueur Lions Club attended Summer in the Valley with great enthusiasm, distributing delicious watermelon to all present. The club's members actively engaged with the attendees, discussing various topics while providing an enjoyable atmosphere enhanced by quality music. Additionally, they offered popular yard games such as giant wooden Jenga and Connect Four, further enriching the event experience for all.



On July 10th it was a beautiful night for the Fox 9 News showcased the Le Sueur Braves' baseball game in their Town Ball Tour segment, featuring our very own Lion Rosie as the Lions sold 50/50 raffle tickets to all including Ian Leonard, creating a memorable night for everyone.



More Le Sueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions Club organized a day of self-reflection and rejuvenation amidst the tranquil surroundings of Lake Minnetonka at Al & Alma's Supper Club & Charter Cruises on Saturday, July 20th. We extend our gratitude to Captain Bruce and his crew for their hospitable services. Captain Bruce offered engaging narratives about the neighboring islands and residences, making it a truly enjoyable experience for all.



Lions Robin, Rosie, Michelle, and Michelle's mother Dee dedicated their morning on June 16th to enhancing the Lions Club pollinator garden. Their efforts included adding mulch and new vegetation to support the growth of the ecosystem.



At the Lions Club's monthly meeting on July 16th, Lion Sheila received a chevron pin in recognition of her 10 years of service to the Lions Club. Also at this meeting, our Le Sueur Lions' President Jena King, First Vice President Brian Barnard, Treasurer Robin Wilke, Secretary Rosie Goggin, Lion Tamer Kim Bach, and Membership Chair Jamie Erickson were sworn in by Lions' Zone Chairwoman Rose Ann Valdez.



Cologne Lions



Cleaning up the Lions Park. 4 semi trailer loads and numerous brush hauled in the UTV to the compost pile. Special thanks goes to Lion Kurt Vinkemeier for his Lull and tree removal skills. Wickenhauser Excavating for the heavy equipment and skill. Lion Bob Baughman for securing and handling the UTV. Lion Jonathan Henschen for his Bobcat skills. Lions Dave Cebulla, Nate Pysick, Tom Schmitz, Bob Wickenhauser, Michael Apollo, Lions Monkey, Anna and Leo Vinnie Wickenhauser, Aisha and Eloisa.



Brownton Lions

Brownton Lions held their July meeting. The following was discussed. We are volunteering at the McLeod county fair as entrance attendance clickers!! We donated towards the McLeod county food shelf. Discussed our upcoming events: Corn Feed August 12, Ditch Walk August 19th, Sept. 16th Lions picnic, Oct. 5th CJD walk, Oct. 31st Halloween kids party, Nov. 18th Governors night with 2nd VDG Chuck Toltzman, Dec. 7th Santa Day. So we, the Brownton Lions, will be busy.



NEW MEMBER KITS

The 2024-2025 new member kits are now available! You can request kits by emailing: clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org

If you have a supply of member kits, you can request the updated sponsor and member certificates. The certificates have IP Fabricio Oliveira's signature.



District NEWSLETTER

Looking for Content

Our district newsletter editor, Lion Cindy Walters is always looking for content. Assistance from Lions is needed to help make the newsletter meaningful and informative. If you ever have any suggestions please email the DG Team and/or the newsletter editor (email below).

Ads

Does your club have an event coming up? Put an ad in the district newsletter. If you need help creating an ad, Canva is a great tool to help you.

Did you know as a Lion you can get access to a free Canva account?

Stories

Has your club done something in your community you want to share? Send in pictures of your club at work or write a story about it. Have a great idea for service projects? Something you are passionate about you want to share related to Lions? Send it in!

Due Date

The due date to have items appear in the district newsletter is the 15th of the month. Please email all items to:

5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

If for ads, include how often you would like the ad run.



Supporting the Association Assets – International Dues

How your international dues are used

Five-year average of how international dues of US\$43 were used in fiscal years 2019-2023

- **\$8.88** Global Operations
- **\$3.13** International Convention
- **\$3.73** Board of Directors
- **\$2.65** Lion Magazine
- **\$7.07** District and Member Support
- **\$3.63** Marketing and Communications
- **\$5.22** Technology
- **\$8.70** Member Programs



One of the questions which gets asked quite a lot is how LCI uses the dues Lions members pay. The above graph shows the average of where dues went between 2019-2023. There are perks to being a LCI member. You can find out what the perks are by going to www.lionsclub.org and search on member perks.



2024 PLATO LIONS TOURNAMENT

5 AUGUST MONDAY, 2024

18 HOLE 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

5 AUGUST MONDAY, 2024
 GLENCOE COUNTRY CLUB
 NOON CHECK-IN; 1 PM START

18 HOLE 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
 \$75 Non-Member / \$70 Member Entry Fee
 Includes golf cart and meal
Prizes Awarded

SIGN-UP NOW!
 Proceeds go to the Plato Fire Department

NOT A GOLFER?
 Consider a tournament sponsorship. We welcome donations of \$25, \$50 or other denominations.

Contract Lions at 320-310-5056 for Registration Form

Glencoe Country Club
 1325 1st St E
 Glencoe, MN

The Chanhassen Lions Club Foundation Presents

34TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Money raised benefits the community and organizations we support.

5 AUGUST 2024 || AT DEER RUN GOLF CLUB VICTORIA, MN

\$150 PER PERON

11:30 Registration/1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Social & Buffet Dinner

Mixed & Ladies Teams Encouraged

Prizes For:
 Longest Drive
 Closest to the Pin
 Longest Putt

Sign-Up



www.givebutter.com/bVB8A4

PLEASE JOIN US!

Lafayette Area Lions PORK CHOP SUPPER

WITH ALL THE FIXINGS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
4:30 - 7:30 pm

LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION
800 Main Avenue
Lafayette

Adults \$12.00
 (Extra Chop \$4.00)
Kid's Hotdog Meal \$5.00

Grilling by Nicollet County Pork Producers

Midwinter

Convention Corner

February 15th International Childhood Cancer Day. This is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors, and their families.

Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, February 18th is a day to raise awareness of the prevalence of childhood cancer, celebrate kids who are currently fighting cancer and honor those how have passed away. Since 2013, Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day has been celebrated in over 80 countries.

Convention Dates: 2/14 - 2/15/2024

Events planned to honor these two days!

Country Inn & Suites Mankato, MN