

# 5M-2 Lions' News



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Lion Christy Trutnau **District Governor** 

Can you believe it, its August already. As some of you may already know I am now officially your District Governor. I was sworn into office on Tuesday July 11th, what an emotional and exciting experience. It was great having IPDG Kathleen there to pull my ribbon. I was also fortunate to have seven members of

my club attend the convention and see me get sworn in.

The International Convention was awesome. If you have never attended one before you should experience it at least once. The energy that Immediate Past International President Brian had was phenomenal, he put on a great convention the speakers and entertainment were top notch. At the convention Vice President Dr Patti Hill was install as our 2023-2024 International President, she is second women president ever for Lions International. I am excited to work under her leadership.

My youngest daughter Kortney and I headed to Boston a few days before the convention started to tour the town. It was an awesome experience visiting this historic area. A couple things we did while we were there was, we toured and participated in the Boston Tea Party reenactment. I had a speaking part; I think my daughter was a little embarrassed. We visited the witch city of Salem, and my favorite part was Martha's Vineyard. Did you know that the movie "JAWS" was filmed on Martha Vineyard? I did not. I attended a baseball game at Fenway Park, the same night that IPIP Brian throw out the first pitch.

I would like to visit your clubs! To request a visit you will need to fill out a request form, to do this you need to go to the 5M-2 website: www.district5M2Lions.com at the top under forms and docs click on the request club visit, it should show my picture. Fill out the form and it will be emailed to me. Or you can email me directly at christy1135@gmail.com. If the southern clubs can schedule visits with me for the snow flies. I would appreciate it. For those who have already scheduled visits thank you.

Since returning from the International Convention: I attended one club visit. I had the privilege and honor to install new officers, induct nine new members and hand out several awards. It was nice to see the club recognize the members for their dedication and hard work to their club and to Lions International as it had been several years since they handed out awards.

I had my first Council of Governors meeting as a District Governor, it was a quick meeting as not much on the agenda. Our multiple district MD5M won the bid for 2029 International Convention and the council had approved PDG Dave Dominick as the Convention Chair. If you are interested in helping at the convention reach out to PDG Dave. I do know that we are going to need a lot of help to make this convention successful. PCC Bert Nelson and PDG Dennis Kelly III have put in their intent to run for International Director. We will vote for the which candidate will move forward at the Multiple Convention in April 2024.

International President Dr Patti Hill's theme this year is "Changing the World". Change doesn't happen all at once, but it happens through many small choices. When we change our communities, we are changing the world. Small acts of kindness make a difference! International President Dr Patti Hill's global priority is Environment, she would like each district to do a direct wide service project on protecting our environment. More to come on this!

You will be hearing a lot about Mission 1.5 throughout the next couple of years. Mission 1.5 is a dedicated effort. Lions International has challenged us to reach 1.5 million members by 2027. What does this mean? This mean we need everyone's help in recruiting new members, retaining the current members we have and looking for ways to get new clubs within our districts. By doing this we are hoping to serve 1 billion people each year. When we work together, we can change the world and spread our wings!

You can contact me at: 952-261-8581- phone Christy1135@gmail.com

#### DG Schedule

- August 14th Working at Le Sueur Giant Days
- August 31st Working the State Fair KidSight and Diabetes booth

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### Lonsdale Lions

Lonsdale Lions 2023-24 Lonsdale Lions Officers Induction Ceremony & the swearing-in of our newest Lonsdale Lion Fred Klokonos. This took place at the Whistle Stop here in Lonsdale in mid-June.



Picture 1: Back row (L to R): Director Lion Jim Mahler, Lion Fred Klokonos, Lion Sam Gillispie, Lion Mike Sevcik, 1st Vice Lion Dale Furrer, Director Al Sevcik, Sergeant-At-Arms & Membership Chair Lion Scotty Ziskovsky, 3rd Vice Lion Tim Rud, Lion David Dooley; Middle row (L to R): Director Lion Don Sticha, Lion Fritz Duban, LaVerne Duban, KT Klokonos, 5M2 District Governor-Elect Christy Trutnau, Lion Micki Ziskovsky, Treasurer & Secretary Barb Peterson, Debbie Rud, Mary Dooley, & President Alan Fitterer; Front row (L to R sitting): Darlene Kubes, Fran Sticha, Betty Vosejpka, Rosie Sevcik, & Delores Kalina.



Picture 2: Newest Lonsdale Lion member Fred Klokonos was inducted into the club on June 14th. To Fred's right is "sponsor" Lion Alan Fitterer and to Fred's left is 5M2 District Governor-Elect Christy Trutnau, who led the new member & 2023-24 Lonsdale Lions Club officers induction ceremony.

#### **Amazing**



Lion Lisa Kaufmann 1st Vice District Governor

Amazing is the only word I can use to describe the last few weeks. In early July, Past Council Chair (PCC) Glenn and I attended the International Convention in Boston. The event which always kicks it off for me is the

Parade of Nations. This year MD5M was in about the middle of the parade, there were 180 groups marching and we were #92. It is fun to see all the costumes and it was an honor to have Immediate Past President (IPP) Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan walk with our unit.

Another highlight was hearing IPP Brian speak. As we all know in 5M-2 he is very energizing. IPP Brian kicked off the convention formally on Sunday at the 1st Plenary Session, day two is focused on LCIF and day three on the new leadership. IPP Brian swore Lion Dr. Patti Hill in as International President (IP), this is when the DG Elects became DGs. It was fun to see DG Christy get the ribbon pulled and the support she had from the Jordaness Lions. Now IPP Brian will serve as the LCIF Chairperson

for 2023-2024 with a goal of raising \$60M. We will hear more from PDG Anna Wickenhauser, who is our District LCIF Chairperson on how we can help support this initiative.

As we begin the new Lions year, we will hear from IP Dr. Patti on her message of Changing the World and Mission 1.5. Mission 1.5 is a goal for LCI to have 1.5 million members by 2027. All Lions are an important piece of reaching this goal, it starts with just asking! For the 2022-2023 Lions year. District 5M-2 was #1 in membership with a plus 55. We can do it again under DG Christy.

This last weekend was the first Council of Governors meeting of the Lions year. PCC Glenn officially handed off the gavel to CC Rob Wiener. The highlight of the weekend was the International Dinner. This is a tradition in MD5M for the International exchange students, who are here the month of July, to prepare a traditional dish from their country for us to enjoy. They also prepare a presentation to help us learn more about them and the countries they are representing.

It was an AMAZING last few weeks!



Lion Shermayne Cross 2nd Vice District Governor

105th International Lion Convention

The International Lions Convention in Boston is now history, but it was my first International Convention and that made it very special. Over 11,000 people were in attendance, for a fun-filled, educational 3 days in

a beautiful city of old and new architecture. (We were in one building that was built in 1640!) People were super friendly, pictures were taken at every street corner, door, and sign along the way! I attended several of the new Lion Portal presentations and am excited for the roll out of SalesForce sometime in mid-September for officers and executive staff before the general membership There are several videos on the Global Lions Forum for training purposes. Take a look, you'll be pleasantly surprised how easy it's going to be to enter activities, membership, reports, user profiles and to send messages.

Dr. Patti Hill was elected as the 2023-24 IP along with a new Board of Directors and International Directors. The

most exciting event of the convention was watching DG Christy take the DG oath along with the other new DG's from 5M-2. Pictures, hugs and tears were shared with all.

Did you know that in the last 36 years Lions in North America have gone from 650K Lions to less that 300K. Where are our people??? Mission 1.5 is a campaign of achieving 1.5MM members globally by 2027. You can help to achieve that goal. Every Lion should be asking and telling our story to everyone they meet. Do you have an application in your pocket or purse? Don't be afraid to offer it to your neighbor, co-worker, new/old friends, adult children, and spread the word that Lions ARE CHANGING THE WORLD!

One of my duties as 2VDG is to assist clubs in entering data into MyLion. If your club has not reported activities; updated your membership; dropped deceased members or those that moved away; updated your officers, please contact me so I can help get your information current. shermayne.c@live.com

"Be Kind, Help Others, Have Fun, Make a Difference in your Community."

Past president Lisa Kaufmann handing the gavel to President Greg Fletcher

#### Chanhassen Lions New Officers



New club officers



Some unknown President conducting the installation of the officers ;-)

## **Greetings Fellow Lions**





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Fellow Lions and Leos,

I have just recently returned from Lions Clubs International Foundation training and to say our Chairperson this year was Dynamic is an understatement. Our immediate past international president Brian Sheehan is the new Chairperson for the Foundation. The two phrases that were constantly heard throughout the training was that "Lions are Awesome and That's the fact, Jack" a quote from the 1981 movie Stripes. He encouraged us to "Think outside the Box" when it comes to talking about our foundation.

Some hot topics that were discussed at the training were:

Club Officer Training-I will be holding Club Officer and Zone Training for LCIF in late August/September. What I need from you is to assign/elect a contact person in your club and enter them in MyLCI. I will then communicate to them via email.

These are the districts goals for the upcoming Lions year.

#### LCIF:

- 100% of the clubs will donate to LCIF.
- To increase individual Lions contributions to LCIF by 15%
- To increase club contributions to LCIF by 10%

I will also be talking about Individual, Club and the Legacy Giving programs. I will also be answering questions and clearing up some misunderstandings regarding our giving to the Foundation. I hopefully have enough education to be dangerous...lol

So please get your LCIF Club Officers into MyLCI and we will start from there.

I am available to make club visits and to answer any questions you have. Please contact me at lionannaw@gmail.com or 952-913-1467.

I almost forgot...LCIF has Challenged us with the goal of \$61,911.00. Can we do it? "That's the fact, Jack" was my response.

I look forward to another FANTASTIC YEAR!!!

PDG Anna Wickenhauser 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

#### Jordan Lions



LOY 2023 is the Jordan Lions Lion of the Year for 2022-2023



2023 Scholarship Seniors is a photo of the \$1000 scholarship recipients from Jordan High School this school year. There was a total of \$16,000 in scholarships this year.



Lion Jim Stoddart (left) is receiving the award from outgoing President Jerry Wawrzyniak



A paver patio the Jordan Lions donated to the Scott County Fair to surround the flag pole we donated last year. Lion Morgan Lloyd and some of the employees of his Lawns R Us business provided the labor to install the pavers.



#### Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

I want to take this opportunity to thank PDG Marvin Grimm for his service to the Hearing Foundation the past six years. He has literally left big shoes to fill. Also a big thank you to Evelyn Grimm. I truly appreciate all the hard work these two have done in service to the Hearing Foundation and Lions in general.

The Hearing Foundation is fortunate that PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg will be joining the Foundation as a trustee. We are looking forward to working together for the Foundation.

The MN Lions Hearing Foundation hosted the Silent auction at the MD5M Convention in St. Cloud. Thank you

to all the clubs and individuals that donated baskets and items for the auction.

A very successful D Feet Walk was held June 3rd at the Arboretum. As this is being written donations are continuing to come in. Next month I'll be able to report on totals. A huge shout out to all the volunteers that made this look so easy. To all the participants of the walk and all the donations we truly appreciate you making this event so successful. Plans are already underway for the 2024 DFeet Walk.

Trustees: Lion Wanda Breimhorst and PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg











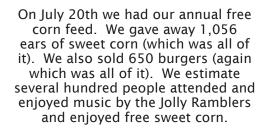
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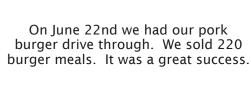












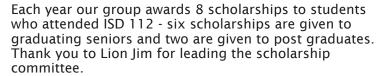




#### Carver Lions

The Carver Lions club continued to be busy in June. During our June meeting we had installation of officers for the 2023 - 2024 year. Lion Bob will take over as president starting July 1st. Thank you to outgoing president Lion Kristy. We also installed Lion Dean, Lion Stephanie, Lion Nate, Lion Cathy and Lion Deidre to positions for the coming year.

At the beginning of the year we participated in a plastic recycling program. Our group collected and recycled over 500 pounds of plastic that would have otherwise gone into a landfill. We received a Trex bench for our efforts. The bench was recently installed at Carver Lions Park in honor of Lion Lee Ostlie. Thanks to Lion Dean for leading this program.



Lion Stephanie, her husband and kids are hosting a Lions exchange student this July. David is from Denmark and will be spending the month attending festivals, going to a Twins game, exploring Minnesota and meeting other exchange students at Camp Spicer. equipment (jaws of life) our club donated to the fire department last year. Thanks to Lion Tim for helping to organize this event.









#### Waconia Lions on the move







Waconia Lions Certifiactes of Appreciation



Lion of the Year



Melvin Jones Award



Lion Mac 50 Years!



Waconia New Members

Come home to Home low







Selling Raffle Tickets for the Fish House at Ribfest for 4th of July Fireworks



Selling Beer & Tickets at HomeTown Bank Block Party

### **Hamburg Lions**

.....and the Dilly Bar saga continues....

Hamburg Lion Mike (also a Hawks fan) handed out over 90 Dilly Bars to those attending the Hamburg Hawks game recently for being such a "DIlly of a baseball fan".









#### 2023 Theme: Dare to Dream

The Peace Poster project gives youth an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. It is not a time consuming project for your clubbut I do suggest that you supply the school with some tag board cut to the size stated in the rules to ensure that no one will be disqualified for having the wrong size poster. Taking the poster paper and a set of the rules into the schools and picking the posters up when they are done is a pretty simple task. Your club can choose a winner which needs to be submitted to the District Peace Poster Chairperson by November 15. After the winner is chosen, be sure to have the sticker that goes on the back filled out by the student with a parent signature. This is important!!

There are numerous ways in which you can reward your club's winner- some give a monetary award, a certificate, invite them to a meeting along with their parents or however you would like to do it.

Peace Posters kits are available through October 1 but don't wait that long. I suggest getting them into the school the first week in the fall. You can order your kits from this website: <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster">https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster</a> or simply Google-Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Good luck to you all in promoting the Peace Poster Contest. For any additional information, please contact me.

PDG Lion Diana Kroells Peace Poster Chairperson 952-467-2211 or 952-290-3677 dianakroells@gmail.com



Project New Hope needs volunteers to help with the children attending the weekend retreat at Good Earth Village close to Spring Valley. Saturday, September 30th has the greatest need for volunteers from around 8:00 AM to about 5:00 PM.

29 children will be attending. They are divided into age groups with activities planned for each group.

Please consider helping if you can. Thanks

Lion PDG Joe Schlichenmeyer

Project New Hope

joepatsc@hbcsc.net

#### **Prior Lake Lions**

#communityvibes #priorlakelionsclubofdistrict5m2

Volunteer service hours were given by PDG Lion Harry & 2023/24 President of PL Lions Loretta in the Power Of Produce Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 Sponsored Program Tent at The Little Market That Could tonight 7/13 and by Lion Linda/Kelly on 7/06.

DYK...One of our purposes in a Lions Club is to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

Our members within our club are dedicated to serving others, and it shows. We champion kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people.

Thinking about becoming a Lion, join us, come visit, us on Thursday 8/03, 10th during the Lil' Market hours and chat w/ a Lion or two!

Or check-out one of the Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 Business Meetings

#WeServe #wegive



#communityvibes #communitysupport #BackToSchoolShopping

We Can All Make a Difference To Students In Need.

By making sure the bright minds of tomorrow are equipped for success, today, just by simply donating some brand-new school supplies, ought to be on everyone's mind this back-to-school season...

The Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 are collecting supplies like these, however not limited to: notebooks, backpacks, crayons, markers, paper, pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, and more!

Back-to-school supplies, can be dropped in the 'blue bin' at:

The Little Market That Could on Thursday nights 3:30-7pm 3575 N Berens Rd NW Prior Lake MN Or Brought to any PL Lions Function or Meeting!

EZ as ABC... #thankyou







# The Jammers

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar \$30 per person • \$50 per couple Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebbialke@gmail.com

> Earle Brown Heritage Center Captains Room 6155 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Can your club donate wine for our wine cork pull?
Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebbialke@gmail.com

We are reaching out to our fellow Lions Clubs to donate an item and/ or basket to the silent auction for Thanksgiving for Vision. We are also looking for donations of a bottle of Wine or funds for us to purchase a bottle for our Wine Cork Pull for our EyeBall Fundraiser.

Please contact your MLVF Trustees Wendy Goldsmith at drwendy@ goldsmitheye.com or Hilary Wickenhauser at hwick97@gmail.com to make arrangements to pick up your donations.

Thanks for the support!!

#### Lafayette Lions

Haler receives Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lafayette Lions By Ruth Klossner

Mark Haler was named a Melvin Jones Fellow and was recognized at the annual awards program of the Lafayette Area Lions Tuesday, July 11 at the Lafayette Community Center. He is the club's 31st recipient of the award.

Lafayette Lions Mark Dick, Joe Maidl, and Brad DeBoer spoke about Haler's work in the community. A Lafayette Lions for about 10 years, Haler finished a year as Lions president at the meeting. He has headed up the Thursday night Lions' meat raffles at Dave's Place and drives the old Lafayette fire truck in area parades for the Lions. It's his way of giving back to the community that has been his family's home since 2006.

Haler is also family and youth director for Fields of Grace Lutheran Parish and was on the Lafayette Charter School board and involved with the school's backpack food program.

Born and raised on a farm near St. James, Haler was active in FFA and 4-H as a youth, then moved with his family into town when his father bought a bar. Over the years, Mark drove the tire truck for Mankato Oil, installed commercial coolers, worked for farmers, and—with wife Jil—did respite care for area families. He later worked for Christensen Farms as a site manager.

Mark and Jil have been married 30 years. Son John attended last week's awards program, as did Mark's father- and mother-in-law Chuck and Evie Voss, and John's friend Jaden Jay. Evie Voss spoke briefly on behalf of the family, noting that Mark is always positive.

Haler 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

> Fellow Lion Trish Gieseke presented a special fun award to Mark Haler—in response to some earlier happenings at Lions events.



Lion Brad DeBoer. right. presented the Melvin Jones plaque to Mark Haler.



Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient Mark Haler was joined by his family. Wife Jil, is in front, and son John and his friend Jayden in the back, along with father- and mother-in-law Chuck and Evie Voss.





Winthrop Lion and MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee Chuck Toltzman spoke and installed the new Lafayette Lions officers.



Previous Melvin Iones recipients were recognized during the program.

Youngblom, Tom Hoffmann, Harold Olson, Deb Sjostrom, Jim Langhoff, Lori Dick, Greg Bieraugel, Larry Mages, Sandy Hartley, Heidi Hagstrom, and Andrew Maidl. Honorees are selected by past recipients.

Representing the scholarship committee, Lion Deb Sjostrom recognized five incoming college freshmen that received Lafayette Area Lions scholarships. Those present introduced their parents and told of their college plans. They are Brianna Beranek, daughter of Craig and Shari Beranek; Emma Gieseke, daughter of Scott and Deanna Gieseke; Kaleb Schwartz, son of Beth Fluegge and Chad Schwartz; and Nikyta Youngblom, daughter of Tom and Diana Youngblom. Unable to attend was Abigail Carlson, daughter of Tammy Grossman and Alan Carlson

The local Lions club has made significant contributions toward higher education, having awarded 275 scholarships, totaling \$146,300, over the past 28 years.

During the program, Lion Joe Maidl presented the final proceeds of the June 23 social/benefit to Eli and Levi Compton.

At the close of the program, Lion Chuck Toltzman, MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee, installed the club's 2023-2024 officers. They are, Sandy Hartley president; Daniel Hayes, vice president; Alma Forst, secretary; Colin Hoffman, treasurer; Scott Portner, Lion tamer; Arden DeBoer and Mark Dick, tail twisters; Brad DeBoer, Mark LeGare, Tom Hayes, Andrew Maidl, and Haler, directors; and Dave Reed, gambling manager.

Toltzman also spoke about the strides that the Childhood Cancer Foundation has made since it was founded a few years ago.

Haler and Maidl emceed the program. A slide show of the Lions past year was shown during the program. Arden DeBoer and Mark Dick handled tail-twisting, with the \$250 collected going to MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.

# PANCAKE & OMELET BREAKFAST

WHEN: Sunday, October 8, 2023

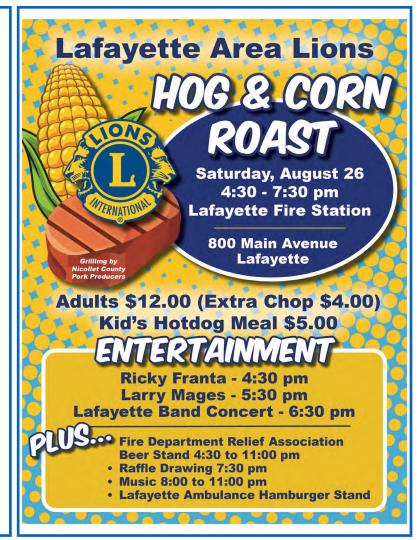
TIME: 8:00 am-12:00 pm



**LOCATION: NYA PAVILLION** 

Looking to have a great Breakfast? Come have one with us. We will be serving Omelets, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, and of course great Pancakes (including our much in demand, blueberry pancakes). Best of all, all proceeds go to projects in our community.







Here is a proposed bus trip to the MD5M Convention April 18 to April 21, 2024.

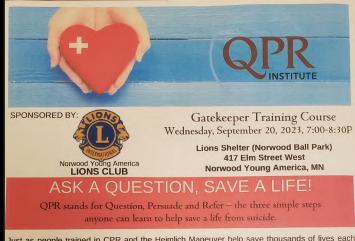
The bus would depart from Rochester at 5:00 AM and make 10 minute stops in Owatonna, Mankato, Chaska, Brooklyn Center, and St. Cloud areas to pick up people.

The cost would be \$250 per person and we would need 50 people to cover the cost.

If interested please reply to Terry Zabel lionterryzabel@yahoo.com

MD5M Trip Rochester MN to Winnipeg CA		
	Arrive	Depart
Rochester MN		5:00 AM
Owatonna, MN	5:45 AM	5:55 AM
Mankato, MN	6:45 AM	6:55 AM
Chaska, MN	7:55 AM	8:05 AM
Brooklyn Center, MN	8:45 AM	8:55 AM
St Cloud, MN	9:55 AM	10:05 AM
Winnipeg, CA	4:30 PM	





Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. It is the most widely taught gatekeeper training in the United States that teaches best practices in suicide prevention.

OPR gatekeeper training is intended for community members 18 years and older and professionals including health care workers, first responders, law enforcement, educators, clergy, bankers, lawyers and more! Certificate of Attendance for professional Continuing Ed.

The FREE 90 minute class includes QPR training, loss survivor's personal story, information of igh-risk populations. Learn suicide warning signs, statistics, myths & local resources.

Pre-registration is required

To register, visit: bcontinued.org/events

- Class size is limited to 30 participants Open to anyone 18 years & older Continuing Education Credits available



Class Instructor: Tammy Diehn



## Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

### Saturday, September 23, 2023

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.



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

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

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