



5M-2 DISTRICT



Lion Christy Trutnau -District Governor

It's hard to believe that this is my final District Governor newsletter article. I must admit I have mixed emotions about it. Writing the articles are not my favorite thing but knowing that my term as District Governor is coming to an end in a few short weeks.

These last 12 months have been amazing, I have learned so much about the club and people within our district and I must admit we have the best district in the multiple!

Some of the highlights from year:

- Being part of the Go-Kart Racing team in the Wells Parade, one of my funniest experiences.
- Club Visits- I have truly enjoyed visiting each club and getting to know the members and the great work that each community does. It is amazing what we do in our district.
- Installing Club Officers
- Presenting Awards
- Journey for Service- what a great experience
- Attending almost all the Mid-Winter Conventions in our Multiple
- 5M-2's Mid-Winter Convention and working with Zone 1
- Meeting new Lions from around the Multiple
- The International Convention in Boston- going to Boston was on my bucket list. What a great time.
- Highlighting my journey on Facebook

As in any position, there were challenges that I faced during the year as well, but I feel that I did the best I could to overcome them, and I hope that I made at least a little difference in your world this year.

I want to thank everyone in 5M-2 for all your support and encouragement this year.

The district will be in great hands with DGE Lisa Kaufmann, 1VDGE Shermayne and 2VDGE Chuck Toltzman. I wish them nothing but great success!

If I can help you or your club in any way, please reach out to me.

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 IPDG Lion Christy Trutnau

JOURNEY FOR SERVICE







**THANK YOU 5M-2
WE RAISED \$14,400**



Melbourne or bust!

Lion Lisa Kaufmann
District Governor Elect

Hard to believe it is already June and Glenn and I are preparing for our trip to the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. Grateful to have this experience with him as he did not have the opportunity to do so when he was a DGE due to Covid. Glenn has the opportunity to attend the last day of DGE training for the 2024-2025 Lions year.

It will also be a different experience as there are approximately 50 Lions attending from MD5M compared to the number of participants in Montreal and Boston.

May has been a busy month and typically is so for DGEs. We need to have the district goals submitted by the end of the month. The DGEs are also working to fill remaining cabinet positions and loading them into the Lions Portal. The portal has been a learning experience, but I am trying to be patient and know the more I work in it the easier it will become. Hard to imagine rolling this out for 1.4M Lions and in all the different languages. Asking for all of you to be patient as well, if you need help please reach out to a member of the DG team and will try and assist or get the answer for you.

Want to take a moment to thank all of you who participated in the Rise to the Pride Officer Orientation. There will be a survey sent to participants and the results will be used to plan future events. During our time together there are two follow-up questions, I will share the information here.

The first was related to the 2024-2025 club visits, a member of the DG team will be visiting each club. The DG will visit 60% of the clubs, 1VDG 30% and 2VDG 10%. The list of which DG team member will visit each club will be sent to the club presidents and secretaries shortly after July 1st. LCI has recommended a team approach, many other Districts in our Multiple are already using this approach. Appreciate the support of the clubs, the team will be flexible. It is our hope we can get all of the visits completed prior to our district convention.

The second follow-up was related to the dues and what the breakdown is for International, MD5M and District 5M-2. Please see the chart below, if there are any questions you can email them to me at lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com.

We are Lions, we are family, and WE SERVE!



District SM2 Dues	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
SM2 Admin Fund	\$5.70	\$8.70	\$9.70
SM2 Special Fund (District Convention)	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40
SM2 Gov Int Conv	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
SM2 Gov Spouse Int Conv	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Total	\$8.60	\$11.60	\$12.60
		\$5.80 due 7/1	\$6.30 due 7/1
		\$5.80 due 1/1	\$6.30 due 1/1
MDSM Dues	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
MDSM Admin Fund	\$4.84	\$4.84	\$4.84
MDSM Campaign Fund	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25
MDSM GAF	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46
MDSM Convention Fund	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
GLT	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
GMT	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25
SM International Parade	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25
MDSM International Fund-2029*		\$1.50	\$1.50
Total	\$7.05	\$8.55	\$8.55
		\$4.55 due 7/1	\$4.55 due 7/1
		\$4.00 due 1/1	\$4.00 due 1/1
International Dues	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Head of Household	\$46.00	\$48.00	\$50.00
Additional Family Member	\$23.00	\$24.00	\$25.00
		50% due 7/1	50% due 7/1
		50% due 1/1	50% due 1/1
*The last payment will be due on 1/1/2029 and then this will be removed from the dues.			
Additional MDSM Dues (Billed July 1st Only)	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
SM-2 Club Bond	\$14.13	TBD*	TBD*
MDSM Excess Liability	\$8.20	TBD*	TBD*
*District SM-2 receives these amounts early July, they are added to the July club invoice.			

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\$139 Hotel Rate

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This is a notice from Minnesota State Special Olympics Office looking for volunteers at the State Track and Field Competition at the Stillwater High School. Volunteers could be helping at the Health Fair. The Opening Eyes portion and Hearing especially, is sponsored by the Lions Clubs in Minnesota. Volunteers are needed at the Health Fair as well as volunteers needed at the Field Competitions. Great opportunity for Lions to work with Special Olympics!!!!

Join us for our most action-packed event of the summer!

"Summer Games was maybe the greatest volunteer experience I have had.

To watch these courageous, dedicated and enthusiastic athletes was an inspiration. Truly one of the best events that I have ever participated in."



[More Volunteer Opportunities](#)

We've added volunteer shifts both weekends—we'd love to see you there!

June 14-16 | Lakeville

- June 14-16 - Gymnastics competition
- June 14-16 - Activities & event support
- Sat June 15 - Health Promotion
- June 15-16 - Swimming competition

June 20-23 | Stillwater

- June 20-23 - Activities & event support
- June 21-23 - Basketball competition
- June 21-23 - Track & field competition
- Sat June 22 - FUNfitness
- Sat June 22 - Opening Eyes
- Sat June 22 - Special Smiles
- June 22-23 - Healthy Hearing



*Lion Shermayne Cross
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

Bits and Pieces

It is hard to believe that June is here and that DG Christy's term as Governor will soon be over. I have enjoyed traveling around the district with her as a part-time chauffeur and co-pilot visiting several clubs. It gave me a great chance to get to know her on a personal level and to ask so many how, why, what and where questions. Thank you, Christy, for letting me join you and receiving hands on training of the role of the DG. You did a fantastic job and helped make 5M-2 be the best district in the multiple. I look forward to our continued adventures and friendship.

Hopefully, everyone has been invited to register in the Portal. Many people are using Firefox as their browser and saying it is very compatible. A great Facebook page with lots of information about the Portal is called "Lion Portal Forum". Check it out to ask questions or just to learn a new trick or two.

As we look to the upcoming new Lion year, please register you clubs officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc in the Portal. This will help us to complete the directory and other documents we need as a District. Open the Portal, open MY CLUB, manage club officers, create new assignment, upcoming year, officer type-Officer, official, under officer title select one-i.e. Club President, Club Secretary, etc. Scroll down to the persons' name and click on the circle, it should turn blue, hit next and add address. You are finished. Please let me know if you have any problems. shermayne.c@live.com

Safe travels to DGE Lisa and PCC Glenn as they travel to Melbourne, Australia for the International Lions Convention and the installation of District Governor Lisa. I am sure they will come back with some great new innovative ideas for our district and clubs.

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

A note from the editor

Hello 5M-2,

I want to thank everyone in 5M-2 for sharing the great things your clubs are doing, it has inspired me to bring some of these ideas to our club hopefully soon.

Unfortunately, I am passing the torch on to another editor. I hope to one day return as the editor. I have ended up with a lot more than I anticipated on my plate and I hope to focus more on my family, my career, the work I do in the Watertown Lions club, and the Watertown Ambassador program which I am the coordinator for.

I look forward to seeing you all at events around the district, keep up the great work!

Lion Missy

Jordaness Lions

The Jordaness ladies spent the first week of May preparing 160 Norway Pine trees for delivery to Jordan's Kindergarten students. The group has been doing this service project for approximately fifteen years, and it's a club favorite!

Club members were thrilled to discover that the kindergarten students at St. John the Baptist School and Jordan Elementary School are extremely knowledgeable about trees and the incredible importance they have in our ecosystem. They feel confident that these kids will be good stewards of the earth, and great caretakers for the trees!



Henderson Lions

Henderson Lions tree planting event. This is a new playground the Henderson Lions started last year and now we planted 3 trees at the park.

Pictured are Lions President Curt Schultz and new Lions member Barb Miller.



Winthrop Lions

The Winthrop Lions donated \$500 to the Winthrop Public Library to support one of their many summer programs.



Waconia Dandylions

We collected a total of 14887 diapers, 6736 baby whips for the Waconia Gather and Grow food shelf. Thank you to all who helped support this much needed fundraiser.



Carver Lions

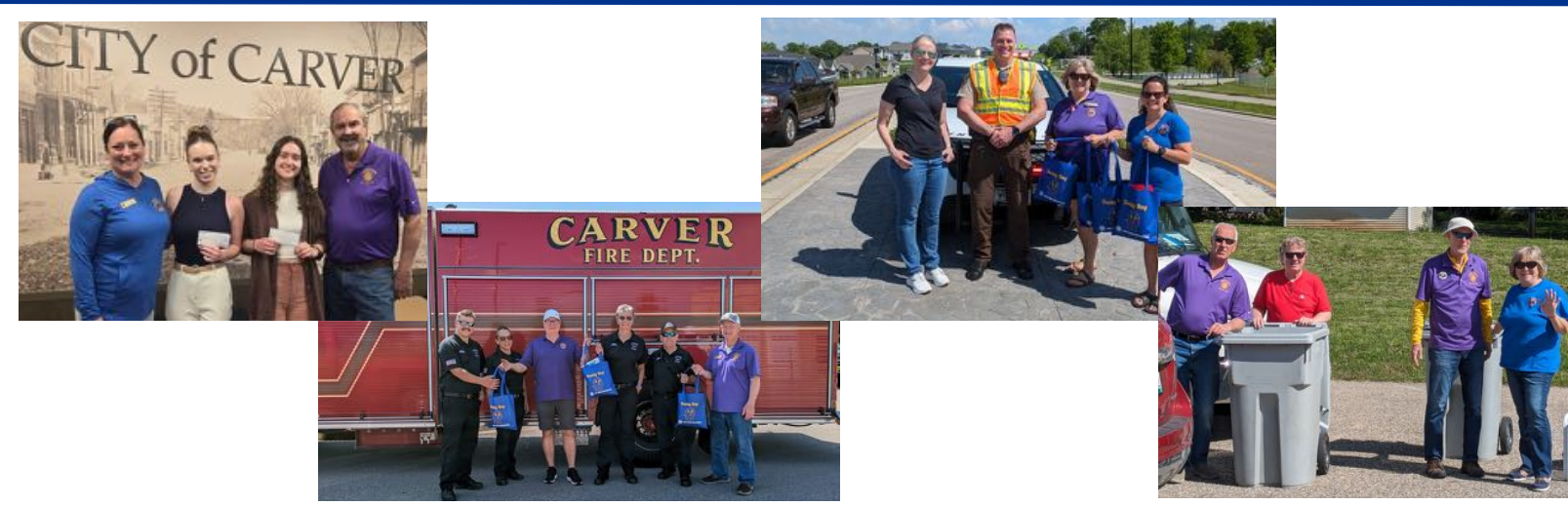
The Carver Lions started May by presenting DG Christy with a check for Journey for Service. Thank you to Lion Kristy and Lion Cathy for meeting DG Christy!

We held our May Shred It event, collecting 3,400 lbs of paper. Thank you to Lion Bill, Lion Linda and Lion Dean for their time.

During our May meeting we gave out two of our eight scholarships. The remaining scholarships will be given out in early June.

Our group gave out the Buddy Bags made during the Zone 4 meeting to Officer Julie of the Chaska Police Department, the Carver Country Sheriff's department and the Carver Fire Department.

We also co-sponsored the 2024 Bike Rodeo. Our club provided helmets for those in attendance.



Brownton Lions

We the Brownton Lions had a great meeting & welcomed 2 new members!!! Kristina Howe & Kelcie Howe. Sponsored by Jackie Pohlmier. Also handed out certificates of membership & sponsor certificates.

We had a guest speaker from our Brownton Bruins Baseball. Brownton is hosting the 2025 state baseball tournament. They are currently working on many projects of updating the grounds. The Brownton Lions stepped up to help fund some of these projects. The Lions, police & Fire depts were guest at the Bruins game on appreciation day.

We are trying summer meat raffles which are held at the Brownton Bar & Grill. June 21, July 19 & 20, August 16th, & Sept 20th.

We passed on donations to Brownton Summer Rec program & Strides for CJD. Presented a check for Journey for service.

Brownton Days will be held July 19 & 20th. Many activities will be happening over the weekend. Come join the fun!!!





“Peace Without Limits “ Peace Poster Theme for 2024-2025 Contest

As I write this article, I am trying to think of what I would draw if I were an 11,12 or13 year old entering the Peace Poster Contest for this year. I am always amazed as to how the minds of our youth depict the contest theme each year.

Perhaps this year, your club can give students in your area an opportunity to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. Last year we had 22 clubs participate (36%) and I am hoping that a few more clubs will join in this year. (My goal this year is to reach 40%) I would be happy to come to your club to explain the process, but you can also find all of the information you need by just googling “Lions International Peace Poster Contest” plus you will see some amazing posters too.

You will have until October 1 to order the kit, but I would not wait that long. Remember, the kids do need some time to create the poster so the sooner they have the information- the sooner they can get started. You do not need a kit for each student- you need 1 kit for every entry that you will be sending on to the District Contest. Usually this is one entry per club however some clubs choose a winner from each school in their area, so they would need a kit for each of those entries. Remember also, that an organized youth group such as scouts or 4-H does qualify. LEO Clubs do not qualify but a LEO may participate in a sponsored school.

Hutchinson Lions

Hutchinson Lions kept busy over the Memorial Day weekend, selling Brats and Hotdogs at Cashwise on Thurs-Saturday, then Marching in Memorial Day Parade and distributing free water at the beautiful Memorial Day Service





Tuesday, April 23rd - Spring Ditch Cleanup and Walleye Dinner



Thursday, April 25 - Prep for the Game Feed



Tuesday, April 16 - Club Meeting at J Carver Distillery

WACONIA LIONS CLUB



Saturday, April 27 - Wild Game Feed & Sportsman Dinner



Saturday, May 4 - Free Document Shredding

Le Sueur Lions Staying Busy!

In honor of Arbor Day, on April 29th the 2nd grade classes from Park Elementary and St. Anne's School came to the Jo Eagle Anderson park for a presentation given by Peter Turek on the emerald ash bore. Members of the City Council, Recreation and park board, and The Le Sueur Lions Club were present at the tree planting ceremony. The students helped plant a cathedral elm tree to replace the ash trees that were removed due to the emerald ash bore. Each 2nd grader received a tree to plant at home themselves. Thank you to Chuck and Judy Frauendienst for providing cupcakes for all the children who attended. #lionsgogreen



On Friday May 3rd, the Le Sueur Lions meet with our 5m2 District Governor Lion Christy to donate funds to Journey for service



On May 8th, The Le Sueur Lions Club awarded two scholarships to the senior class of 2024. Lion Kim presented these scholarships to the seniors who showed outstanding community service, as well as showing caring for their community. Congratulations Ben Biehler and Isabelle Sampson.



MAYER AREA LIONS GIFT TO ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Mayer Area Lions with the help of the Carver County/Minnesota Department of Health SHIP grant install planter boxes at Zion Lutheran School in Mayer.

The Lions and school children planted vegetables to encourage healthy eating. Special thanks to Flower Power for donating the plants and seeds.



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- 2024 OCTOBER 4-6**
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
- 2024 DECEMBER 6-8**
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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




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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the Stillwater Area High School from June 23-25.

Stillwater Area High School will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 2,500 athletes will be competing in basketball and track and field throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in Victory Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

The Lions have played a major part in this competition for many years, and will once again host the Opening Eyes screening. As part of the Healthy Athletes program offerings, Opening Eyes provides a complete eye exam, conducted by eye doctors and eye care professionals. During the Opening Eyes screening, athletes have the opportunity to receive new eye glasses, sunglasses or sports goggles, free of charge! Opening Eyes is presented by Lions Club International.

Opening Eyes in Minnesota was first undertaken by Lions Clubs of SMN, but we need you to make this screening happen! Opening Eyes volunteers directly impact the health of SOMN Athletes! Volunteers will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes, and also meet Lions from other clubs and other districts. Volunteers will receive a Summer Games Volunteer t-shirt and volunteers working over six hours will also receive a complimentary lunch.



Summer Games volunteer shifts available:

- Friday, June 21, 9:00 pm - 1:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 22, 8:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 22, 11:45 am - 4:30 pm

Lions Club volunteers are needed for a number of roles, including:

- Assisting doctors
- Conducting initial eye chart exam
- Directing and escorting athletes
- Athlete registration

TO REGISTER VISIT:

SOMN.ORG/LIONS

These volunteer shifts are reserved for Lions & Friends of the Lions registration. Lions Club members, family and friends are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer!

Questions? Please contact:

Lion Ray Mooren, 952.201.7031; mooren@myiefmail.com

Lion Jim Cain, 763.232.0790; jhcain2@gmail.com

Lion Laura Maki, 507.964.5796; relamaki@frontier.net

Special Olympics
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Opening Eyes[®]



REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024

WHERE: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn
100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320) 253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3

TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Program: 7:30 pm

DRESS: Black and White attire (Notice we didn't say "black tie")

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON (Not a typo!); **CAPACITY:** Only 280

**NO GIFTS PLEASE:
THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION ONTO THEIR HOME!**

ONLY IF YOU INSIST:

Consider bringing a check payable to "LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation"

Name(s) _____ District # _____

_____ Email Address: _____

Dinner Choices: Top Sirloin _____ Chicken Breast _____ Vegetarian _____

Please mail the completed form and your check for \$15/person payable to "Lion Brian Campaign Fund" to:

Mike Molenda
1462 Featherstone Court
Hastings, MN 55033-9181

