



# 5m2 Lions' News



April 2021

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## Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser  
District Governor

### Happy Spring!

Spring is a good time for making lists, cleaning windows, sweeping up all the pet hair that has accumulated through your house during the winter, yard clean up and gardening! As

more Minnesotans are getting vaccinated and clubs are feeling more safe meeting in person, now is a good time to:

- Schedule your club visits with the District Governor (if you haven't already)
- Update your service hours and projects in MyLCI or on the MyLion app.
- Make sure all your club member contact information is up-to-date and accurate in MyLCI, and that emails, addresses, etc. are accurate.
- Look at your club Facebook page, and see if it needs some spring cleaning and updating- or even start up a Facebook page if you don't have one. If you don't know how to do this, just ask! Email Lion Dave Williams- [davidmichaelwilliams@aol.com](mailto:davidmichaelwilliams@aol.com) for guidance.
- Like the 5M2 Lions Facebook page, (click here to go to the page) and send any events or picture that you would like to be shared on it to DG Anna, Lion Dave Williams, or DGE Glenn.
- Make sure you and your club members are registered for the virtual MD5M Multiple Convention on May 1st. Click here to be taken to the registration page.
- Spring officer training is just around the corner! This will be held virtually and PDG Nancy Mathwig will be sharing more information about this.
- Make sure to elect your new club officers ASAP and input the officers into LCI. If you are carrying over the previous year's officers they still need to be entered into MYLCI for the next Lions's year starting July 1st, 2021.
- Register for the Virtual 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention, June 25th-June 29th. To register, click here.

As always, I am impressed by how much we as Lions have been able to do, even in the midst of a global pandemic! I cannot wait to be getting outside for club visits, and to attend service projects and fundraisers throughout our district as the snow melts away and life continues on in our

new normal. I look forward to seeing on Facebook how we are all celebrating Easter and the egg hunts that come with it, and how your club is gearing up to open its doors again! A few Lions I know were brave enough to Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, so kudos to them!

## Parade of Green Results

LCIF	\$15,930.00
Mn Lions Vision	\$15,513.00
MN Lion Hearing	\$11,937.00
Leader Dogs	\$9,785.00
Can-Do Canines	\$10,215.00
Kidsight	\$7,720.00
Childhood Cancer	\$11,525.00
Diabetes	\$11,910.00
Youth Exchange	\$7,615.00
Youth Outreach	\$5,710.00
Project New Hope	\$7,485.00

**For a Grand Total of \$115,195**

**Thanks to all for this great Parade of Green!!**

Pop Tabs Money to RMH-\$318.23

Pop tabs 290Lbs @.58=\$168.20 Cash donations=\$150.03

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### Did You Know?



Lion Glenn Kaufmann  
District Governor Elect

We all have a moment in our youth. I can do this. Don't think. Just do it. Sometime around 6th grade, my buddy Scott bet me I couldn't take his Hippity-Hop down a flight of stairs. This is one of those situations where you can win and lose at the same time. Yes, I made it to the

bottom of the stairs, but I learned what the word concussion meant at a young age. Lion Lisa would argue this is where it all went south for me...when it comes to common sense.

If I would have taken the time to think it through, I would have realized there was a better way to get down the stairs, unscathed. As we start prepping for the 2021-22 Lions Year, we can ready ourselves in whatever role we are taking on. We can throw ourselves down the stairs, not knowing what we're doing, or we can set aside some time to learn our upcoming roles.



"How does a club secretary enter activities into MyLion?"

"Where does a club treasurer send dues?"

"Where can a club president get a handle on protocol or agenda setting?"

Did you know there are many, many different ways to learn more about Lionism? We only need to seek them out, and I hope the list below will offer you a few ideas of where to look.

Are you thinking "Hey Glenn, I've never been a club officer before and I can't make Club Officer Training. Now what?" Or, "It's been a while since I've been a club officer, any tips for me?"

First off, please make every effort to sign up for Club Officer Training, information coming soon. Short of that, there are many opportunities out there to get you where you want to be.

Welcome to the Lions Clubs International digital ecosystem!

Here you'll find a variety of helpful, easy-to-use applications designed to simplify and improve your service.

MyLCI	MyLion	Shop	Insights	Learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage your membership</li> <li>Create district &amp; club profile</li> <li>Check club voter eligibility</li> <li>Document &amp; plan conventions</li> <li>Check application status</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report service</li> <li>Plan service projects</li> <li>Connect with other Lions</li> <li>Create personal profile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order club essentials</li> <li>Order awards, pins and more</li> <li>Get great Lions gifts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore membership trends</li> <li>Explore club trends</li> <li>View service activity impact</li> <li>Track Foundation donations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take free online courses</li> <li>Encourage your personal growth</li> <li>Access leadership tools and insights</li> </ul>

A great place to start is the MyLion Suite (<https://myapps.lionsclubs.org/>)

From the Learn "Go" button, you can find choices to take free online courses and ways to encourage your personal growth.

- Are you a current or incoming Club President, Secretary, or Treasurer? Start the Club President (Secretary/Treasurer) Learning Path, to include Club Officer Training and Club President (Secretary/Treasurer) Responsibilities.
- Are you looking for ways to improve your club's meetings and interaction? Take a course on Delegation, Effective Teams, Goal Setting, Conflict Resolution, or Meeting Management.
- Courses that work on individual skills are: Time Management, Team Motivation, Coaching, and Effective Listening.

"Hey, Glenn. I'm not a club officer. What about me?" Glad you asked. Many of the above courses provide valuable information for every member of both the club and district, no matter our role. We all have gaps we can fill.

Other ways to improve are by participating in innovative sessions DG Anna, myself, 1VDGE Kathleen and PDG Nancy are planning. Whether in-person or through on-line sessions, Zone Chairs and Club Officers will receive training and have all the tools to be set up for success for the 2021-22 Lion Year!!!

I encourage all of us to take our new-found alone time and get prepared to get back out there, Aim High, and make smarter choices than I did as a kid.



## Save the Date!!!!

### Spring Officer Virtual Training

#### Saturday, June 5, 2021

All members are encouraged to attend.

Specific sessions are being planned for Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers

Watch for additional information in the upcoming district newsletters, at Spring Zone meetings and via emails to your clubs!

## From My Garden...



Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
1st Vice District Governor Elect

April showers bring May flowers! Spring has sprung, I have ordered my seeds, I am really hoping by the time ya'll read this I will have my tomato, pepper and cucumber seeds planted in our makeshift green house. I have onion plants coming in a couple of weeks, those are the first to go in the ground.

It's also that time of year for LIONS to prepare for the new year. Clubs should be nominating new club officers for 2021-2022. Secretaries need to enter the new officer information into MyLCI, even if officers do not change. Now is a good time to go through and may sure all contact information is correct, especially email addresses and phone numbers. Club location may have changed make sure that has been updated in MyLCI. These little things are a big help. All the above should be done before May 1st.



Spring Zone meeting are being scheduled, be on the look out for your Zone meeting dates, location and times.

MD5M Multiple Convention is May 1st. It is virtual so you don't have to leave your home. It's free, you do need to register at [lionsmd5m.org/conventions/MD5M Multiple Conventions/2021](https://lionsmd5m.org/conventions/MD5M%20Multiple%20Conventions/2021) online convention registration. Or [www.eventbrite.com/o/lions-clubs-of-5m2.30703081578](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/lions-clubs-of-5m2.30703081578)

The 2021 International Convention is virtual this year as well. June 25-29 2021. Go to [lcon.lionsclubs.org](https://lcon.lionsclubs.org) and register. This one there is a registration fee.

With all that has been going on this past year and LIONS being some what put on hold. I really want to encourage the clubs and their members to start meeting again. It's a new year there is hope and as LIONS we have more to do now than ever. It will be a new LION year soon. Lets go out of 2020-2021 like a LION and come into 2021-2022 like a LION!!!



**5M2 Lions' News  
Newsletter Deadline:  
15th of each month...**

Submit your club events and  
Lions program articles to:  
[5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

**What are your clubs doing for Service? Get Me the NEWS!!**



visit [LionsVirtual.org](https://LionsVirtual.org) for the latest info



**LCIF  
CAMPAIGN 100**

**TELL-A-THON**




*Presented by [LionsVirtual.org](https://LionsVirtual.org)*

**April 11th**



## Join LCI VP Douglas Alexander

& friends for music, entertainments & inspiration  
on Sunday, April 11th from 5 - 9 pm EDT (New York)  
one-time only broadcast on YouTube 

**Every \$\$\$ donated will change lives!**

**DONATE NOW!!!**

[lionsclubs.org/GiveToday](https://lionsclubs.org/GiveToday)

Canada: [lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/GiveToday](https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/GiveToday)

Facebook: [facebook.com/donate/2857731397835283/](https://facebook.com/donate/2857731397835283/)

*100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100*



## Serving Creatively

The challenges of our Lions year – who would have known? As your Global Service Team, Lions Dar Mondor and Mary Spille are noticing the changes some clubs have made.

We have Zoomed with our multiple leader and partners. We know of projects moved to the 'back burner'. But, with no surprise, we have noticed serious creativity in our Lions neighborhoods.

The can tab drive initiated by Environmental Chair Lion Pam Koenen has emptied many kitchen cupboards to the benefit of McDonald House and Shriners. And how about the numerous drive-through meals? And the drive-by Santa visits were huge hits. Seriously, not only did we have successful fundraisers, but our communities sure enjoyed the camaraderie of seeing some real live people doing good stuff!

There is always a hidden treasure in any sort of struggle. Today we are thinking positive and challenging you to



serve even more in creative ways. In our minds, we have a few ideas formulating. Maybe some diabetes kits delivered to the school nurse? Maybe some letters to residents of senior communities? Maybe some Liberty Day books to a Social Studies teacher? Maybe a club info booth at your city's summer festival? Maybe some hats/mittens or even snacks given to the elementary schools for kids who might need a helpful smile?

Now is a perfect time to develop new projects – maybe developed by newer club members. Our challenge to you! We wish for your ideas and we will share these new opportunities to others via the newsletter. Give a shout to either [mondordarlene8@gmail.com](mailto:mondordarlene8@gmail.com) or [maryspille@gmail.com](mailto:maryspille@gmail.com). Even better, send us a picture of your new endeavor; we will share.

### Serving creatively – the Lions way.



## 2021 MD5M Convention - Status Updates as of 3.11.2021

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention "Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree" on May 1, 2021 for a one-day virtual convention!

REGISTRATION IS FREE!!! Register today via online registration on the MD5M website ([lionsmd5m.org](http://lionsmd5m.org))/Conventions/MD5M Multiple Convention/2021 Online Convention Registration (Eventbrite). An in-depth letter explaining the convention changes was sent to all club Presidents and Secretaries in the Multiple with email addresses at the end of February. If you either your club president or secretary did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact your District Governor or [convention@lionsmd5m.org](mailto:convention@lionsmd5m.org).

As the convention nears, there will be links available to access Zoom and Facebook live for convention participation. This is an exciting year for the 2021 convention that will give the opportunity for all of you to join! There is no traveling required, no registration fee, no hotel or meal costs. An exciting fun filled day will be had by all! Do not miss this opportunity to Join the Jamboree!

Watch for additional information on virtual voting, silent auction and annual Foundation meetings as well as a separate flyer explaining a service project challenge to all MD5M clubs.

District 5M-2 is Looking forward to seeing you all Joining the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!

- Tentative schedule—beginning at 8 a.m.**
- Welcome
  - Service of Remembrance (2020 & 2021)
  - Opening Ceremony
  - Business meeting with online voting, which will include voting to endorse PDG Joanne Ogden, District 5M10, as International Director representing Constitutional Area 2, Canada
  - Keynote speaker—PIP Frank Moore. Past International President Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.
  - Awards—Peace Poster, International Essay Contest, Hall of Fame (2020 & 2021), Al Jensen Awards (2020 & 2021)
  - Afternoon speakers (online): three University of MN speakers
    - o MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Childrens Hospital
    - o MN Lions Hearing Foundation, Dr. Bevan Yueh, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.
    - o MN Lions Vision Foundation, Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight and Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences

# MD5M Lions

## Annual Convention Call for Service

Even though we are not together,  
let's be united in service during  
our Annual Convention.

There are needs in every  
community, and Lions ready to  
serve. Join us in sponsoring a  
Food Drive or Diaper Drive (both  
adult and infant) in your home  
community or surrounding areas.

Send us photos & number of  
items collected and where you  
donated them. Homeless  
Shelters, women's shelters,  
schools and food shelves are all in  
desperate need at this time.

Join us in making a difference  
locally.



# How to help

## About Us

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization. Where there is a need there is a Lion.

- 1 Start brain-storming what type of project your community needs (diaper or food drive) something else?
- 2 Begin promoting your project. Use traditional methods (radio, newspapers, flyers) but also use Social Media (Facebook, instagram, etc.)
- 3 Set up your collection sites and collect until April 30th or do another type of project.
- 4 Send photos and a recap of your event to [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

Need more ideas or have questions?

Contact your District's Global Service Team or Rose Thies @ [rthies001@gmail.com](mailto:rthies001@gmail.com).



@MD5M Lions

# W A N T E D

## 2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

October 21-24, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

*We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the  
2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!*

*Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.*

*The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included.*

*However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.*

*Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.*

*Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.*

*The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.*

*Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by September 30, 2021.*

*Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.*

*Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.*

*If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:  
Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - [dkellylion@gmail.com](mailto:dkellylion@gmail.com)*



**MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

**MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

NAME: _____		DATE JOINED LIONS: _____	
ADDRESS: _____ _____			
E-Mail ADDRESS: _____		TELEPHONE NO: _____	
CLUB NAME: _____		MEMBER NUMBER: _____	
CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____			
OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____ _____			
<p>WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?</p> <p align="center">Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.</p>			
APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:			
APPLICANT: _____		DATE: _____	
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____		DATE: _____	

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute, your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration and check to MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



# Save the Date!!!

**2021-2022 Zone Chair Virtual Training**

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**

Watch for additional information from your District Governor Elect and Global Leadership Team Coordinator!

## **Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation**



The Parade of Green Hearing Foundation funds from 5M2 along with donations from the rest of the Districts in Minnesota raised over \$100,000. This was enough to make the final payment for

U of Minnesota professorships. The Hearing Foundation made a five year commitment of \$500,000 to the U of M Professorship fund. Thank you to 5M2 for supporting the Minnesota Hearing Foundation.

Now I want to share some of the latest for the D Feet Walk. There will not be a walk at the MN Landscape Arboretum in 2021. The Arboretum may not be open for as many guests as we would hope to bring. So----we are asking that each District, Zone, Club or individual do a walk to support the D Feet Walk that supports the Lions Children's Clinic and Professorships.

Our trustees have decided to have T-shirts available for preregistration with an added fee for mailing. There will be more final ideas in the May newsletter as well as a letter to your club. We want this walk to happen on or about June 5, 2021. We want to keep the first weekend in June up front as we plan to be back at the Arboretum in 2022 with a walk as we know in the past. Food, kid events, seeing your Lion friends from around the state plus touring the Arboretum grounds.

Thank you for your understanding and great support.

5M2 Trustees:

PDG Marvin Grimm  
Lion Vern Breamer



## **PROTOCOL PLEASE!!**

Is your club having a special occasion (anniversary, community event, membership drive, special fundraiser, etc.) coming up?

A special invitation is appropriate for the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor. If they are already scheduled and unable to attend, they would still appreciate being included and invited.

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs



## Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

**Do you have a low-income person who needs hearing aids?** There is a procedure that needs to be followed in order for your club to help out. First, that person must see an audiologist for a hearing evaluation. The audiologist should work with Medicare and/or Lions clubs to help with costs of hearing tests and later installation of hearing aids.

After the evaluation, if the person needs hearing aids, the audiologist needs to order hearing aids from Starkey (address below). Your district should have money in their Starkey account from the used hearing aids that your district has donated. This money will provide free aids for the person. The audiologist then calls territory account manager at Starkey to order hearing aids. Your district trustee will help get that information for you. The audiologist then will fit the aids. Lions Clubs may have to offer some financial assistance.



If your recipient is young person up to age 15, the audiologist may want to check with other hearing aids companies for grants to help with purchasing hearing aids for children.

**Lions Club International** also has more information and materials to help with hearing aids in a program called Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP) available only through local Lions clubs. To learn more about this project and for an application, go to <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif128.pdf>.





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

On behalf of Camp Sweet Life – thanks to all the Lion's Clubs for your continued support of our programs for Kids and families affected by Type 1 Diabetes!

### **Week long In person Camp at Camp Courage – August 2021**

After reviewing recommendations from local and state authorities with our Board of Directors, Medical Director, and Camp Committee we have made the difficult decision that Camp Sweet Life must suspend in-person week long camp for 2021 in August.

At Camp Sweet Life, we take the health and safety of our campers, volunteers, and staff very seriously. We have been actively monitoring COVID-19, the Vaccinations, and actively monitoring and evaluating how this challenging situation would affect Camp Sweet Life in trying to do a week-long camp in August.

**Virtual Camp (Camp in a Box) and day activities at Camp Courage 2021:** Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. is currently surveying our families to see what is the best options and what they want to participate in this spring and summer! Volunteers will be needed for in person day activities held in 2021. Watch our website at [www.campsweetlife.org](http://www.campsweetlife.org) for more information.


## **Upcoming Events and Activities 2021**

1. **Express for Good (EFG) April 19, 2021 – May 18, 2021**  
SOMETHING NEW AND YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AND HELP CAMP SWEET LIFE!  
During the period of April 19 through May 18 you can take surveys (on your phone, iPad, or computer). For each survey you take Camp Sweet Life will receive \$2. You can take 75 surveys or each email address you have! Our goal is to raise \$5,000. For more information see our website [www.campsweetlife.org](http://www.campsweetlife.org) or call Lion Rene' Maes Jr.- 507-995-6910 cell or [rene.maes@campsweetlife.org](mailto:rene.maes@campsweetlife.org)
2. **Strike Out Type 1 Diabetes Event: June 27, 2021** – Raise money to keep the cost of camp down for you and your family and raise money for Camp Sweet Life! More info: [campsweetlife.org](http://campsweetlife.org)
3. **Glow Run (in person this year): September 18, 2021** Register at Eventbrite link and receive a really cool performance T-shirt if registered by September 10! Link to Eventbrite 2021 Virtual Glow will be up soon!
4. **Online Auction:** Last year's online Auction was so successful -we will be doing it again online. All proceeds go to Camp Sweet Life. It will be held in **September 2021**. More info on Camp Sweet Life face book page soon: [www.facebook.com/CampSweetLife/](http://www.facebook.com/CampSweetLife/)
5. **Save the date for Camp 2022: Sunday, July 31 – Thursday, August 4, 2022**

Questions: [info@campsweetlife.org](mailto:info@campsweetlife.org) or 507-934-9352 or contact Lion Rene' 507-995-6910

*Catch the Dream...*  
*...a world without Diabetes!*

**& Catch some Ca\$h**



A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

**10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10**

- 2 \$1,000 winners    2 \$500 winners
- 2 \$200 winners    4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

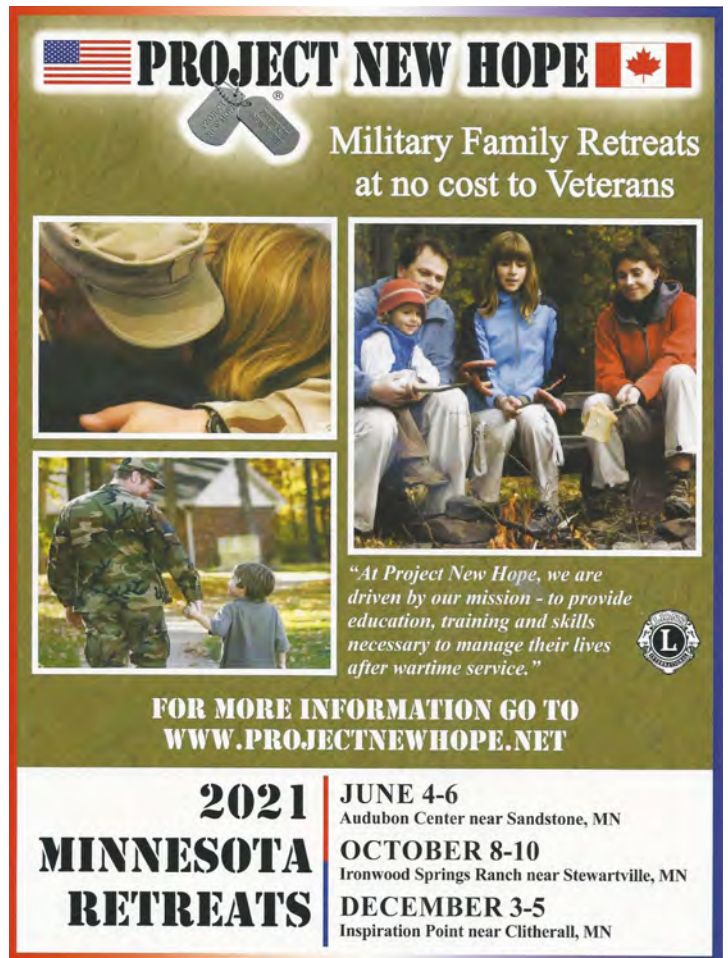
**Drawing** 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee for tickets & information!

<p><b>Lion Wanda Breimhorst</b>  <a href="mailto:wibreim@comcast.net">wibreim@comcast.net</a>                  612-716-4705</p>	<p><b>Lion Brian Rykus</b>  <a href="mailto:bgrinhim@gmail.com">bgrinhim@gmail.com</a>                  507-521-2689</p>
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 Visit [MnLionsDiabetes.org](http://MnLionsDiabetes.org) for more information and contacts.



**PROJECT NEW HOPE**

Military Family Retreats at no cost to Veterans

*"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO**  
**WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET**

**2021 MINNESOTA RETREATS**

**JUNE 4-6**  
 Audubon Center near Sandstone, MN

**OCTOBER 8-10**  
 Ironwood Springs Ranch near Stewartville, MN

**DECEMBER 3-5**  
 Inspiration Point near Clitherall, MN

**Tidbits from the Past**

(taken from past district newsletters)

For many years now, District Governors in District 5M2 have chosen a theme for their year and many times that theme has carried over as the title of the monthly newsletter or on their district governor pin. Some of the past themes have been:

- One World, One Heart – PDG Tom Ferleman, 2002-2003
- Service is the Key – PID/PDG Debra Wasserman, 2003-2004
- Strike a Chord for Lionism – PDG Marlys Meskan, 2005-2006
- Working to Build Lions – PDG Mike Vos, 2006-2007
- Lions Lights on for Life – PDG Ricky Wagener, 2008-2009
- Lions Recipe for Success – PDG Darwin Mathwig, 2009-2010
- Service Blooms – PDG Eunice Rucks, 2010-2011
- Fire Up for Lions – PDG Joan Blank, 2013-2014

The following ad was included in a past newsletter for International's October Membership Growth Program. This about using it to promote membership in your club today.

Be a **L**eader in your community  
 And **I**nvite your fellow citizens  
 To join **O**ur ranks in the  
 Biggest and **N**umber ONE  
 Worldwide **S**ervice organization

More to come next month –  
 PDG Nancy Mathwig, District 5M2 Historian



## ***Journey for Service*** ***May 5, 6, 7, 2021***

It is nearing that time of year again to tour the country side of 5M2 for our annual Journey for Service. This year District Governor Anna and I will be traveling over 700 miles making some 63 stops meeting Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs collecting money for various service projects in our District.

Please verify with me the meeting place and contact person with a phone number.

I am looking forward to another successful Journey for Service with 100% participation as my goal.

PDG Mike Vos  
Journey for Service  
mike@vosconstruction.com  
(507)381-3752



Wednesday May 5, 2021			
Faribault	7:30 AM	Roberts Lake Resort	Wasserman's
Waterville	8:20	247 E Main Law Office	Don Novack
Waseca	8:40	McDonalds	Kelli Lenz
Owatonna	9:10	741 East Main	Duane Ludewig
Blooming Prairie	9:40	City Center Offices	Paul Fiebiger
Ellendale	10:00	Lerberg's Grocery	
New Richland	10:20	Schmidt Trucking	Dan Schmidt
Albert Lea	10:55	McDonalds	Tom & Mary
Albert Lea Cloverleaf	10:55	McDonalds	Ferleman
Albert Lea Lake View	10:55	McDonalds	
Alden	11:15	Newspaper office	Kathleen Bleckeberg
Wells	11:40	Lion's Plaza	Dawn Navara
Minnesota Lake	12:00	Bremer's House	Vern & Darlene
LUNCH			
Blue Earth	1:25 PM	Statue Park	Dean Vereide
Winnabago	1:45	Ron's Plumbing	Tom Hoffman
Amboy	2:00	Linda's Place	
Lake Crystal	2:30	Kevin's IGA	
Mankato	2:55	Best Western Inn	Dennis & Karen
Mankato Key City	2:55	Best Western Inn	Wayne May
Mankato Sunrise	2:55	Best Western Inn	Richard Wheeler
Eagle Lake	3:10	Ephiany Church 605 Parkway	Susan Nasinec
St Peter	3:30	River Rock Coffee Shop	Chris Grean
Nicollet	3:50	New Sweden Mutual Ins	Kevin Blank
Courtland	4:10	312 Foothills Road	Lowell & Char
Lafayette Area	4:30	Citizens Bank	Ruth Klossner
Gibbon	4:55	D's Pit Stop	Joyce Woods
Winthrop	5:10	Hahn's Café	Chuck Toltzman
Thursday May 6, 2021			
Sibley East Leos Jr	8:55	Sibley East	
Sibley East Leos Sr	8:55	Sibley East	
Arlington	8:55	Sibley East	Nancy Mathwig
Green Isle	9:10	CornerStone State	
Norwood Young America	9:10	CornerStone State	Ed Magee
Hamburg	9:25	Park	Diana Kroells
NYA West Carver	9:45	Old National	
Plato	10:00	Plato Home Center	Ken & Myra Franke
Glencoe	10:20	Bump's Café	Ellsworth
New Auburn	10:45	Security Bank	
Brownton	11:10	Lori Lindeman	
Stewart	11:30	City Hall	Orville Trettin
Hutchinson Lioness	11:55	West Lions Park	
Hutchinson	11:55	725 Sunset St	Dave Sebesta
Silver Lake	12:15	American Legion	Dale & Joanne Kautz
LUNCH			
Lester Prairie	1:20	Greater MN Signs	Troy Feltmann
Winsted	1:30	Vet's Park	Patty Fitzgerald
Watertown	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank	Deb Koehnen
Watertown Leos	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank	
Mayer Area	2:20	Casey's	Joe Dvorak
Chanhassen	2:50	Am Legion Parking Lot	Brad Kingsley
Victoria	3:05	Old National	Brent Romemesko
Waconia	3:20	Security Bank	Matt Sackett
Waconia Hive	3:25	Security Bank	
Cologne	3:40	Community Center	Tom Stuewe
Cologne Leos	3:40	Community Center	Joan Takata
Carver	3:55	Gazebo Park	Marvin Grimm
Chaska	4:10	Old National	Julie Koonsman
Shakopee	4:25	O'Brien Public House	Scott Trosen
Shakopee Valley	4:25	O'Brien Public House	Heidi
Shakopee Leos	4:25	O'Brien Public House	Heidi
Prior Lake	5:00	Velishek Auto	Loretta Klenke

Friday May 7, 2021			
Jordan	8:00 AM	McDonald's	
Jordaness	8:00	McDonald's	Betty Hubner
Belle Plaine	8:20	Coborn's Liquor	Brian Burtness
Henderson	8:45	Road Haus	Roger Graham
LeSueur	9:00	Pizza Ranch Parking	Shirley Hesperheide
Le Center	9:25	Home Plate	Joe Blaschko
Montgomery	9:40	Mackenthun's	Roger Heyda
New Prague	10:00	Ettlin's Café	Ulrich Ettlin
Veseli	10:20	GoldSmith Eye Care-NP	Barb Skluzacek
Lonsdale	10:40	Lions Park	Alan Fitterer
NEW	11:10	New Market Bank	Laura Vogel
Northfield	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	Todd Bornhasuer
Northfield Cannon Valley	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	Bob Moore
Northfield Leos	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	



**COLOUR**  **MAURICE BLINK**

**LOYALTY one's Self, Friends, Country and Integrity of Mind**  **Traditional Colour of Strength, Courage & Tireless dedication to a cause and sincerity of purpose, liberty in judgment, Purity of mind, heart and love towards fellowmen.**

**Designed By : MAURICE BLINK**  
**Approved BY : International Board on 31st Dec 1921**  
**Motto : We Serve**  
**Slogan : Liberty Intelligence Our Nation's Safety**  
**Flag : The Flag of Lionism in Golden Yellow with Purple border and a size emblem in the Center. Lionism Means Opportunity for fellowship and Service.**  
**Lets us do humanitarian Service while Enjoying fellowship**

On 17th July 1917 at the invitation of Melvin Jones, delegates met in Chicago, The only point of contention was the selection of a name the New Organization. Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the New Organization Lions. He was convinced that lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name **LIONS** was chosen over several others.

**The Lions Emblem**

At the 1919 convention, there was a move to change the symbol, but a young attorney from Denver, Colorado rose to speak. His name was Halsted Ritter. "The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-ON-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: **LIBERTY, INTERLEGGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY**"





***PDG Joanne Ogden***  
***Canadian Endorsed Candidate for***  
***International Director CA-2***  
***Lions Clubs International***

***Vote***  
***2023***  
***Joanne***

***Lions resume:***

- ***District Governor 2018-2019***
- ***Multiple District Constitution & By-Laws***  
***Chairperson 2019-2020***
- ***Multiple District Global Membership Chair, 2020 – Present***
- ***Director MD5M KidSight Foundation 2018-2021***
- ***Bachelor and Masters degree Lions University***
- ***Board Chair Lions Foundation Manitoba and NWO***

***Canadian candidates from MD5M are elected to***  
***Constitution Areas II (CA-2).***

***USA Candidates from MD5M are elected to***  
***Constitutional Area I (CA-1).***

***\* Once in a 14 year rotation to the Canadian.***



## **Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities**

### **Carver Lions**



ABOVE: PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Evelyn Grimm received the Carver Lion for Life award, which is an award founded and presented by a past Club President, Lion Tim Shanahan (also in the photo). This award was previously awarded to 3 of our charter members whose failing health prevented them from attending our club meetings.

RIGHT: A couple of "leprechauns" showed up at our meeting :- ) Lions Tim Shanahan and Cathy Elke. Yes, we are Irish.



### **NYA West Carver Lions**



Lion Cathleen Williams being presented the Zone 2 Lion Award for 2020 by District Governor Anna Wickenhauser.

**5M2 Lions' News  
Newsletter Deadline:  
15th of each month...**

Submit your club events and Lions  
program articles to:  
[5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

**What are your clubs doing for Fund  
Raising? Get Me the NEWS!!**

### Courtland Lions



The Courtland Lions welcomed new member Lion Don Hanks to our club on Monday, March 8. Lion Don comes to us from South Dakota. He and his wife Linda moved to the area to be closer to their daughters and their families. We know Lion Don's enthusiasm will serve our club and community well.

ABOVE: Lion Don Hanks and Courtland Lions President Lowell Abbas. RIGHT: Lion Don receiving his vest and pin from Lion Lowell.

### Community Groups Serving Together



Two audiometers were purchased by these service groups for Central Schools. They will be used by the school nurse to screen students at the schools for hearing concerns that may impact their education. Pictured: Meagan Bixby (school nurse); Pat Clark and Mary Spille (West Carver Lions); Larry Panning (American Legion); Dave Eischens (VFW) and Gary Bickel (NYA Lions).

## Lonsdale Lions



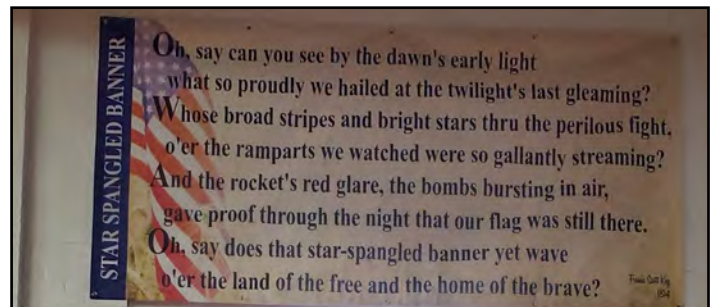
Lonsdale Lions March 3rd monthly meeting with Lions members onsite at the Lonsdale American Legion (first time onsite since our November 4, 2020 in-person monthly meeting), as well as some joining through the live Google Meet on the laptop. President Lion Alan Fitterer with Treasurer Lion Dale Furrer socially-distanced in the background. Lonsdale Lions Secretary Barb Peterson is on the laptop screen in the rectangle across the bottom. The previous 3 months of meetings have all been through live Google Meets with very low attendance so this meeting with 8 members onsite and 4 more on the screen was a big improvement!



## Gibbon Lions

The Gibbon Lions had three banners made for the Gibbon, Fairfax and Winthrop schools. The banners have the words of the National Anthem and are hung by the American Flags.

Lions pictured (left to right): Gambling Manager and Lion Tamer Jeff Gatton, Vice President Chuck Southworth; President Sue Bentz; Secretary Joyce Woods and Treasurer and Tail Twister Harold Pettis.



# The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club (ELALC) hasn't let the pandemic stop us from pitching in and serving others!



A porch pot and holiday décor fundraiser was met with excitement from the community and area towns and netted a very nice profit for the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club November 21, 2020. All the winter pots were sold out within one hour of opening the doors. A huge surprise! The Club also collected old eyeglasses and hearing aids at this event. Left to right photos: Lions Mark Venem & Jeff Kaul discuss the building of the pots. Lions Terry Kvitek, Kate Mauel and her husband Bill, Sara Venem, Mark Venem & Paul Kvitek cut and hauled different varieties of evergreen branches at a local tree farm for the pots. Lions Angela & John Putnam gave up their garage for a month or more to club members who helped design and put the final creations together and to hold the sale on their driveway. A GREAT TEAM EFFORT!



Pictured with DG Anna Wickenhauser—Eagle Lake Area Lions Club Members Terry Kvitek (Paul) Angela Putnam & John Putnam took on major roles within the 2021 District 5M2 Midwinter Convention Planning Team. During the virtual convention DG Anna honored John with a special commendation for his role with the technology team and she presented Terry with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation Award for her service achievement as co-chairperson of the 2021 District Convention..



President John Putnam presented a \$200 check to the Eagle Lake Park Foundation to go towards the new park being developed.



TOYS FOR TOTS drive through event was a big success at the Eagle Lake American Legion parking lot on Dec. 6th. Lions Sue Nasinec, Mary & Jeff Kaul coordinated the event with other local sponsors.



Our newest member - Lion Kate Mauel did an outstanding job with the pop tab collection at Eagle Express. The ELALC won cash awards from District 5M2.

# Come meet us on the Bunny Trail!

Easter Bunny Event  
with treats on the park trail

Saturday, April 3rd 2021  
10 a.m. to Noon

Cologne Lions Park

Sponsored by:



A special thank you to all local businesses for their support!



## Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Thursday & Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

(take a break when shopping the local garage sales)

Plato Hall – Dine In or Carry Out

Free Will Donation  
(proceeds benefit local projects)

Ham and Cheese Sandwich & Chicken Dumpling Soup  
Bottled Water and Dessert



Sponsored By The Plato *We Serve*



## Winthrop Lions Club

# OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 11, 2021

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
5<sup>th</sup> & Brown St, Winthrop MN

Serving 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Cost: \$8.00

Please call Marlene at 320-583-8223  
for pre-orders / take-out

Proceeds are used to support Winthrop Lions projects  
Collecting used eye glasses and hearing aids.



## Spring Soup Drive-Thru Willkommen Park Friday, April 16

4:30 – 7:00 PM (or until food is gone!)

\$10.00 (cash or check only)

CindyAnn's Chicken Wild Rice Soup (12 oz)

Breadstick & Dessert

Food catered by Northside Grill

Fundraiser - NYA West Carver Lions



# Drive-up and Take out LUNCH ON THE LIONS!



Sponsored by  
Cologne Lions and  
Waconia Hive Lions

## Home Town Heroes eat for FREE!

Includes law enforcement, fire fighters, paramedics, health care professionals, teachers and service members

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

Serving from 11am - 1pm  
(Or while supplies last)

**City Square Park**  
107 John Ave N, Cologne

## FREE WILL DONATION

Chili or Chicken Wild Rice  
Soup comes with a bread  
bowl and fixins.  
Water and dessert included



# Hamburg Lions Club



Drive up Breakfast

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

8 am to 11:00 am

Hamburg Bi-Centennial Park

Breakfast Burgers (Sausage, Egg, Cheese)  
Cheesy Potatoes Blueberry Muffin  
Orange Juice



## FREE WILL DONATION

All proceeds go to Lions projects



# The Chanhassen Lions Club

Will hold our

## Annual Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, April 25, 2021**  
9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Served Drive-Thru Style  
Chanhassen Farmers Market Location  
Near City Center Park in the parking lot between Chanhassen  
Library and Old National Bank

Free of Charge  
Donations Appreciated

[www.chanhassenlions.org](http://www.chanhassenlions.org)



# Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner

No need to make dinner, come and join the Carver Lions for  
the Annual Pork Chop dinner at the Carver Community Hall  
Take-Out Drive Thru Dinner!

When: Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Time: 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Location:

Pick up at Carver Community Hall  
316 Broadway, Downtown Carver

Cost:

\$12.00 To-Go Meal

\$6.00 - Kids (10-years old or younger)

Enjoy pork chops, Cheesy hashbrown potatoes,  
green beans, bread and dessert.

Limited indoor and outdoor seating (weather permitting)

Order on 4th Street Hill  
Pick-up in front of City Hall.

Call Dean at 952-221-2884 for more information.



# Lions Children's Hearing Center 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK



**VIRTUAL**

## JUNE 5, 2021 9:30AM



We are going virtual this year for our walk to D-Feet Hearing Loss! Although we won't gather, the important work of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation doesn't stop so join us on June 5th wherever you are to support hearing health!

Your participation in this fundraiser helps us continue to meet our commitments to the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota and the Department of Otolaryngology at the U of M. Kids are diagnosed and treated six days a week at the Lions Children's Hearing Center.

Thanks to the Foundation's pledge to fund the new sound booth construction and equipment purchases, you can help us and the U of M provide support to even more kids! In addition, we continue funding research projects to find new cures and treatments for patients experiencing hearing issues and our Professorship endowment will facilitate teaching students who will help those with hearing loss well into the future.

YOU can help continue this important work by participating in our virtual walk on June 5. TOGETHER, we can all do our part to help D-Feet Hearing Loss!



*To learn more visit us at:  
[5mhf.org](http://5mhf.org) or at [facebook.com/5mhf.org](https://facebook.com/5mhf.org)*

# *Catch the Dream...*

# *Together We Can*

***Lions improving health worldwide***

## **Virtual Silent Auction**

*In lieu of an in-person silent auction at the MD5M 2021 Convention, our auction will be online. The auction will support the service of:*

- **Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**
- **Canada Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**
- **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation**



## **Bidding Open**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>**



## ***Join the fun!***

## **View Auction Items Now at:**

<https://lions.betterworld.org/auctions/lions-diabetes-childhood-cancer>

For more foundation information, visit:

[MnLionsDiabetes.org](http://MnLionsDiabetes.org)   [MnLionsChildhoodCancerFoundation.org](http://MnLionsChildhoodCancerFoundation.org)