



5M-2 Lions' News



March 2025

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Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor

Wow, what an amazing weekend of giving at the 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention. In addition to the Parade of Green and LCIF fundraising, Lions donated \$255 in the way of an offering during the Sunday service which was donated to KidSight. After visiting DG Shari Neidhardt shared what the Awesome Breastforms (www.awesomenbreastforms.org) is all about, a passing of the hat

generated ~\$700 for the project. It costs DG Shari approximately \$25 per set of forms, along with the donation from the District this will provided 35 sets to women who have had mastectomies, all free of charge. What a wonderful project of giving women their curves back.

A few words on the cost of the Mid-Winter Convention. In addition to the ever popular raffle baskets, there were three silent auction items donated by the Chanhassen Lions. Together these items raised \$4,210. Once all the bills are paid, we are hoping to donate \$2,000 to LCIF and adding the remaining amount to the convention rainy day fund. There is currently \$2,000 in the fund, the intent is to have a fund to offer some protection for the future should the costs ever exceed the budget.

Many Lions might not be aware \$1.40 of the district dues contributes to the cost of the convention, this amount equates to ~\$3,200, the district cabinet approved \$5,500. The convention committee to date has received the \$3,200 and will not need the additional \$1,500 due to the convention committee's fundraising efforts. Out of these funds, \$1,000 is donated in the visiting International Directors name to LCIF. At the end of the convention, a check of ~\$20,000 was written to the Country Inn & Suites to cover the cost of the convention. In addition, the convention booklet has a cost of \$2,200. Most of this cost is able to be covered by the ads sold. Something new this year was adding sponsors who helped to cover costs of things like the DJ, pizza on Friday night, free keg of beer and dessert on Saturday night. Thank you to all the foundations, businesses, foundations and Lions who helped support the convention by placing ads and/or being a sponsor. The DG team and convention committee does everything we can to keep the costs of attending the convention as low as possible. Our district convention continues to be one of the lowest costs to attend in MD5M.

5M-2 Lions Rock!

If you attended the convention, hope you had a wonderful time. We tried a few new things and did some of the same. After three years we are getting comfortable in the space and think we have figured out a few things. DGE Shermayne has made note of things which can be improved upon for next year. There will be a survey coming out in March once Lions Greg and Colleen Fletcher return from a well-deserved vacation. The hotel now have a General Manager after over a year without. The restaurant should be opening later this spring, and they are working on a plan to renovate.

Cannot sign-off this month without mentioning two important things. Membership, we are 50 members short of hitting our district's goal of adding 205 new Lions. There are four months of the Lions year remaining, we can do it. Please think about asking or inviting one new person to serve with your club. When people serve, they see the important work we do as Lions. Let's Make our Mark as we know Lions rock!

The second important topic is LCIF. PDG Anna Wickenhauser and Lion Rose Thies are working hard to reach the goal LCIF has set for our district. If every Lion in 5M-2 gave \$20 to LCIF between now and the end of the year our district would hit our goal. That is less than what our district has received in the way of grants from LCIF this Lions year. Would \$20 change your life? Probably not, but it can change the life of someone else.

The quote to end the newsletter this month is what I hope our zone meetings will not be this spring. Watch for news on your upcoming zone meetings in April and May!

"You hear about bands who say, "We did one show where only 20 people showed up", well that was our average gig for five years."

Dexter Holland of The Offspring – 1995

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We Serve

Happy March to you all...



*Lion Shermayne Cross
District Governor Elect*

Its hard to believe that it has been three years since I started on the journey to be DG. Thank you all for your support, well wishes at the convention, cards and calls this past week.

The week of February 10-14 I was at the Q center for additional training

with 750 other 1VDG/DGE from around the world and all the DGE from MD5M.

We toured the International Headquarters one morning which was awesome. Interesting to see the history of Lionism from around the world. After returning to the Q center we spent 2.5 days with members of our class in a classroom setting learning about leadership, marketing, team management, membership growth, LCIF and goal setting. Days were intense but very interesting. In my class there were Lions from India, Canada, Ireland and the US; interesting to learn that problems of growth and retention are world wide.

After returning to Minnesota, I headed home, picked up Bob and headed to Mankato for the Mid-Winter convention. Friday night we remembered the Lions who have left us in 2024 during our Memorial Service. Saturday morning we had seminars on Hunger Insecurity, Membership growth and celebrating the winners of the Peace Poster, Essay contest and Write-Off. Chris Wooters gave a very

emotional personal speech at lunch on making a difference in the world through service.

Congratulations to 2nd VDG Chuck Toltzman who was elected as 1VDGE and to Deb Koehnen who was elected as 2VDGE. I look forward to working with both of you in the year to come. We elected PDG Joan Blank to represent 5M-2 for MD5M Hall of Fame. The LCI fundraiser was a great hit again-did you ever pay \$200.00 for a roll of Lions mints? Just one of the great ideas Lion Rose and PDG Anna came up with along with Sumo wrestling with ID Hans and DG Shari. Oh, such fun!! Sunday morning we heard from PDG Marty Athmann and learned the history of the Team Sheehan Foundation. DG Shari Neidhardt gave a presentation on Awesome Breast Forms which sparked a lot of interest and an idea of a Specialty Club. Thank you to DG Lisa and Zone 2 for a wonderful Mid-Winter Convention. You all ROCK!!

Zone meetings will start in April. We will be having individual zone meetings as we award one Lion from each Zone as the Zone Lion of the year. Thank you all for sending in your nominations. I have received nominations from all zones, which is great.



Looking ahead, it is time to think about electing new officers in your clubs. Please holds your elections in April and then enter them into the Portal. They officially will take their position on July 1. The district will be having Officer and Zone Leader training on May 17 at Bethany College in Mankato. More information will be coming soon.

The DGE of MD5M



Hello Fellow Lions!



*Chuck Toltzman
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

Hello Lions of 5M-2. Well, it is finally starting to warm up and March is just around the corner. But February as cold as it was there was still a lot of warm things that happened during that month. Like for instance the 5M-2 convention that was held

at around Valentine's Day was a very warm and incredibly fun activity for the month of February. There was a lot of fun things to do there, and we found out that Lions Rock. We had lots of interesting speakers that weekend and very inspirational too. I personally had a great time, and I hope everyone who attended also had an exciting time. I want to thank everyone who voted for me for First Vice District Governor for next year. Can I get a big collective awesome to District Governor Lisa for having such an awesome convention? "The District Convention was ". And 5M-2 Lions Rock.

District 5M-2 will be starting to do our Zone meetings this month going into the month of April, I am sure. Be sure to watch for your Zone meeting and plan on attending. It is one of the greatest times that a Lion can have with other Lions from other clubs. I urge everyone to attend one Zone meeting this spring.

Who is going to the 5M Multiple convention in April held

in Bloomington MN? The dates are April 24th through the 27th. I believe there is still time to sign up and go to this great convention and it is so close to our District. It is an exciting time to come and meet with other Lions throughout the state of Minnesota, northwest Ontario, and Manitoba.

March is also time to discuss your new officers for the upcoming year. We will need to know who these new officers sometime in April so that we can get them registered for the officer training in May. Keep a lookout for the date, time, and place where this will be held.

If anyone is thinking about joining the 5M-2 cabinet next year or the year after, please see either District Governor Elect Shermayne or myself. District Governor Elect Shermayne was looking for a Zone chair for next year. I am looking to fill in positions for my year as District Governor. We will be at most, if not all, Zone Meetings this Spring.

In 1947: lions are given consultation status with the UN Economic and Social Council.

In 1948: three years after World War Two. Europe sees its first Lions Club in Stockholm Sweden. Geneva Switzerland follows a few days later.

Hope to see everyone at the Zone meetings.

I am here to help you help others.

Lion Chuck

DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

MARCH 2025

- 3 - Waconia Dandylions DG Team Visit
- 7 - MD5M Friendship Banquet
- 8 - MD5M Council of Governors
- 11 - Waconia DG Team Visit
- 18 - Hutchinson DG Team Visit
- 29 - MD5M LCIF Gala



THANK YOU 5M-2 CLUBS



The amount raised between the raffle baskets & silent auction items was an **AMAZING** amount! Once all the bills are paid we will be making a donation to LCIF.

\$4,215

Cannot thank you all enough for
your generosity - DG Lisa



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FOUNDATION

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PIP Douglas X. Alexander was our International President from 2021-2022. He is from Brooklyn, New York and his theme was "Service from the Heart".

LCIF Gala

"Go for the Gold"

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud

75 37th Avenue South

St. Cloud, MN 563011

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Who wants to get their Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque or Progressive pin presented by Past International President Douglas X. Alexander??? Have I got the opportunity for YOU!

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find the personal balance you donated to LCIF. If you have donated \$1,000 and want to be presented with an MJF plaque (or PMJF pin for each additional \$1,000) by PIP Doug Alexander, then you will need to order your plague/pin by Feb 18, 2025.

You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you are attending. If you or your club want to present someone with a Melvin Jones Fellowship/or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, the same criteria applies. Remember this Gala is not for Lions members only. Invite people who are interested in learning about our Foundation and what it does. This year, there will be stories shared from around our Multiple about the impact our Foundation/Grants had on the community.

Registrations are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator, MD5M Website, and District/MD Newsletters and will be available at your District Conventions. The cost is \$45 for each person, or if you prefer, you can purchase a table of 8 for \$500 that comes with perks. There is a PayPal, Venmo, or check option to register.

The Gala will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Saint Cloud. There will be a costume contest with a Gold Theme. A tentative agenda will be posted as the Gala gets closer. Remember this is a FUN-Raiser...and there will be a cash bar.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a booking link with the Holiday Inn is in the registration form.

WooHoo - Get your Lion on!!! I would love to help you with any questions.

Anna Wickenhauser 952-913-1467 or lionannaw@gmail.com



MD5M “Go for the Gold Gala”

March 29, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites
75 37th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Name _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Club: _____

Tickets: Individual \$45.00 Tables of 8 \$ 500.00

Pay online or return Registration form, no later than March 14, 2025.

Make checks payable to: **LCIF Gala**

c/o Rose Thies

21515 371st Ave.

Green Isle, MN 55338

Pay online by Venmo or PayPal, please scan or email your registration form to: rthies001@gmail.com or 612-756-1316.

- **PayPal:** Rosemary Thies paypal.me/GreenIsleLions
- Venmo: [@Rose-Thies](https://venmo.com/@Rose-Thies)

Lunch Menu

Choice of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian)

Choice of Penne, Cavatappi or Gluten-free Penne

Choose two of Grilled Chicken, Meatballs, Broccoli or Mushrooms

Choice of Garlic Alfredo or Marinara

Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread sticks

Dessert: Cupcakes

Hotel Accommodations: Book Directly to Holiday Inn & Suites by calling 615-321-8259 (mention 2025 Lions Club)

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&locateCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=STCMN&PMID=99801505&GPC=LIO7cn=no&viewfullsite=true> to book online. Block held until, **Monday, March 3, 2025.**

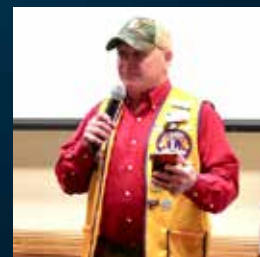
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Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a real treat with the lineup of guest speakers scheduled to appear. These speakers will provide you with heart-warming stories and inspirational talks on mental health, inclusiveness, service dogs, and helping others while making a mark in your community.



Joe Schmit is an award-winning broadcaster, community leader, author, and popular keynote speaker. He is a long-time youth mentor committed to advocating for several community organizations and has contributed time to many other charitable organizations including Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, The Mind over Matter Foundation, VEAP, and the Fairway Foundation. Joe is also an author of three books: "Silent Impact," "The Impact Blueprint" and "The Right Thing To Do," a children's book about Minnesota Twins Hall of Famer Joe Mauer.



Katie Shatusky is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Thumbs Up, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping others and uplifting the community. In 2014, she co-founded Thumbs Up in honor of her late grandfather, Bob Schmit, who died by suicide in 2010. Katie is also the author and illustrator of the children's book, *The Ladybug Hug*. One of her most profound experiences was donating a kidney to a complete stranger in October 2020, exemplifying her commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.



PDG Daniel Marney Elkins is a professional drug prevention specialist and is the executive director of the Bellevue Community Center. He specializes in creating youth leadership programming by teaching strategic thinking and service learning. PDG Daniel is one of the founders of the Lions Virtual movement and has presented at several International Conventions, USA/Canada Forums, Europa Forums, Anzi Forums, ISAME Forums and at district conventions around the world. He was appointed to the Lions' International Board of Directors in 2023 by Dr. Patti Hill. PDG Daniel has also served as a new club development consultant for Lions Clubs International.



2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule

"Ignite the Lions Pride"

(times, sessions, speakers and details subject to change)



Airport Hilton Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota

Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Registration Opens**

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 AM—12 Noon **Council of Governors Meeting**

11:00 AM—6:00 PM **Registration & Credentials**

1:00 PM—5:00 PM **Foundation Service Projects
Foundation Display Tables**

3:30 PM—4:30 PM **2029 Int'l Committee Meeting**

5:00 PM—6:30 PM **PDG Social & Dinner**

6:00 PM—6:30 PM **First-Timers Meeting**

6:30 PM—7:00 PM **Opening Session &
Flag Ceremony**

7:00 PM—8:00 PM **Service of Remembrance**

8:30 PM—12:00 AM **Welcome Reception**
Social, DJ, Games, Cash Bar

Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM **Breakfast**

7:00 AM—6:00 PM **Registration & Credentials**

7:30 PM—8:30 AM **Foundation Meetings**

9:00 AM—5:00 PM **Silent Auction Open**

9:00 AM—10:00 AM **General Business Meetin**

10:00 AM—5:00 PM **Foundation Display Tables**

10:00 AM—11:15 AM **Seminar I**
Joe Schmit & Katie Shatusky

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM **Luncheon**

1:45 PM—2:15 PM **Lions in Motion - Salsa Dancing**

2:30 PM—3:30 PM **Seminar II**
CC Judy Zewers
DG Mary Curtis

3:45 PM—4:30 PM **Seminar III**
Lion Daniel Marney- Elkins

5:30 PM **Reception & Cash Bar**

6:30 PM—9:00 PM **Banquet**
IP Fabricio Oliveira

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 AM—7:45 AM **PDG Business Meeting**

7:45 AM—8:40 AM **Int'l Convention Meeting**
For those going to Florida

8:00 AM **Silent Auction &
Raffle Results Posted**

8:45 AM—11:00 AM **Brunch & Closing Session**
PCC BJ Blahnik

11:00 AM **Adjourn**

11:15 AM—12:15 PM **Council Chair-Elect &
Past Council Chair Meeting**



Kidsight would like to Thank all the clubs in 5M2 who donated to the Parade of Green. We are in the process of updating our Kidsight cameras. The cameras are eight years old and we can't get a new warranty on them. As with technology things change and need for improvements will make our program more efficient.



Kidsight has been successful with a few of our clubs getting into the schools and that has increased our numbers for screenings. A screening is not a diagnostic, it is just a screening to recommend to parents of a possible visual problem. 80% of learning is visual, so it is vital for student success to in their education. To get screenings in schools completed speak to the school nurse and recommend they get the vision screening consent form with a packet of consents parents must complete at the beginning of the school year. That way, the Local Lion's club does not need to get the consent. The consent should be an OPT OUT only from the school. We are now recommending that the students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades be screened

because those are the ages when kids' eyes are changing because of puberty. The Kidsight cameras are 95% accurate. Kidsight is now an international program. So, our program is growing through success of our screenings.

We would love to get more clubs trained. To be more personal to clubs we are now changing to Club Training on the Kidsight program and camera use to facilitate a more personnel training of camera use and reports to complete. The reports are important as they provide information on children and students whom have been screened and triggers of the individuals that are referred.

Please contact Lion Harry Klenke at lm.klenke@outlook.com or phone 952-445-0289 or cell 952-913-8134 OR Carol Oraskovich at cro1547@yahoo.com or phone 952-467-2574 for information on club visit, training or Club use for scheduling cameras for an upcoming screening.

Thank You.



2024-2025 Theme: "Peace Without Limits" Winners

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| 1st Place | Ophelia Schlueter | Stewart Lions |
| 2nd Place | Izabelle Foust | Lester Prairie Lions |
| 3rd Place | Alyssa Lunow | West Carver Lions |

2024-2025 Theme: "Together As One"

The Peace Poster kits for 2025-2026 became available on January 15th. The kit cost is \$11.95 and contains all of the material (except the paper) you will need to sponsor a contest in your school or youth group. One kit is needed for each entry submitted. Please consider giving the youth in your area an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Please put Peace Poster Contest on your meeting agendas early in 2025. We would be happy to attend your club meeting and tell you how you can participate.

If you have questions on how to order a kit, contact use or order from

lionsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1 or just google Lions International Peace Poster Kit

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

CLUB EXCELLENCE

2023-2024 Club Awards

- Brownton
- Cologne
- Courtland
- Jordan Jordaness
- Lonsdale
- Plato
- Prior Lake
- Veseli Area
- Waseca
- Winthrop

On behalf of IPDG Christy Trutnau the clubs who have not yet received their award, will be given them at the spring zone meetings.

**2024-2025
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8/31/25**

Club Excellence Awards | Lions Clubs International



Thank You Lions Clubs of 5M2

We would like to thank all the Clubs in 5M2 for the donations for Leader Dog for the Parade of Green at the recent convention.

Leader Dog is celebrating 85 years of service to the visually impaired communities around the world. Leader Dog began in 1939 with broad idea by three Detroit Lions to honor the request of Helen Keller to be "Knights of the Blind". They have accomplished many things in that amount of time with servicing every state and nearly 50 countries or more in the world with Leader Dogs to assist the visually impaired.

Leader Dog needs volunteers and would fail to be able to provide service Dogs for FREE to the blind without them. The biggest need at this time is Puppy Raisers. I would be happy to provide information for becoming a Puppy Raiser volunteer for 18 to 24 months. Leader Dog placed over 100 dogs last year to needy individual's. Leader Dog is proud of there Breeding process and try to raise only the best dogs.

To give you an idea of the number of volunteers Leader Dog needs I am going to point out the different volunteer opportunities. The life cycle of a Leader Dog. Volunteer Breeding Dog host. This involves birthing puppies and many OB visits to Leader Dog vets in the birthing process. Puppies are returned to Leader Dog at approximately 6

weeks of age. They are examined and Xray for any developmental deformities. Labs are prone to hip dysplasia and are not fully trained as a Leader Dog if anytime during the growth process any developmental problems arise. After Medical exams and other behavior exams the puppy is placed with a Puppy Raiser. This 18-to-24-month process is the greatest need for volunteers. If anyone is interested, please feel free to contact me. One does not need to live near the Leader Dog Corporate facilities in Michigan to raise a puppy. After the Puppy Raising process the dogs are recess for placement. NOT all puppies meet the Leader Dogs guidelines and are not placed to move further in training process. After 2 years, the puppy is returned to Leader Dog for pairing with a client. Instructors will take in account the dogs walking speed, strength, size, energy levels, balance and stability, environmental tolerance and if the possible recipient has children in the home. So Leader Dog is extremely choosey with their dogs and want to match the best dog with each client. Once the Client is match, they will receive indebt training with their service dog match. Leader Dog continues to monitor the dogs while with the client to analyze the dogs safety, care and compatibility with the client. So, this is a long process. Leader Dog for the Blind is so grateful for the support they receive Lions Clubs worldwide. For a Club visit by a Leader Dog chair please contact Lion Loretta Klenke at 952-445-0289 or email lm.klenke@outlook.com. You may also contact Lion Lori Kurtz at 952-221-2077 email lokurtz@yahoo.com.

Year to Date: 2/20/2025

Membership Metrics

2,285

Total Membership

134

Drop Members in FY

164

Members Added in FY

30

Net Growth in FY

1.31%

Net Growth in FY%

2024-2025 Goals

205 Members Added
4 Net Growth
1 New Club





BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Matt Huggenvik, 5M1
Kathleen Bleckenberg & Wanda
Bremhorst, 5M2
Gordon Mulder & Eric Hanson, 5M3
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Mike Appel & Bob Harms, 5M8
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Sue Balstad & Mary Sorenson, 5M10
Gladwin Lynne, 5M11

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Executive Secretaries

WEBSITE:

www.5mhf.org

EMAIL:

mndfeetwalk@gmail.com

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFO

Checks payable to:

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Rose Thies, Treasurer
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation
21515 371st Avenue
Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

DFEET WALK

2025 MN Lions Hearing Foundation Fundraiser

Dear Lions and Friends:

Your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 2025 Walk to DFEET Hearing Loss is just around the corner on June 7th, 2025.

It is not too late to help those with hearing-related issues.

Please consider participating in our 2025 Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, MN. If you or your club cannot participate at either site, you can take a walk at your local park, bring some club members together for a walk in a park, jump on your treadmill, or ride your bike.

Levels of Support

- \$25
- \$35 includes a walk t-shirt
- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1000 gets your Club name on back of the t-shirt

Children under 12 will receive a free walk shirt.

We challenge your club to create a team to help raise funds for this important event. Please complete the attached registration form and mail to Lion Rose Thies by April 20th, 2025.

We hope you will support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation to raise the much-needed funds to support our mission of research, education, and clinical support to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

With regards,

Kathleen Bleckenberg

Board Chair
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM

June 7, 2025

Club Name _____ District _____

Contact Person (please print) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Donation Amount: \$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$35 _____ \$25 _____

Check the box for the type of donation:

- ☐ Club Donation
☐ Personal Donation

\$25 donation with no t-shirt.

*\$35 donation includes a t-shirt. Registration form must be received by **April 20th, 2025** to receive a t-shirt.*

****Complete the next page for t-shirts***

Club Sponsorships:

\$1000 level - Club's name on the back of the t-shirt and up to 28 entrants with t-shirts

\$500 level - Up to 14 entrants with t-shirts

\$250 level - Up to 7 entrants with t-shirts

\$100 level - Up to 3 entrants with t-shirts

Check the box for which event you/your club are attending:

- ☐ Dfeet Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
☐ Dfeet Walk at the Diamond Point Park in Bemidji
☐ Donation Only

Please send check and registration form to:

Lion Rose Thies, Treasurer
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation
21515 371st Avenue
Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

Please make check payable to: Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

T-Shirt Order

Please list each member/guest that would like to receive a t-shirt along with their email address and size. T-shirts are available in adult sizes small to 5XL and child small-large. **Save Time for Everyone! Emails are required for us to send electronic waivers before the event.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>T-Shirt Size</u>
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Consider Hosting a Youth Exchange Student this summer

What is Youth Exchange?	Students from around the world come to Minnesota for the month of July and live with host families. This is an amazing way to share our culture and learn about others.
Travel Dates	Jul 1, 2025 to Aug 3, 2025
Camp Spicer Dates	July 25, 2025 to August 2, 2025...all students come together for a week of activities. No hosting required during this week.
What's next?	Stay inspired, and participate in achieving World Peace one young person at a time!

For more information about this incredible opportunity please contact your District Youth Exchange chair or PDG Sue Mullen/ES Cindy Walters at MD5MLionsyouthexchange@gmail.com.

Not able to host this summer? Perhaps you/your club would consider sponsoring a Camp Activity

<input type="checkbox"/> \$8,800	Bussing for the week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,200	Valleyfair	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	Camp Confidence Team Building
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500	Brainerd Housing (3 nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600	Zoo Event	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	T-shirts
<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000	Metro Housing (3 nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	Banquet facility rental	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	Evening Snacks
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,700	Chanhasen Dinner Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	A Meal for Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Any amount is helpful!!!
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500	Dorm Housing (2 nights)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	Mini-Golf		

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated by the students and staff of MD5M Youth Exchange.
MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation is a 501(c)3 and can accept gambling funds. (EIN #46-4182698)

Checks can be mailed to: MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation; attn: Cindy Walters; 1915 Waterford Circle, Chaska MN USA 55318



Lions Clubs International – Partnerships Matter!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."— Helen Keller

How many of you have heard this Helen Keller quote before? This is one of the most quoted statements from a pivotal person in Lions Clubs International history. While this quote does describe the importance of Lions joining together to provide service to our communities and beyond, this insightful statement can also apply to how we Lions interact with others in our towns and globally.



All Lions clubs have groups and organizations in their communities that perform similar duties (service projects, fundraisers, community outreach, etc.). Many of these organizations we easily recognize (Rotary, Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Masons). We all know the youth-oriented organizations in our area (Leos, Scouts, youth sports teams, school teams & clubs). You also know of other groups that are active in your community (Firefighters, Police, City staff, Medical center staff, Professionals associations, Homeless shelters, Food shelves, etc.).



All of these various organizations are potential partners for your Lions club events and service projects. In addition, partnering with these other groups may provide you with opportunities to help those organizations with their community events and projects, or the possibility to collaborate on new community activities & fundraisers.

Make sure your Lions club reaches out to other community groups when promoting your events & projects. Develop a partnership with these organizations to help in the planning, promoting, and execution of these events. See if you can utilize the other organization's marketing contacts to help in promoting your individual and joint projects. Spend time meeting with these groups to learn about what they do in the community and how they do things when organizing and operating their projects. You may learn tips on how to better your own projects.

Lions and other local organizations should not be adversaries. All of these groups have a common goal: the betterment of our communities. Please reach out to these other organizations. Find ways to work together and make sure to promote your Lions club's involvement.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Lyle Goff
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair
gofflt@msn.com



Can Do Canines to Host Open House May 18

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

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



There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



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5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

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

DISTRICT 5M-2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST 2024-2025



Congratulations to this year's
Environmental Photo Contest Winners!



1st Place
"Brighton Beauty"
Lion Tricia Gieseke
Lafayette Area Lions Club



2nd Place
"Pollinators"
Lion Lindsay Clark Astrup
Jordaness Lions Club



3rd Place
"Saint Peter Heavenly Sunrise"
Lion Warren W. West
St. Peter Lions Club

We had fifteen beautiful photo submissions this year, and they truly brightened up a gray, snowy weekend.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the contest!



2029 Lions International Convention fundraiser

Brought to you by the Host Committee for the 2029 Minneapolis International Convention

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

**The International Convention is coming to
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the
needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

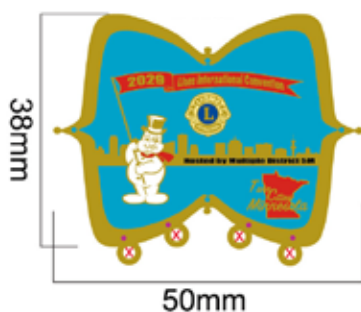
\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms

Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



Reach out to PDG Rick Wagener to purchase patches or pins.

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Gibbon Lions



SAVING KIDS SIGHT IS A MISSION OF THE GIBBON LION'S CLUB. ON FEBRUARY 4th, MEMBERS OF THE GIBBON LION'S CLUB USED 2 CAMERA'S TO SCREEN NEARLY 200 STUDENTS AT THE GFW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH THE LION'S KIDSIGHT PROGRAM,. IF CHILDREN CAN'T SEE WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THEN TO LEARN EFFICIENTLY. THE LION'S ORGANIZATION PROVIDES FUNDS FOR COVERING THE EXPENSE OF AN EYE EXAM AND GLASSES, IF NEEDED. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: RIVER ROBIN, LION RICHARD ISAKSON, GFW NURSE DANIELLE BRUNS, LION SUE BUERKLE AND LION RICHARD GRAUPMAN. ALSO SCREENING THE STUDENTS WERE LION SUE BENTZ, LION JO GATTON AND LION JOYCE WOODS.

Glencoe Lions

President Josh Odden accepts award from Glencoe police department for the ongoing contributions from the Glencoe Lions for various items to better the community.



Glencoe Lions President Josh Odden presents Glencoe Country Club with a AED for their site



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**What are your clubs doing for Membership Recruitment?
Share the NEWS!!**

Stewart Lions

We had 2VD Governor, Chuck Toltzman visit our club meeting in January. We also asked everyone to come with a New Years cap/hat to celebrate the coming of 2025.

2VDG Toltzman awarded Lion Orville Trettin with a pin for 45 years in Lions!



Brownton Lions

The Brownton Lions held their February meeting on a very cold Monday night. We had thank you's from the United Community Action for helping to support their Christmas project & from the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf for helping support them.

Went through the 1st readings & had no 2nd readings because we expedited them through last month due to time frame.

We went through the results of the spaghetti dinner we served back in January. We noted it a success!! First time

trying it so room for improvement. Rich & Jackie Pohlmer attended convention & reported back on that. Made up a basket to donate & distributed the parade of green checks. They brought back to the club a banner & pin of Club Excellence for 2023-2024!!! How exciting !!

Finalized our fish fry coming up March 21st.

Accepted some new scholarship applications.

Most important we gave out our new member Pam Noren her certificate !!!



Waconia DandyLions

We are BLOWN away with the success of the Frozen Fairway Open!

We may have started off the day with whipping winds and snow blowing in our faces, but it didn't hinder most of our golfers, or the amazing hole sponsors who stayed out most of the day!

We will be handing a check over to the Hope Chest in the amount of \$6,500, which will go a long way to the breast cancer patients! The remaining funds raised go towards

our club's other initiatives throughout the year.

Without all of our amazing sponsors, brave hole sponsors, phenomenal volunteers, fellow Lion's Club rocking the food and drinks, and Mike Bustin for keeping things jamming, this amazing event wouldn't have been so successful! Our hearts are overfilled with joy!

We are excited to do it again next year!

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 31st 2026



NYA West Carver Lions

Lion Mary Balzum presenting our 5M2 Peace Poster 3rd place winner Alyssa Lunow with her award.



We inducted 2 new members at our February meeting. Shown are sponsor Lion Bonnie Wigfield, new Lion Sandy Timm, new Lion Sharon Beneke, sponsor Lion Judy Maas and Lion Mary Spille.



LeSueur Lions

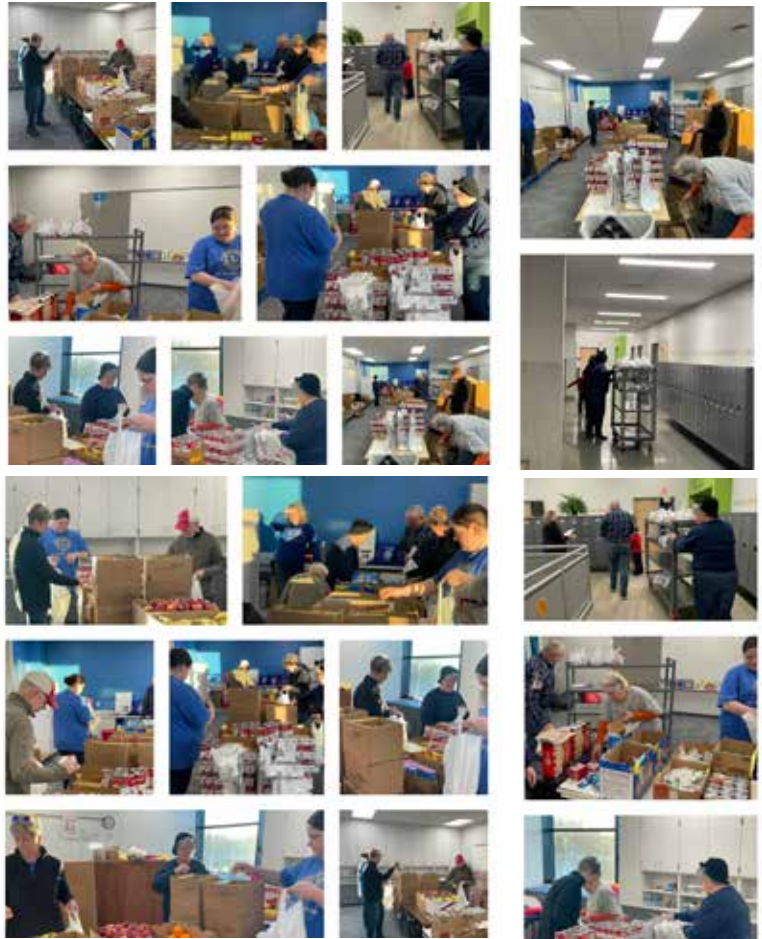
Thursday, January 16th Lions Barb, Rose Ann, Robin, and Kim spent their morning with kidsight screening 22 three to four-year-old preschoolers at Le Sueur Henderson Elementary. As well as 9 additional children from Henderson to prepare them for kindergarten.



Lion Julie and Kim participated in the Polar Plunge in Saint Peter with the Lions Rocks Team! And over 300 other jumpers contributing to the event's total of over \$73,043. and more than \$1.4 million in the last 19 years for Special Olympics.



On January 24th, the Le Sueur Lions Club partnered with the Le Sueur Rotary Club to pack eighty backpack bags through the food program at the new Le Sueur Elementary School.



On January 29th Lion Kim delivered donations of hand sanitizer, tissues, and disinfectant wipes collected from members at the Lions meeting to be donated to the new Le Sueur Henderson Elementary School.



5M-2 PARADE OF GREEN RESULTS

Foundation	2023	2024	2025
LCIF	\$18,935	\$30,023	\$28,386
MN Lions Vision	\$15,420	\$17,720	\$19,370
MN Hearing	\$14,910	\$15,660	\$16,610
Leader Dogs	\$12,785	\$14,435	\$15,435
Can Do Canines	\$11,860	\$13,290	\$14,610
KidSight	\$9,975	\$10,945	\$12,140
MN Lions Childhood Cancer	\$13,210	\$15,735	\$18,185
MN Diabetes	\$13,225	\$14,253	\$15,210
5M-2 Diabetes	\$4,760	\$4,655	\$4,855
MD5M Youth Exchange	\$4,375	\$4,335	\$5,230
5M-2 Youth Exchange	\$5,525	\$5,110	\$4,985
5M-2 Youth Outreach	\$6,060	\$7,085	\$7,135
Project New Hope	\$11,185	\$12,310	\$11,735
Team Sheehan Foundation	\$6,000	\$7,050	\$7,535
Totals	\$148,225	\$172,606	\$181,421



Wow!



THANK YOU LIONS!



2/1/2025
ST. PETER, MN

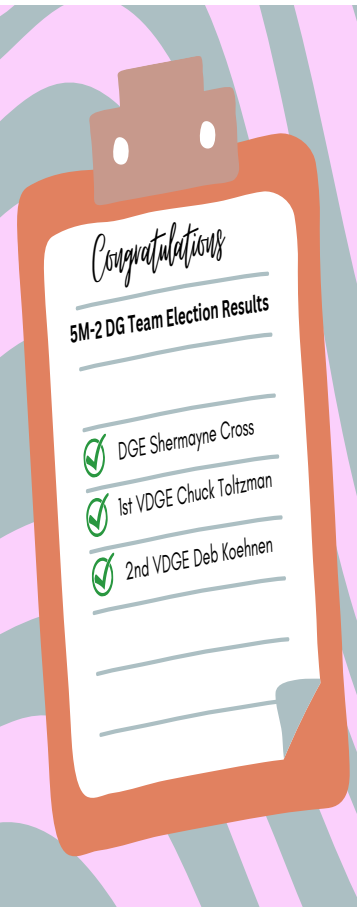


THANK
YOU!



TEAM LIONS ROCK RAISED \$9,000 FOR
SPECIAL OLYMPICS.
CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL
OF THE SUPPORT!!
~ DG LISA

YOU ARE UP NEXT DGE SHERMAYNE!



Congratulations

5M-2 DG Team Election Results

- ✓ DGE Shermayne Cross
- ✓ 1st VDGE Chuck Toltzman
- ✓ 2nd VDGE Deb Koehn

Welcome

New Lions Club Members

Amboy:
Deborah Herber

Chaska:
Allie Westerholm

Cologne:
Jeri Bowers

Glencoe:
Inga Odden

Jordan Jordanness:
Rebecca Brewster
Jan Gilmer

NYA - West Carver:
Sharon Beneke
Shandra Timm

Shakopee Valley:
Bonnie Plekkenpol
Heather Vikla Doblas
Danette Rodriguez

Stewart:
Nathan Knaak

Victoria:
Anne Baker
Bryan Hinz
Jake Thornberg
Mike Herzog
Eric Miller

Waconia Dandylions:
Melissa Mavanda

Wells Lions:
Tom Hansen
Richard Mueller



Arlington Lion's 47th Annual Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th

From 11:00 a.m. to 6:30p.m.
Arlington Event Center
Adults \$18
Children Ages 5-12 \$9
Take Outs Available



Premium Fish
Homemade Potato Salad
Homemade Cole Slaw
Baked Beans
Beverages

Proceeds benefit local projects

We can accept cash & checks only
Thank you for your support

Jordan Lions



Friday, March 7, 2025

4:30 – 7:00 pm

St. John's Catholic Church

Meal includes:

All you can eat fried fish, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, dinner roll, coffee

Take Outs Available

Proceeds support local organizations and events

Hamburg Lions Club

Purse & Gun Bingo

Saturday March 8th, 2025

Hamburg Community Hall

351 Henrietta Ave

Doors open at 4:30pm Bingo Begins at 5:30pm

Purses by: Coach

Kate Spade

Michael Kors



- (2) Radical Arm RF-15 .223/5.56
- Stoeger M3020 20ga
- Savage Axis II w/scope .270
- Glock 17 9mm
- Stoeger STR 9mm
- ATI Cavalry 20ga over/under
- Winchester 12ga SXP upland field

15 Games of Bingo \$50.00

Food \$ Bar available

Must be **18** or older to play



7 games for Purses
8 games for guns



BROWNTON LIONS

Fish Fry
\$17

FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST

**TIME: 4-8PM
OR UNTIL FISH IS GONE**

**UNDER 10 - \$10
5 AND UNDER - FREE**

**VENUE:
BROWNTON COMMUNITY
CENTER
310 SECOND AVE N**

**PROCEEDS GO TO
COMMUNITY
PROJECTS**

**MENU:
Fish, Potatoes, Beans, Breadstick, &
Beverage**

DINE IN AND TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

MARCH 18, 2025
1:30 - 4:30 PM

LIONS DAY AT THE CAPITAL



The goals of Lions Day at the Capitol is to Increase Public Awareness,
Advocate for Change & Strengthen Partnerships

HOW CLUBS CAN PARTICIPATE

GENERATE ENTHUSIASM: SHARE THE EVENT DETAILS AT CLUB MEETINGS.

SET ATTENDANCE GOALS: AIM FOR 5 - 10 ATTENDEES PER CLUB TO ENSURE
STRONG REPRESENTATION.

ENGAGE WITH LOCAL GOVERNING REPRESENTATIVES: SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH YOUR
LOCAL OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES AND INVITE THEM TO ATTEND.



Host: Maple
Grove Lions

To sign-up click the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AF2DA3FCC34-54821515-lions>

SHAKOPEE VALLEY LIONS HAM AND TURKEY BINGO

March 29th
2pm
Shakopee VFW



LIONS

*Rock the
80's*



OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, APRIL 6 1-4PM

@Classic's Pub

125 South 3rd St., Waterville

HELP THE WATERVILLE LIONS CELEBRATE THEIR
80TH ANNIVERSARY

RSVP by March 17 to
507-330-5629 or kimethy14@gmail.com

Chanhasen Lions PANCAKE BREAKFAST



★ Sunday, April 13, 2025 ★

Adults: \$10

Kids 10 & Under: \$5



HACKAMORE
BREWING COMPANY
18651 LAKE DRIVE EAST
CHANHASSEN, MN





2025 WACONIA LIONS CLUB WILD GAME FEED & SPORTSMAN'S DINNER



Saturday April 26th, 4:00pm - 8:00PM
Carver County Fairgrounds, Waconia, MN

Ticket to the Event: \$40 (Kids 16 and under 1/2 price)

Tickets include Wild Game Appetizers, Dinner, Live Music & Door Prizes

Tickets available online or at the following locations:

- Bob's Barber Shop
- Mackenthun's Fine Foods, Waconia
- Cabin Fever, Victoria
- Or call: 612-396-8709 or 612-396-1358



<https://waconialionsclub.org/wild-game-feed/>

Over \$12,000 in Cash and Raffle Prizes!

Raffle tickets available for purchase during the event

The Chanhassen Lions Club Foundation Presents

35TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Money raised benefits the community and organizations we support.

**5 AUGUST 2025 || AT DEER RUN GOLF CLUB
VICTORIA, MN**

\$150 PER PERON

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

**Lunch, Social, Prizes &
Buffet Dinner**

Sign-Up



**Mixed & Ladies Teams
Encouraged**

Prizes For:
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Longest Putt

www.givebutter.com/bVB8A4

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Alden Lions Club will be bringing

POWERHOUSE



to the **Golden Bubble**

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

Watch for further information

Mid-Winter

**Convention
Corner**

**Convention month
is here and gone!**

Thank you for a great weekend.
Save the date for the 2026
convention:

February 13-15, 2026

DGE Shermayne Cross is
already putting plans in motion
to make it a great weekend of
learning, fellowship & fun.

Lions rock!!

**Country Inn & Suites
Mankato, MN**



<https://bagsofsmiles.org/>

Bags of Smiles is a 501C3 organization. 45-5501236

District 5M-2
Global Services Team
Launches the

*Spring Zone Service Project
Meeting dates coming soon and all Lions
invited to attend!*

A district wide service project
benefiting Childhood Cancer
patients across Minnesota

5M-2 Lions are asked to join together during the Spring Zone meetings to support “*Bags of Smiles*”, a Minnesota non-profit organization supporting children from birth - 18, battling cancer and other serious medical illnesses.

Bags of Smiles delivers age appropriate gift bags to patients in 11 different hospitals, from Duluth to Rochester.

Needed Items:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| * Coloring Books | * Coloring Crayons |
| * Stuffed Animals (8” - 12” height) | * Colored Pencils |
| * Lego Kits (\$7—\$10 kits) | * Sticker Packs |

*Monetary donations are used to purchase the additional items needed to fill the bags

