



5m-2 Lions' News



January 2023

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Growing Leaders

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
District Governor

In a wink of an eye! Half of the 2022-2023 year is over. Happy New Year Everyone!

I have been putting a lot of windshield time in visiting clubs, this is the funnest and most energizing for me as a District Governor. Seeing

how these clubs of our district do things, their fundraisers and service projects. I have had the pleasure of inducting new members and installing officers and the food has been awesome!

BIG NEWS!!! 5M-2 has a 2VDG!! Lion Lisa Kaufmann. Lisa is a member of the Chanhassen Lions club, she is our Cabinet Secretary. She will bring new ideas, energy and fun to our DG team. Welcome to TEAM DANGER 2VDG Lisa!!

The Mid-Winter Convention season starts January 6th through February 19th, 2023. All 12 of the districts of 5M will be holding their Mid-Winter conventions, it is customary for the sitting DG, 1VDG and 2VDG to attend their fellow DG's, 1VDG's and 2VDG's Mid-Winters. Last year I was able to attend several and this year not as many but a fun time will be had by all.

5M-2's Mid-Winter convention planning committee has been hard at work putting together this year's convention. It will be held February 10, 11, and 12th at the Country Inn and Suites in Mankato. Our visiting International Director is ID Deb Weaverling and her husband Lion Ron Weaverling.

Friday late afternoon the cabinet meeting will be held followed by opening ceremony and service of remembrance.

The Rain Kings will be performing Friday Night. The theme this year is dress as a farmer of a vegetable.

There will be three speakers - two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Saturday the speakers are PDG Jay Norby MD5M's GMA champion speaking on Global Membership Approach I feel it's very important to understand more about the GMA and implement it in every club. It is working, for the first time in a long time, MD5M is at a positive membership.

Service project during the business meeting will be sorting glasses, collecting pop tabs and tying fleece blankets to donate to the Ronald McDonald house.

Banquet will be held Saturday night, trivia will be the entertainment Saturday night.

Raffle Baskets will be on hand. All clubs are being asked to donate a raffle basket, even individual donations are welcome. The funds raised will help with convention costs.

Sunday our third speaker is Lion Lisa Kaufmann speaking on New Voices.

We are putting together a program booklet again this year. Please consider placing an ad personally, from your Club, and/or Businesses.



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Giving Thanks



*Lion Christy Trutnau
1st Vice District Governor*

It's hard to believe that 2022 is already over, where did the time go? No one really knows as it seems time moves fast; we were serving others!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season filled with family, friends, love, laughter, and many memories. I for one do not enjoy the holiday season so much any more as this time of year coordinates with the anniversary of my sons horrible passing.

January is a good time to look back on the past year and see if your clubs have accomplished the goals they have set forth and maybe create new goals for the new year! January is also a great time to recognize and thank other fellow Lions for their hard work. The Zone Lion of the Year is a great way to recognize that Lion in your club that has stood out to your club for always being the person who is at the activities; and has gone above and beyond or the Lion in your club who goes about their Lion duties for the joy and satisfaction that they find in helping others. The Zone Lion of the Year form is included in the newsletter. Please consider nominating someone from your clubs! My goal is to have entries from each club from all eight zones. As a reminder...they are due to me by February 18th, 2023.

Mid-Winter Convention will be here before we know it; have you registered for the convention yet? If not, there is still time to get your registration in! DG Kathleen is "Growing Leaders" and you will want to be part of that garden! Remember to dress up as your favorite vegetable/fruit or farmer! Hope to see you there!

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

You can contact me at:

952-261-8581- phone
Christy1135@gmail.com

Happy New Year 5M-2 Lions!



*Lion Lisa Kaufmann
2nd Vice District Governor*

Seems like we were just ringing in 2022 and there was a DG with the name Kaufmann, ready for another one to be in the line-up? With the unfortunate passing of 2nd VDG Gerald Ziskovsky, our District had a need to fill the vacancy. These were big shoes to fill, Lion Gerald had been fully prepared to lead and was looking forward to continuing his own Lions journey. In contemplating raising my hand, I thought what I have learned and the activities I have participated in as a Partner in Service to CC Glenn, not only in the District but at the Multiple and International levels. Felt the time was now to add my name to the list of potential candidates. Beyond grateful for being selected and given the opportunity to be a leader in our District. Have some catch-up to do and will get there in the next few months. My hope is to lead in a way which would have made Lion Gerald

proud, as well as all my fellow Lions in 5M-2. While working to develop the message I want to carry forward, the one thing I do know is I will share information about the MN Childhood Cancer Foundation, as this was very near and dear to Lion Gerald.

2022 brought a few firsts for CC Glenn and me, we attended our 1st International Convention and the USA/Canada Forum (not a first), which were the first times we had visited Montreal and Calgary. We both worked to broaden our Lions knowledge and facilitation/presentation skills. Since FDI was being held in Shakopee, we took the opportunity to complete certification. I was able to obtain my Lions Masters at the Forum since CC Glenn's gallbladder got in the way to obtain it in Des Moines in 2021. Hope to share what we learn with all of you in 5M-2.

As I begin this journey, I think about all the pancakes, chicken, and pork chops yet to come! CC Glenn and I enjoy supporting clubs in the District and Multiple District with their fundraisers. We also look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones along the way. 2023 is starting with us excited to experience some more firsts, as we missed some activities during CC Glenn's VDG years due to the pandemic. See you at the MidWinter Convention in Mankato next month!



LCIF Pledge Form

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

PLEDGE INFORMATION

I pledge a **total contribution** of US\$ _____ to LCIF.

My first payment, US\$ _____, will be made by _____
Month/Day/Year

Pledges of US\$25,000+ are payable over five years; pledges of US\$5,000+ are payable over three years. If no payment frequency is selected, LCIF assumes equal annual installments based on pledge amount.

PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

Monthly

My monthly payment

is to be US\$ _____

Annually

My preferred annual payment

is US\$ _____

Other

I will make _____ equal

payments of US\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

Check **Wire Transfer** **Credit Card*/PayPal**

*Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate or provide:

VISA MC AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

DONOR INFORMATION

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information:

Name (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Member ID _____

Club Name _____ District Name _____

Please keep my personal and donation information anonymous. I understand my club/district (if any) may receive recognition for my donation.

Signature _____

Month/Day/Year _____

How to Donate

Several methods are available to support LCIF.

Credit Card or PayPal

Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate.

Check

Send US\$ checks, **payable to LCIF**, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Wire Transfer

To transfer funds to LCIF, present the information below to your bank, along with local currency funds covering the amount of your donation and applicable bank charges.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
10 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, IL 60603 USA

ABA Routing Number: 021000021
Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation
Account Number: 754487312
Swift International Banking Number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or wire transfer form – along with your name, member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. If requesting recognition, please include the recipient's name, member ID, club name, and district name.

Local Bank Deposit

Lions Clubs International has accounts at local banks in several countries. Find a list of banks at which donations may be made at lionsclubs.org/paymentbycountry. Email a copy of your deposit receipt – along with your name, member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, member ID, club name, and district name.

Transfer of Stock

To transfer stock or other securities, use the instructions and form found at lionsclubs.org/waystogive.

Complete Your Pledge Form Today!

Please return your completed form by either:

- **Email:** Scan and send to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org
- **Postal Service:** Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547 | Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

If including your initial payment with the form, please follow instructions above.

The Top 10 Ways To get ready for Mid-Winter The Down and Dirty List

1. Make your Hotel Reservations
2. Get your Mid-Winter registration to Lion Shermayne Cross,
 - a. Registration form in the Newsletter or Website
 - b. Meal and protein Selection on the registration form
3. Decide to Dress up as a:
 - a. Vegetable
 - b. Farmer
4. Help your club put together a Gift Basket for the Silent Auction
5. Take Photo of Environmental Contest and submit to Lion Pam Koenen
6. Bring your collected:
 - a. Eye glasses
 - b. Hearing Aids
 - c. Pop Tops
7. Determine your club delegates and sent to Lion Lisa Kaufmann
8. Contact PDG Eunice Rucks, in regard to any members that have passed in the last year, Photo (digital to her and a printed one (4 x 6) for poster board. Any questions contact DG Kathleen
9. Purchase Ad for Program Booklet
10. Save dollars for Various Raffles at Mid-Winter



2023 LIONS 5M-2

Mid-Winter Convention

Growing Leaders

February 10-12, 2022
Country Inn & Suites Hotel & Conference Center
1900 Premier Dr., Mankato, MN
507/225-0007

Registration Information:
\$40 registration fee per attendee
Register using the paper form on the next page

Convention Schedule:

Friday, February 10

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| 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Registration – Conference Center Lobby |
| 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Cabinet Meeting & Dinner (by invitation) |
| 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Opening Ceremony & Celebration of Life |
| 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. | Rain Kings & Cash Bar – Dress like a farmer or fruit/veggie |

Saturday, February 11

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| 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. | Registration |
| 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. | Coffee & Juice available |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Speakers: Global Membership Approach (GMA) & MN Hearing Foundation |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Speakers: Global Membership Approach (GMA) & MN Hearing Foundation |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Service Project & Networking Time |
| 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Lunch & Program |
| 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | Business Meeting & Service Project |
| 6:00 p.m. | ID & Governor's Reception (Cash Bar) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Governor's Banquet |
| 9:00 p.m. | Evening Mixer & Cash Bar |

Sunday, February 12

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| 8:15 a.m. | Ecumenical Service |
| 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Coffee & Juice |
| | Speaker: New Voices |
| | Awards, Parade of Green & Speaker |



2023 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention Growing Leaders

Hotel & Venue Information

February 10-12, 2022
Country Inn & Suites Hotel & Conference Center
900 Premier Dr., Mankato, MN
507/225-0007

Booking Link:

<https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/country-inn-conference-mankato-mn/deals/5m2-lions>

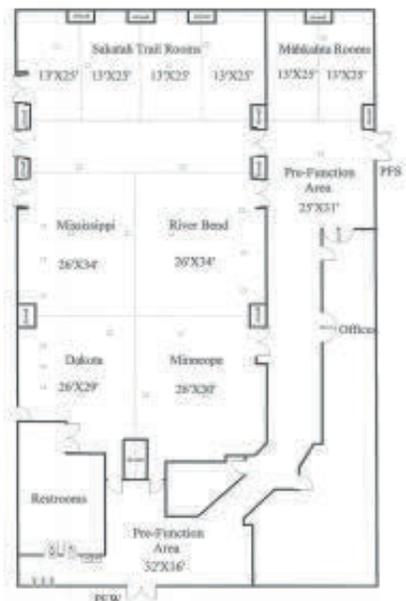
Room Price: Thursday night \$99; Friday, Saturday \$125.

Room Block Valid until January 10, 2023
(Book early – we have added additional rooms to the block already)

Enjoy the following services and amenities during your stay:

- Free, hot breakfast
- Free Wi-Fi
- Fitness center
- Indoor pool and hot tub
- Rooms and suites with a mini fridge and microwave

Conference Center





Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention February 10-12, 2023



NOTE: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

Last Name	First Name	E-mail address
Address or PO	Club Name	Phone Number
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs
Guest or Spouse Last Name	Guest or Spouse First Name	Address if Different

Please follow these instructions to register for the convention:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions. *Visiting dignitaries and invited guests will be the only exceptions.*
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Make Checks payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention and mail to:
Lion Shermayne Cross
18209 Roberds Lake Blvd.
Faribault, MN 55021
Call Lion Shermayne with questions-(507) 330-1544
- **Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to Lion Shermayne at the above address or call.**
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before Jan. 12, 2023– Full refund; January 13-February 2- 90% refund; after Feb. 2-no refund.

Registration fee for all attendees is \$40.00

NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		All Meal Package (Includes Sat. Lunch and Sat. Banquet) \$ 56.00	
<i>Ex. (A- Ham)</i>	<i>(B)</i>	Saturday Lunch \$ 21.00 Please choose one; add letter and meat under guest A. Box Lunch-Turkey or Ham or Roast Beef- (includes pasta & a cookie). B. Garden Salad w/Chicken. C. Garden Salad Only.	
		Saturday Banquet \$ 35.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Pork Loin w/baby red potatoes and zucchini medley. B. Quinoa Stuffed Peppers w/baby red potatoes and zucchini. C. Champagne Chicken w/baby red potatoes and zucchini.	
		Cabinet Meeting (not included in meal pkg.) \$ 21.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Caesar Salad w/Chicken. B. Deli Sandwich and Soup.	
Total Meal Cost			
Total Registration Fees			
Grand Total Meals & Registration			

*** Name tags will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in
and must be worn to allow entry to meals and all events!***

District 5M-2 PARADE OF GREEN

by Lisa Kaufmann

Parade of Green is an integral part of the 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention. The purpose of the Parade of Green is to give District 5M-2 Lions Clubs the opportunity to provide monetary donations to foundations/programs our District supports. The donations received are most of the funding for each of these foundations/programs. Please review the list below to see the current participants, there is a new addition of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation. As your club evaluates your Parade of Green donations, consider donating at least a small amount to each one.

The list includes if they are a 501 (c)(3) and their tax identification number. If the foundation/program is 501 (c)(3) donations can come from either gambling or project funds. If not, funding may only come from project funds. Our ask is for each club within the District to donate even a small amount to each foundation.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): (501 (c)(3)/23-7030455) LCIF is the main humanitarian arm of the Lions around the world. Donated funds are recorded as a Melvin Jones donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Records for donations are kept by LCIF.

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/41-6026488) The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation has been working to help the blind and visually impaired since 1960. Through their support of Lions Gift of Sight (formerly Minnesota Lions Eye Bank), their collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology, and their work collecting and distributing used eyeglasses, the Foundation helps countless people every day. Donated funds are recorded as a Helen Keller donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Helen Keller Award in honor of those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. Records for donations are kept by the Vision Foundation.

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation: (501(c)(3)/41-6172730) The Foundation was founded in 1973 to fully promote the advance of research and programs concerned with hearing health and communication disorders. Further, it was founded to help with the organization and administration of these activities throughout the Lions Multiple District 5M, which encompasses Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a Hearing Research Fellowship. A second donation in the same named individual will receive a Progressive Fellowship.

Diabetes: Clubs can donate to either or both.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/26-3238179) Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities. Donated funds are recorded as a Dream Catcher donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Dream Catcher Award. Records for donations are kept by your own Club.

5M-2 Diabetes: Funds stay in District 5M-2.

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/83-2970348) A charity of the Lions Clubs of Minnesota to support efforts to end childhood cancer. A relatively new

initiative by the Foundation involves partnering with local Lions Clubs to help local families dealing with childhood cancer. Thus far, we have approved matches \$500 to three local Lions Clubs who had fundraisers for local families. The Believe Award has been established to recognize Clubs and individuals who have donated \$1,000 to the Foundation to further our mission to assist patients and families dealing with childhood cancer.



MD5M KidSight Foundation: (501 (c)(3)/81-3338106) KidSight is a program to screen the vision of children, primarily between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. About 7 to 15% of children screened will be referred for follow-up professional exams. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a "Sight Saver" award.

Can Do Canines: (501 (c)(3)/41-1594165) Can do Canines raises and trains Mobility Assist, Diabetes Assist, Autism Assist, Hearing Assist, Seizure Assist and other Service Dogs. The dogs are provided at no charge to the recipient. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a "Top Dog" award. Donation records are kept by Can do Canines.

Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota: (501 (c)(3)/27-2749699) Provides family retreats for veterans and their families with educational skills to manage their lives after wartime service. The organization provides these activities totally free to the veterans and their families.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: (501 (c)(3)/38-1366931) People who are blind or visually impaired endure hardships most of us can barely imagine. Things that were once routine and taken for granted may gradually or suddenly become insurmountable hurdles. Leader Dogs for the Blind provide white cane training to matching people with a Leader Dog, they provide the tools and training to reintroduce people to a life of independence, confidence, and companionship. It's a way of living that leads to a new perspective on life.

Youth Exchange: Clubs can donate to either or both.

MD5M Youth Exchange: (501 (c)(3)/46-4182698) The Lions Youth Exchange Program was launched to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and cultures other than their own to promote world peace. Young people are given the opportunity of living with a family or families in a foreign country for a few weeks to experience first-hand a new culture, history, and a different way of life. The goal is to have each participant upon returning home share his or her experiences in promoting international understanding.

5M-2 Youth Exchange: Funds stay in 5M-2.

5M-2 Youth Outreach: The Youth Outreach program is a part of the Lions Organization encompassing Leos, Peace Poster, Essay Contest, Liberty Day & Write-Off.

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation: (501 (c)(3)) The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was formed to provide matching funds for MD5M Club projects which are too large for the Club to do itself, but too small for a LCIF grant. The Foundation hopes to be able to begin awarding matching fund grants in the 2023-24 Lion year.



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

PLEASE USE EYEGLASSES DONATION BOXES FOR HEARING AIDES AS WELL.

The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Trustees will be collecting hearing aids at the DISTRICT CONVENTIONS this winter.

If you could separate out hearing aids from eyeglasses when you come to your conventions, we will be able to take care of them without having to go through all the eyeglasses. Please write your district on them so when they are recycled, they can be credited to your district.



Can you also make sure the containers have a notice on them that "Hearing Aides" are also welcomed? Some of the older boxes do not specifically say this. THANKS!



Can Do Canines Fetching Ball Gala

Can Do Canines will be hosting its annual Fetching Ball Gala on Saturday, February 25, 2023. This year's event will be held at the Radisson Blu Mall of America, with KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

We invite you to join us for this evening that celebrates the amazing teams of Can Do Canines. Enjoy dinner, inspiring stories, games, and silent and live auctions – all benefitting the organization. See candocanines.org/fetchingball for more information and to purchase tickets.



Grady's At-home Skills are a True Gift for Steve

November 16, 2022

Steve and Sherry were no strangers to Can Do Canines. Steve had Can Do Canine Rhett, a Golden Retriever, as a Mobility Assist Dog from 2007 until early 2021 when Rhett passed.

Rhett had helped Steve with various tasks, both at home and out in the community. However, with the pandemic in effect, Steve was realizing that staying mostly at home was becoming his new way of life. He didn't feel he needed a true mobility dog again, but having a certified dog that could help with tasks around the house was necessary. So when he and Sherry attended a virtual presentation about skilled home companions, led by Can Do Canines Director of Training Julianne Larsen, they felt they had a new option.

In mid-2022, Steve was paired with Skilled Home Companion Grady, a 3-year-old Golden Retriever/Lab mix. Steve uses a wheelchair, having no function in his hands or legs. He says of Grady, "He's my hands."

Grady's "hands" and other body parts pick up items Steve drops and open and close doors and drawers. In fact, Steve remembers while in between dogs, he was outside and saw something lying in the yard. He recalls, "I figure I'll just go get it. And I got thinking, 'Well, what am I gonna do when I get there? I can't pick it up anyways.'"

Now it's Grady who subdues that feeling of helplessness in multiple ways. He's a pro when asked to "Get Mom" (Sherry), nudging her so she knows Steve needs her assistance, day or night. Although Steve claims an earthquake couldn't awaken Sherry, Grady knows all the tricks to do so, helping her realize that Steve might need to be re-positioned or have a blanket removed.

At times, it's Grady who needs to give assistance while Steve is lying down. By snuggling up and applying deep pressure therapy, Grady can help relieve Steve's back spasms. Not only does this alleviate discomfort, but as Steve says, "It takes a person's anxiety away." He goes on to share that having Grady makes his life so much easier. "Just the self-confidence a guy has knowing that ... if I gotta get a phone or something, [he'll] get it."

Upon getting Grady, Steve was also given some other special items. He explains, "Whoever was training Grady sent two Christmas ornaments that had his picture" and a note to be sure to give to Grady." Steve was deeply touched by the gesture. Yet, it's clear that the gift of Grady is all Steve could have asked for.

Steve and Sherry want to "thank everybody that gives to Can Do Canines. It's all appreciated. We wouldn't be able to afford a dog [otherwise]," says Steve.



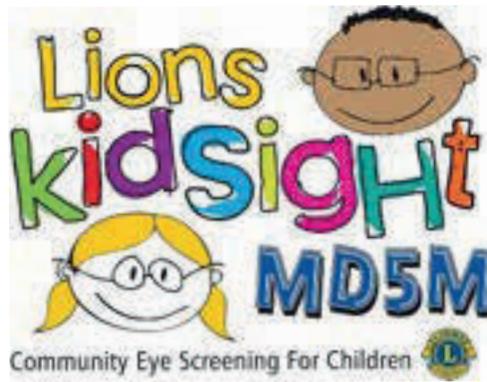
5M-2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

Submit your club events and Lions
program articles to:

5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

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

Kidsight is back in action. Our cameras have been in use this past months'. We need to have more of the clubs contacting their schools and daycares. Some of the clubs who did Kidsight in the past need to check with their communities. We also need to see some of the clubs that we have trained in the past to work on getting their daycares and schools to take advantage of this wonderful free service. Lions Margie and Harry can be available to help you get started. I know right now with all the virus's floating around that daycares and schools may be reluctant, start contacting them for the Spring. Make sure you to have your club secretary's report their service hours to International.



With February we are into time for your clubs to think of donating to the Parade of Green. The Kidsight foundation has many expenses, such as upkeep on the cameras, batteries, upkeep on printers, printer ink, and paper. We also pay to have to keep the warranties up on the cameras, so if they damaged or start to malfunction and we have to send them in to be repaired. This is why we mention the Parade of Green.

Contact Lion Margie at 507-649-1034; lionmargie11@gmail.com or

Lion Harry at 952-445-0289/cell 952-913-8134; lm.klenke@outlook.com.



Leader Dog for the Blind is in the midst of their Sponsor a Puppy program. The Prior Lake Lions have adopted sponsoring a puppy for Lion Members whom have passed away from our club.

This past year we lost Lion Gerald Ziskovsky after a short battle with Cancer. Lion Gerald was serving as our current Second Vice District Governor. You may remember from midwinters as the Game night host. The Prior Lake Lions sponsored a Leader Dog Puppy named "Rusty" he is a Golden Retriever. Lion Gerald did many things for our club and was the club's gambling manager when he passed in September.

In October of 2021 Lion Sheila Stahler passed away after a short battle with cancer and other medical issues. She was serving as Prior Lake Lion's president at that time. She is most noted for her devotion to the Peace Poster contest. The puppy Prior Lake Lions sponsored "Carmello" a Golden/Labrador retriever cross.

Leader Dog has 6 puppies anyone could adopt. Adoption assists with costs of raising, training and placing the puppy. Any club can find information on the Leader Dog for the Blind website, or contact Lion Loretta Klenke for the form.

Leader Dog's mission would not be possible without your commitment to our organization. To sustain our efforts for years to come, it is important for more people to know about Leader Dog. Our goal is for everyone who encounters us to understand:

Our mission, what we stand for, why we matter, and how we do what we do better than anyone. Together, we need to communicate a consistent message to family, friends and the surrounding communities. The kind of message that sparks a conversation, ignites passion and motivates people to take action.

As a result, Leader Dog will be able to continue to impact the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired, extend our outreach to new areas and build a bigger community of supporters.

Please consider giving to Leader Dog for Blind at the 5M-2 midwinter Convention February 10 thru 13th. Your donation will be well received and put to good use.

If you desire a Club visit to learn more about Leader Dog, please contact Lion Loretta Klenke at lm.klenke@outlook.com or phone 952-445-0289. My Co-chair Lion Lori Kurtz and I are teaming up to deliver Leader Dog message. Thank You.

PEACE



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

“Lead with Compassion”

PDG Diana Kroells District Peace Poster Chairperson

Thank you to the 18 clubs (29% of district) that participated in the Peace Poster Contest. There were a total of 23 posters submitted for judging by these clubs. The posters were very good and I am glad I did not have to make the decision picking the winners as I had 5 non-Lions judging these posters. It was truly fun to see how unique each student has shown their own interpretation on how to “Lead with Compassion”- this year’s theme. This year’s winning poster was submitted by the Cologne Lions, 2nd place- Lester Prairie Lions and 3rd place- West Carver Lions. Congratulations to the winners.

If your club did not submit an entry this year, please consider this as one of your projects in 2023. Just remember, you must order a separate kit for each poster that you submit. Many towns have multiple schools so if you want to choose a poster from each school- you must order multiple kits. The new kits for 2023 will be available in January from Lions International. As I write this, the theme has not yet been released.

You will see all of the 2022 posters displayed at the District 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention in February.



Lions International Youth Exchange

Please consider donating to the Parade of Green in support of our two Youth Exchange projects: 5M-2 Youth Exchange as well as the MD5M Lions International Youth Exchange Foundation.

Planning for this summer’s exchange is well underway and these dollars will go to support students coming in to the U.S. as well as those from 5M-2 going out on an exchange.

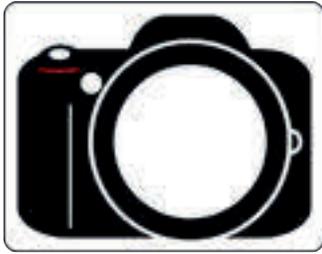
To learn more about Youth Exchange and/or to become a host family, please contact Jim Walters at golfwithJim@gmail.com or 952-239-2559. Thank you.



New Year's Resolutions

- Attend the 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
- Attend the MD5M Convention
- Read the 5M-2 District Newsletter Every Month
- Invite One New Person to Join a Club Activity or Meeting

Wishing 5M-2 Lions a Healthy & Happy New Year!
DG Kathleen, 1st VDG Christy & 2nd VDG Lisa



5M-2 Lions Environmental Photo Contest

2022-2023 Contest Rules

- The 2022-2023 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme (i.e. plants, animals, landscape, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
- Photos should be original, unaltered and must be taken by the submitting Lion or Leo.
- Photo must have been taken in 2022
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
- Photos that include people will be disqualified.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10 " (20.3 x 25.4 cm).
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- Each LIONS and LEO club in District 5M-2 is invited to select and submit one entry to the Environmental Chair by January 15, 2023.
- All entries will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality.
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd based on the above criteria.
- There will be one prize awarded for People's Choice based on voting at the 2023 Mid-Winter Convention.
- Mail entry along with name of the Lion/Leo photographer, club, and date and location of photo to:

Lion Pamela Koenen
62702 150th St.
Alden, MN 56009

Questions?? Contact 5M-2 Environmental Chair: Lion Pam Koenen
(pkkoenen@gmail.com)

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Green Isle Lions



(Left) Former Green Isle Lions Secretary, Haven Hawkins was recognized with a Melvin Jones Fellowship as presented by DG Kathleen Bleckeberg at our annual Christmas Party. Lion Carl Belz was also honored for his service with a MN Hearing Foundation Fellowship.



(Right) Santa was surrounded by some very helpful Green Isle Elves as he visited with Children on a December Saturday in Green Isle. Lions Rita Edmonds, Lion Cheryl Farber and Lion Wendy Bigaouette helped Santa greet children, pass out bags filled with candy, nuts and fruits and handed out coloring books before the children went on Fire Truck Rides. This event was co-sponsored by the Green Isle Sportsmen's Club, Green Isle American Legion, Green Isle Fire Department as well as the Lions.

The Green Isle Lions participated in the annual Christmas Tree Stroll at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Over \$550 and 166 pounds of food were collected for the Sibley County Food Shelf. This tree was decorated in honor of serving our community for over 50 years. We used the traditional Lions Colors of purple and gold along with some of our 50 year anniversary programs and lions that our members had collected. (Right) Shown here with their handiwork are Lion Rita Edmonds, Lion Cheryl Farber, Lion Wendy Bigaouette and Lion Diane Brown.



**From Our Club to yours, We wish you
a Very Wonderful New Year!**



Waconia Lions

Waconia Lions Club
December 3 at 11:35 AM
While many of us Lions were delivering flowers this morning, across town another team of Waconia Lions were working hard on our second holiday Military Mailing event. Thanks for helping on this event!



Waconia Lions Club
December 3 at 10:57 AM
Waconia Lions delivered 550 poinsettias to 8 assisted living facilities around town this morning.



5M-2 PDGs Celebrate the Holidays



Jordaness Lions



Oh, what fun the Jordaness club had at the annual JordanDazzle parade in downtown Jordan. The air was cold, but that didn't stop hundreds of spectators from lining the street to enjoy a festive kick off to the holidays.



The Jordaness club joined forces with the Jordan Lions to celebrate the holidays and a shared commitment to service. The joint meeting, which took place at the Ridges at Sand Creek, featured District Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg as a guest of honor. The evening included meeting, dinner, a short presentation by DG Kathleen, and the induction of six new members of the club! (A 7th new member was unable to attend.) In addition to the festivities, members of both clubs brought paper products, personal care items, and other donations for the Jordan Area Food Shelf.



NYA West Carver Lions



Write off essay winner, Josie Beneke and Lion Cathleen Williams.



West Carver Lions and the NYA Lions delivered poinsettias to senior living apartments in NYA on Wed. Nov 30th.

And finally on Dec. 3rd we celebrated our 33rd annual Breakfast With Santa.



Lafayette Area Lions

Lafayette Santa Day a success in spite of the weather.

The weather may have been lousy, but Lafayette's Santa Day Tuesday evening, December 13, was still a success.

It was a community event, with a number of organizations, businesses, and individuals pitching in to help.

About 80 kids came to tell Santa what they want for Christmas, get a bag of treats, enjoy hot chocolate provided by Bernadotte 4-H, get cookies and milk provided by Citizens Bank, and eat hotdogs and chips from the Lions Club.

The backdrop and props that the Lions borrowed from Linda and Troy Havemeier of Courtland were a big hit. Troy and his daughter Kenzie brought everything over on Sunday; they expertly guided Lions Sandy Hartley, Trish Gieseke, and Ruth Klossner in setting everything up.

A crew of 12 showed up Monday afternoon to prepare goodie bags for the kids. They included three members of the Lafayette Study Club who volunteered to lend a hand,

eight Lions, and one spouse.

Horse-drawn wagon rides and making S'Mores over a fire pit had to be scrapped because of rain. An adults' drawing for turkeys and gift certificates from area businesses was held with a half dozen winners.

The brave people still around at 6:30 p.m. ventured out in the rain to the Mini-Park next door where Santa threw the switch to light the community Christmas tree in the band shelter.

While Lafayette's Santa Day usually attracts 100 to 120 kids, attendance was down a little because of the weather. With that in mind, the extra goodie bags prepared by the Lions were taken to Citizens Bank Minnesota, Lafayette where families that missed the event could pick up a bag for their children.

All-in-all, it was a big success, considering the rainy weather!



...More Lafayette Area Lions

Lions sponsor Lafayette lighting contest. As it's done for many years, the Lafayette Area Lions Club sponsored a Christmas Decorating Contest in the community. All homes in Lafayette, or within six miles of town, were eligible for cash prizes. Homes outside of town signed up to take part.

The club recognized 10 homes and one business this year. Each was awarded an equal prize of \$25.

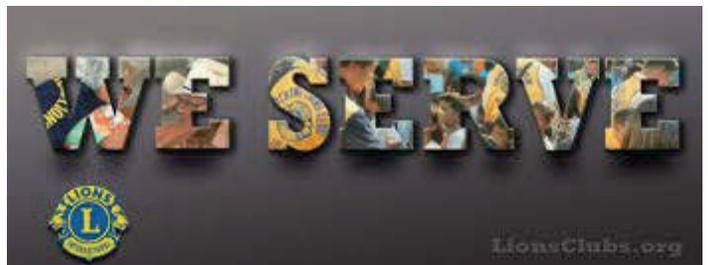
Two club members and a friend judged the contest by driving up and down every street in town and went out of town to look at one more. They noted that many homes were decorated, making the town very attractive.

A few of the winning entries are pictured.



Chanhassen Lions

Work Bee(s) award for the past year - Lions Greg and Colleen Fletcher.





LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2022 – 2023 school year that there will be 4 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut, Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (3), New York (3), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (5). The 2023 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2023.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.
4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2023** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either mail us your application or email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”



2022

District 5M2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives the District the opportunity to bestow well-deserved recognition on one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our Centennial motto: Where There’s a Need, There’s a Lion”.

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who is deserving of this recognition; it can be any member of your club.

The Zone Lion of the Year presentations will be made during the 2023 Spring Zone Meetings. The Club president or person designated by the president is asked to complete this application and return it to 1VDG Christy Trutnau by February 18th, 2023.

Send to: IVDG Christy Trutnau
 110 Rebecca Dr
 Jordan, MN 55352
Christy1135@gmail.com

Please write a brief description of the nominee’s service including such items as years of Lion service, involvement in club activities, and involvement in the community. The form must be signed by the club president. Attach a separate sheet or use the back of this form.

Nominee: _____
 Club: _____
 Zone: _____
 Club President: _____
 (signature) (Date)

DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST
Sponsored by the Lafayette Area Lions

College Fund Benefit For Elissa Ries

Elissa's dad, Jason Ries of Lafayette Township, died unexpectedly October 9. Her mother, Cindy Preisinger, is not able to care for her due to MS. Elissa is living with her aunt and uncle, Jackie and Glenn Ford in West Newton Township.

Now a high school sophomore, Elissa is an active student at New Ulm Cathedral and especially enjoys theatre, dance, band, and Knowledge Bowl. She is already thinking college choices with possible majors in theatre or criminology.

Sunday, January 15, 2023
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Lafayette Fire Hall

Lafayette Lions Cash Raffle
Quilt Raffle • Silent Auction

Cash donations will be accepted for Elissa's Future college costs.

Raffle & waffle tickets available from Lions members, Citizens Bank-Lafayette & Sewing Seeds Quilt Company

Please Attend, Eat, Bid, and Give From the Heart.



Silent auction items may be dropped off at Community Insurance in Lafayette, Citizens Bank Minnesota-Lafayette, UFC offices in Lafayette & Winthrop, and at Sewing Seeds Quilt Company in New Ulm

PANCAKE BRUNCH

Hamburg Lions

Sunday, January 15, 2023
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Hamburg Community Hall
351 Henrietta Ave. Hamburg

Pancakes, French Toast
Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Beverages



FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Proceeds will be donated to
Camp Sweet Life -Camp for youth with diabetes
Camp Confidence-Camp for those with cognitive & developmental disabilities

BINGO

COLOGNE LIONS WINTER BINGO
Friday, January 20, 2023
5:00 p.m. - Food Service
6:30 p.m. - First Bingo Game
22 GAMES FOR JUST \$12!
Food . Purse Raffle . Meat Raffles . Cash Bar

Cologne Community Center
1211 Village Pkwy., Cologne, MN 55322
Visit [Facebook.com/CologneLions](https://www.facebook.com/CologneLions) or [colognelions.com](https://www.colognelions.com) for event updates.

LIONS HOCKEY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 17, 2023
7:00 PM Excel Energy Center, St. Paul

Lions International President Brian Sheehan and the MN Wild invite you to participate in Lions International Wild Game Night. A great public relations opportunity for our organization. **Tickets are available First come, first served.** Please use the QR code or link to order your tickets soon. Don't wait until the last minute to order your tickets.
<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/8trRCNknvMcZjEGXS4o6DN?domain-us-west-2.protection.sophos.com>



Show your pride by wearing your Team Sheehan gear and MN Wild gear. President Brian will be riding a Zamboni.

Volunteers Needed

Giveaways will be given out at four gates as fans enter the facility. We will need 16 volunteers to arrive before game time to help distribute items.

We will also have a Lions information table on the concourse requiring volunteers. Please go to the sign-up genius link if you are interested in volunteering. **Volunteers are required to purchase tickets if you wish to watch the game.** If you want to volunteer only, there is no need to purchase a game ticket.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4A62AAFC1-lions3>

