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# **5M-2 DISTRICT**







Lion Christy Trutnau -

District Governor

## As the holidays approach its time to reflect on being a Lion and how your service has affected those around you. Its always a good feeling knowing we can change the world one life, one community at a time.

The Fall Zone meetings are done and thank you to everyone who attended and for the Zone Chairs for the fun and creative meetings, for those Zones who were able to complete the Buddy Bag project thank you for your participation, and we hope that you were able to give the Buddy Bags out. To the Zones who have not had the opportunity to do the Buddy Bags yet, please know we have not forgotten and once we have books in stock, we will set-up a time to do a Buddy Bag drive. Watch for more information to come.

I have had the pleasure of attending many club visits so far, and during my visits I refer to making sure the clubs are entering your service information into MYLion.

Why is it important to report in MYLion? There are several reasons why reporting in MYLion is beneficial and there are a few of them:

- Reporting service helps transfer knowledge and best practices to your club's future leaders. Club officers can review past service activity reports, learn from the successes of the club's previous activities and better plan for their future activities.
- Reporting service is a matter of local pride. Reporting puts your club on the map as leaders in your local community, and it's an important way to share success. with other clubs in your district and around the world.
- A high percentage of clubs reporting service is a sign of a healthy district.
- Reporting service allows you to become eligible for service awards.
- People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories more effectively and ultimately grow their member base.
- Reporting is considered service in itself. The time clubs and districts spend reporting their service are considered volunteer hours and can be reported in MyLion.

I want to thank the Club Secretaries who are reporting your clubs service in to MYLion, in addition to the above reasons it also helps the District and Lions International track our goals on service. If there are any secretaries/clubs that are struggling or need some assistance, please reach out to 2nd Vice District Governor Shermayne Cross at <u>shermayne.c@live.com</u>. She would be more than help to assist you in getting your service into MYLion.

#### DG Christy's On The Move

December 1-2 - St. Cloud Diabetes Foundation Meeting December 2nd- Jordan Dazzle Parade December 3rd- PDG Christmas Party December 4th- Green Isle Lions Club Visit December 5th- Zone Chair Meeting December 7th- Arlington Lions Club Visit Pg.01/32

#### December 11th- DG Christy's Birthday December 12th-Cologne Christmas Party December 13th- Jordan Lions /Jordaness Lions Club Visit December 17th- Nicollet Lions Club Visit December 24-25th - Christmas December 31st- New Years

Something exciting coming to MN in January!

Minnesota lawmakers have finally approved the creation of the Lions International License Plate. Starting January 1, 2024, you can now purchase the Lions License plate. The initial cost will be \$25.00 for the application fee, \$10.00 for the plates and the normal tab fee. Every year after that is a \$5.00 plus your normal tab fee. We were told at the Council of Governors meeting that the initial \$25.00 fee does go back to Lions International the first year and the \$5.00 goes back to them every year of renewal.



Thank you for all you do for 5M-2 and the people you serve! I hope you have a Happy Holiday Season filled with family, fun and many memories! You can contact me at: 952-261-8581- phone <u>Christy1135@gmail.com</u> DG Lion Christy Trutnau

### **THE LIONS ROAR**

Lions are Life Changing!

(first in a monthly series provided by senior Lions) Provided by PDG Mary Spille

Flashback of memories. February, 1989. Lion Jim, member of the newly formed NYA Lions, is off to something called "Midwinter" in Mankato. Some crazy thing Lions do each year, I guess. Hooray for me – a quiet weekend alone at home – a rare treat ofrelaxation.

And then, on Sunday afternoon, he comes home filled with enthusiasm and excitement. Maybe there is something to this Lions thing?What am I missing? After all, those guys talked some of us into being Lioness (guys always want spouses to do dishes or whatever). Think I better check this "Midwinter" thing out next year.And so I did; that's when second weekend February became a regular Lions date for years. We traveled south to tropical Mankato every snowy February.

And now the year 2000. PDG Wayne Neubarth twists my arm. Oh, all right, sure, I can be a zone chair – couldn't say no. And I am off! From that time on, Lionism has been an intergral part of our family life. Oh, the things we have done! Oh, the places I have been! Lions love to say "We Serve" and that is so true. But, all street run both ways: Lionism and all the friends I have made have been a blessing to me. The gifts of friendship and satisfaction are overwhelming.

Only once did I have a regret – smile. That was at International Bangkok 2008 – riding an elephant as he forded a river- was pretty sure that might have "done some of us in". Seriously, smiles and more smiles whenever I think of the greater quality of life Lions has given me.

## Parade of Green

District 5M-2 encourages all clubs to donate to each area of the Parade of Green at the District Convention. Parade of Green areas include:

1. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) - 501(c)(3)

2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation - 501(c)(3)

3. Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation - 501(c)(3)

4. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation - 501(c)(3)

5. MD5M KidSight Foundation: 501(c)(3)/81-3338106)

6. Leader Dogs for the Blind - 501(c)(3) 7. Can Do Canines - 501(c)(3)

 Diabetes (Can be given to either or both) a. Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3) b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)

Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both) a. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation – 501(c)(3) b.
 5M-2 Youth Exchange – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)

10. 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day, and Write-Off contest)

11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota - 501(c)(3)

12. TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation - 501(c)(3)



### **5M2 Mid-Winter Convention is coming up quick!**



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#### Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention February 9-11, 2024



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

Guest Information:	() Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest ()	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Attendee
Last Name (#1)	First Name	E-mail address
Address or PO	Club Name	Phone Number
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs
Guest or Spouse Last Name (#2)	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 Laura Maki, 301 E Clinton St., Arlington, MN. 55307

Call Lion Laura with questions-(507) 964-5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net

- Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to Lion Laura 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, 2024- Full refund; January 13-February 2- 90% refund; after Feb. 2-no refund.

#### NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024

\*\*Hotel provides Continental Breakfast free of charge\*\*

Guest #1 Guest #2		Meal Cost Per Person	
		Registration Fee: Early Bird (post marked by 12/15/23) = \$30.00 Regular (post marked after 12/16/23 & day of) = \$40.00	
		All Meal Package \$ 58.00 (Includes Sat. Lunch and Sat. Banquet)	
Ex. (A- Cheeseburger)	(B)	Saturday Lunch       \$ 21.00         Please choose one; add letter and meat under guest       A. Classic Cheeseburger (includes chips, pasta & a cookie).         B. GF burger & bun option (includes sweet potato fries)       C. Vegan black bean burger topped w/ vegan cheese (includes sweet potato fries)	
		Saturday Banquet       \$ 37.00         Please choose one and add letter under guest       A.         A.       Honey roasted pork loin (GF), zucchini medley, roasted baby reds         B.       Vegan Cauliflower Steak, seasoned and grilled, served with roasted potatoes         ***Dessert = cup cakes	
Ex.(A- Crispy)		Cabinet Meeting (not included in meal pkg.) \$ 21.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap – grilled or crispy chicken, must specify B. Cobb Salad (GF) – grilled chicken	
		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!\*\*\*



### **Merry Christmas!**

Lion Lisa Kaufmann - 1st Vice District Governor Hard to believe 2023 will soon be coming to an end. There are so many things I look forward to when the holiday season is here. Driving through neighborhoods and seeing the twinkling lights, Christmas trees framed by picture windows and turning on the fireplace. It is also a time when we make a real effort to get together with family and friends, attend parties and gatherings. One of my biggest joys is the greetings we receive, the holiday letters and pictures.

This is also the time of year of giving. Lion Glenn and I enjoy shopping for Toys for Tots, partly because we do not have our own children to shop for. Selfishly, it also makes us feel good we may be giving a smile to a child who would not have otherwise had a very happy holiday. Our Lions Club partners with the local Veterans Affairs Office and donates gift cards to assist our Veterans and their families. As I have traveled around 5M-2, I know many of the Lions clubs in our district do similar giving projects and/or community events. Thank you for what you do to bring joy to others.



The end of December marks the halfway point in the Lions year. Please think about making a personal donation to LCIF during this holiday season. Do you know only a small fraction of Lions make a person donation to LCIF? This year both DG Christy Trutnau and PDG Anna Wickenhauser, District LCIF Chairperson have goals related to LCIF. Making even a small donation will help our DG and District make their goals.

As an idea, this last October our club donated the money we raised at our meeting to LCIF. We took the total raised, divided by the number of our members, and donated the amount in our club members names. Normally the money raised would be deposited into our administrative account. Hoping we will continue this tradition for years to come.

Please look for the Zone Lion of the Year nomination form in this newsletter. Would love to have a minimum of three Lions nominated for each Zone. You all have great Lions doing awesome work, lets recognize them. As a reminder, nominations are due to me by February 16, 2024.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2024.

#### A quick note from the editor:

I have noticed this month that a few clubs have been sending me photo collages with your submission.

#### Thank You!

The photo collages make it slightly easier to get all the images in that you would like. Plus it assures the images look clean. If you are interested in a few tools to make the collages, feel free to reach out and I can share a few things that I use. Canva is one of them. Canva has a free account with basic templates, or if you send them proof of 501(c)(3) you can get the pro version free as well. If you would like assistance in setting this up feel free to reach out to me through the editor email address.

Lion Missy - Have a Happy Holidays!



2023

### District 5M-2 Zone Lion of the Year



Zone Lion of the Year is unique to District 5M-2 and provides us the opportunity to recognize one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies Lions Clubs International Centennial motto: "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion". Each Club is encouraged to nominate a member who is deserving of this recognition; it can be anyone in your Club.

Zone Lion of the Year recognitions will be made during the 2024 Spring Zone meetings. The Club President or person designated by him/her is asked to complete this application and return it to 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann no later than February 16, 2024 by either US Mail or email.

> Mail: 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann 6870 Redwing Lane Chanhassen, MN 55317



Email: lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com

Please write a brief description of the Lion being nominated including information on number of years as a Lion, participation in Club activities, offices held and/or involvement in your community. You may use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.

The form must be signed by the Club president.

Nominee:	3	
Club:		
Zone 1 🗌 Zone 2 🗌	Zone 5	
Zone 3 Zone 4	Zone 7	
Club Preside	nt:	
	(signature)	(Date)





### Retention

Lion Shermayne Cross - 2nd Vice District Governor

It's December-another year is quickly coming to an end. Hope everyone had a productive Lion year with fundraisers, service projects and interesting and entertaining club, zone, district, and multiple district meetings. It has been several first for Bob and I this year. We attended our first in person

International Convention in Boston, our first Forum in Reno, our first Eye Ball and Thanksgiving for Vision.

We meet so many wonderful Lions from around the world. Even had our picture taken with Lions from Japan because I took their group picture for them. 😊

The fall Zone meetings have all been held. I enjoyed traveling the district, meeting many new Lions, and learning so much about each club and the various service projects, fundraisers, and activities they do. Committee chairs told what was new and changing in the organizations they represent. They would love to visit your clubs and give a presentation for all your members. The tail twister activities at the meetings were very clever, imaginative, and productive as each Zone raised money for LCIF. Many laughs, giggles, and smiles were common-great to be part of so much fun!

While we embark on Mission 1.5 and grow our membership, let us not forget about our current members and keeping them actively engaged in service projects and other club activities. It seems to be a popular subject among Lions Leaders, with great ideas for districts and beyond, but not so much on the club level. Many clubs have been doing the same thing with the same leadership for the last 5-10 years, far too long.

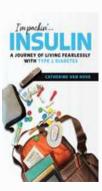
Have you asked your members what they want to do in the community and for the greater good throughout the world? Be open to new ideas and encourage all to participate. Take one of the ideas and go with it. Let your community know what project you are doing, when you are doing it and ask others to join you. Perfect opportunity to talk about the great work we do as Lions.

Are your meetings boring, same old, same old. Many members have little time to attend meetings and would rather do projects and improve their community. Leaders should consider keeping the meetings short, well organized and fun. Incorporate a service project at each meeting-maybe 15-20 minutes to do a quick project that can be shared in the community.

Or spend 10 minutes telling a "happy gram" about yourself, family, or events of the week. Good Luck and don't forget the FUN!!!

Wishing you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Lion Shermayne



Some of you may remember Cathy Van Hove as a Kiester Lion member who spoke at many Lion's meetings around the state about Camp Sweet Life and type 1 diabetes. She has written a book about her forty-four years of living with type 1 diabetes and with her father while growing up. In it, she speaks of the support of the Lion's Clubs for diabetes programs. Cathy says of her book, "I believe it will inspire you to be a fierce advocate for yourself, learn to embrace circumstances beyond your control, and turn them into opportunities for growth. After reading my book, I believe you will have a deeper appreciation of your own type 1 diabetes, or if you don't have type 1 diabetes, you'll learn what it's like to live with the disease." Her book, I'm Packin'...Insulin, can be found on Amazon.

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### District 5M-2 Proposed Dues Increase for 2024-2031



The last time 5M-2 raised its dues were in 2002, when they were set at \$8.60. Since then, dues have remained flat, while inflation has gone up just over 70% in the last 21 years. If dues would have kept up with inflation, they would be set at \$14.68.

While the district has reviewed areas to try and tighten its budget and cut expenses where it can, the realty is the district has a budget shortfall. In addition to continuing to look for ways to stretch our dollar, increasing 5M-2 dues is an option that should be explored.

It was recommended by the cabinet that we increase the dues in the following increments:

#### July 2024 (\$3.00 increase)

#### July 2025 (\$1.00 increase) July 2026 (\$1.00 increase)

#### And then from 2027-2031 + 5% inflation adjustment each year.

This will need to be voted on at the Mid-Winter Convention during the business meeting in February 2024. Any questions please reach out to the District Governor Team.





LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2023 – 2024 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 (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (4), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (6). The 2024 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2024.

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, 2024 to:

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

9 101<sup>st</sup> 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"

DG Christy Visit & Chili Cook- off





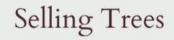


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Hosting Zone 2 Meeting











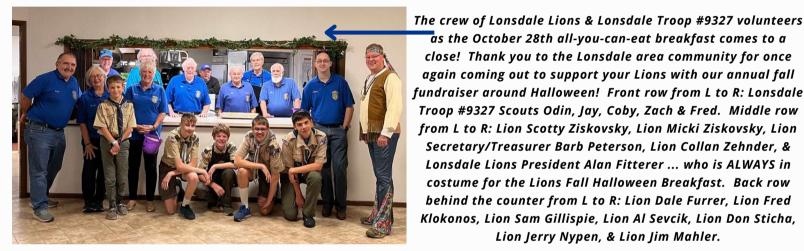


**Lonsdale Lions** 

Lions' breakfast patrons enjoying the October 28th morning!

Lonsdale Troop #9327 Scouts Jay & Odin (L to R) enjoying their breakfast after volunteering at the Lions' breakfast.





A number of Lonsdale Lions widows who support the Lonsdale Lions & enjoy their Lions breakfast social time after a good meal. Northfield HS Raiders Senior & breakfast volunteer Maddy Sevcik (at the end of the table) spending some time with Grandma Sevcik.









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The Lonsdale Lions "WE SERVE" crew of Lions Sam Gillispie, Mike Sevcik, & Don Sticha (L to R) ready to dish up plate fulls of scrambled eggs, Mackenthun's sausage, & pancakes at the allyou-can-eat breakfast!

Lonsdale Lions Scotty & Micki Ziskovsky gave hours of time in early October at Tri-City United Lonsdale PreK-6 did the vision screening with the KIDSIGHT handheld devices for grades 1, 3, & 5 on the 3rd & pre-schoolers on the 5th. LCIF Lions have 7 major themes/focus areas: Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, The Environment, & Hunger. Thank you to our Lions for all of their volunteer work in the Lonsdale area community!!! Looking to Serve? ... join us!

Contact Scotty @ scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com or 612.817.3507

### **November Was Eye Donation Month**



### STATE of MINNESOTA

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WHEREAS:	In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Minnesota Lions to become Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness; and
WHEREAS:	Answering Keller's challenge, the Lions of Minnesota established a state eye bank, called the Lions Gift of Sight, through a partnership with the University of Minnesota which helped restore the sight of more than 1,664 people in 2022
WHEREAS:	through corneal transplants; and Thousands of eyes and corneas have been donated to research and medical education so that future generations can lead independent lives without the
WHEREAS:	specter of incurable eye disease; and Guided by the Eye Bank Association of America, eye banks work in tandem to
	restore sight to those individuals affected with corneal blindness and are shining rays of light to those lost in a world of darkness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

### EYE DONATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Oteve Pinn SECRETARY OF STATE IN WITNESS WHERBOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October.

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GOVERNOR

Thank you for all you do for the field of ophthalmology and the work of sight restoration!

### **Waconia DandyLions Making A Difference**



in the process of collecting gifts for grandparents in nursing homes, and for families in need around the Waconia area this Christmas season. Stay tuned for more updates on this great fundraising event.

We are currently helping a local non-profit "Love Inc" to raise money to feed families for Thanksgiving. Our goal is to sell 100 Thanksgiving meals at \$25 each and we are almost there! Stay tuned for final totals.

Thank you Love Inc. for allowing us to collaborate with you.



### **Peace Poster Winners**



Pictured above are the winners from Central Middle School- 1st Place Lillie Beneke, 2nd Place - Carina Martinez and 3rd place - Jace Lovelette



Pictured are the winners from St John's Lutheran School of NYA - 1st place Alyssa Lunow, 2nd place - Emma Bernau and 3rd place Jenna Schaefer

### **Le Sueur Lions Club**

Le Suer Lions club joined in the community Downtown Trick or Treating and Kids Sight testing at the local schools.









### **Stewart Lions Club**



Lion Kathy and Lion Arnold passing out treat bags on Halloween and gave our "Buddy Bags" to GRH Stewart Clinic and to the Stewart Fire Dept to give out the when a child needs a "buddy"

### **Jordaness Lions Club**



"The Jordaness club was delighted to present a donation check of \$1,000 to Jordan Family Outreach for the group's annual holiday gift card project. Jordan Family Outreach is a charitable organization that has been serving the community of Jordan for over 20 years. The group's holiday gift card project provides families in need with gift cards that can be used to purchase gas, food, and/or holiday gifts for children ages 0-18.



"LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson greeting volunteers during 5M9's district service project which was possible in part by a grant from LCIF."

### **Bert Nelson for International Director**

Pam and I are hopeful that everyone is considering going to the MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, Canada April 19-21, 2024. It is a beautiful city with wonderful attractions. We especially enjoyed visiting the Assiniboine Zoo the last time we were there. The convention is a good place to visit with other Lions outside our own districts and learn what other clubs are doing. It is also the place to be when voting to endorse our next International Director from our great multiple.

I want to be an International Director for Lions Clubs as I want to be involved in keeping our association moving forward to help each other become better stewards of our motto "We serve". There is such a need in our world for Lions to step forward and help wherever we can. I feel I have the right qualifications to run for International Director which include:

Zone 6 Chairman District 5M9 Public Relations Chairman District 5M9 Newsletter Editor Chairman of three 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions

District Governor 2005-06 Council Chairman 2006-07 MD5M Long Range Planning Committee Chairman MD5M Public Relations Chairman MD5M Newsletter Editor MD5M LCIF Chairman for past 11 years **Certified Guiding Lion Global Extension Team** Global Leadership Team **Global Service Team** Training Instructor for six groups of incoming governors Facilitator for 8 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institutes Facilitator for 1 MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Assisted on 5 International Director Campaigns for candidates from MD5M. Campaign Chairman for IP Brian Sheehan Planning Committee member of 2 USA/Canada Forums Presenter at 5 USA/Canada Forums

Pam and I want to thank you for your consideration and continued support with my campaign for International Director. We plan to visit your Mid-Winter Conventions and we hope to see you in Winnipeg.

PCC Bert Nelson

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Hello Lions,

We are pleased to announce that the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc is the beneficiary of the Silent Auction at our MD5M Convention in April in Winnipeg.

MD5M Lions KidSight, Inc is a 501c3 organization that provides vision screening in all of our Multiple District.

Mission Statement:

"Our mission is to ensure all children receive vision screening and follow up care to treat vision problems, because every child deserves to see the world clearly."

Vision Statement:

"To educate Lions and the public about the KidSight Program and make it the standard for children's vision screening."

Values Statement:

"MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc uses integrity and compassion while identifying potential vision needs of children."

Since our inception in 2016 we have provided vision screening to over 140,000 children with 1,400 being referred to an eye care professional.

The funds raised by this silent auction will help to purchase additional screening devices, provide warranty coverage for existing devices, purchase screening supplies and provide treatment and glasses for needy children.

Your donations of auction items is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Lion Dennis W Kelly III, PDG

Chair Board of Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc





Greeting Fellow Lions Clubs of MD5M

The Multiple Convention for MD5M is being held in Winnipeg MB Canada in April 2024.

Your Club is being asked to donate a *silent auction* prize. Proceeds will go to KidSight. See attached letter from Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, PDG and KidSight Chair.

Your convention committee has decided that 75% of all "baskets" donated will be a regular ticket in a bag draw with the remaining 25% will be a bidding auction.

Tickets are: 1 sheet of 25 tickets is \$20.00

3 sheets (75) of tickets are \$50.00

Please contact: Lion Julia (aka JJ or Jay) Doe at:

doejulia@hotmail.com

1-204-694-6881 home

1-204-794-3729 cell

To advise the theme of your Club's donation and approximate value. IF you are sending cash instead of, PLEASE put your Club's cheque in the mail on or before **25 March 2024** and send it to:

Lion Julia Doe

526 Adsum Drive Winnipeg MB R2P 0W8

Thanking you in advance for your generous donation.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jay, Silent Auction Committee Chair



# Here's whats happening with the **Cologne Lions Club**



#### Cologne Leos Club Trunk and Treats on the Trail - A Crowd Favorite!

Due to Weather this event was relocated indoors in the Cologne Community Center Sat. Oct 29, 2023. Where the Cologne Leos and Cologne Lions participated in handing out candy, held a photo booth and of course lots of family fun activities for the kids. A kids snack collection was held by the Norwood National Honor Society for the Cologne Bountiful Basket Food Shelf. Over 170 kids were served at this event. The number of guests for this years event doubled from last years event. It was a huge success, parents expressed positive appreciation of all the efforts to make this happen. ~ Thank you to all!



#### IIONS INTERNATIONAL

# PEAGE POSTER

### Cologne Lions Club and Cologne Academy 2023 Peace Poster Contest Participants

Cologne Academy kids presented their impressive posters to the Cologne Lions Club. Cologne Lions members enjoyed listening to these young kids as they explained their vision of this years theme, "Dare to Dream". After the viewing, Cologne Lions members along with the kids and their parents, enjoyed eating pizza and cookies.

~ Good Luck to all the entries!



#### Cologne Lions Club 40 Years of keeping the City of Cologne christmas lights glowing each year.

Did you know that the Cologne Lions have purchased, maintained and put up the lights in the City of Cologne for over 40 years. Next time you are driving thru our town you will notice them at the Benton Lake Gardens and along Main Street. ~ Happy Holidays!

### **Prior Lake Lions Club**

#### #communityvibes

#### On November 16, 2023

President Lion Loretta Klenke accepted on behalf of the Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 members, a MODEL Club 200% Plaque Award, presented by 2023-2024 District Governor 5M2 Lions Christy Humble Trutnau of Jordan Lions Club.

Without the generous donations of Model Clubs worldwide, LCIF would be unable to provide the incredible level of support that empowers the service of Lions everywhere. LCIF honors, thanks, and recognizes its Model Clubs for investing in a world in need and the future of LCIF.

The Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 is one of two clubs to achieve this goal.

#charted1946 #waytogo #congratulations
#thankyou #WeServe #Campaign100
#leadbyexample #commitment #tobeornottobe
#lionsinternational #missiononepointfive





#### #communityvibes

Just Ask...wherever and whenever

Potential Lions are waiting and roaring to know more about 'our' Lions International (local) Organization and how they can assist with the "We Serve"

We welcomed our two new members during the monthly social/dinner meeting held at McKenna Crossing, where Wendy served up a mighty fine 'pre-Thanksgiving Turkey dinner

We were honored to have District Governor Christy Humble Trutnau from the Jordan's Lion Club, as guest speaker and she inducted both new members on November 16th.

Lion Elsie Redington and Lion Sharon Coop were 'asked' by Lion Rosemary 'at', The Little Market That Could, a seasonal farmers market that the Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 proudly sponsors.

The club has been one of the supporting backbones, since inception (2015),

of the farmers market, and funds the MN Power of Produce Programing onsite, which is an incentive to get fresh vegetables into the mouths of juniors ages 4-11 and seniors 62+.

We provide volunteer hours to help man the booth and monies donated assists the SS Students Life-Skills mentoring program by staffing students in it.

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Elsie resides in Prior Lake and Sharon resides in Belle Plaine both gals are avid volunteers and vendors (Aunt Celi | Sharon The Crafter) of The Little Market That Could via Smoke Signals a 501c3 nonprofit volunteer organization.

This partnering community outreach hub has become a favorite Thursday night seasonal destination and has many potential faces of new Lions ready to be 'asked'.

Both gals wear many hats and wear them well!!! Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 are proud to have them both choose us as 'their Lions Club' to 'spread their wings' in... WELCOME & THANK YOU, Elsie and Sharon

New members are all club's 'lifeblood', as it is the new members that bring new projects/ideas, talents/gifts to your legacy, remember to 'ask', when waiting in line, grocery shopping or out n' about, with Mission 1.5 on the horizon, the mission is possible anytime.

Lion Rosemary 'asked' Wendy when she was bringing in the dinner fixin's and she thanked me for 'asking' and will think about becoming a member... That me friends is not a worst-case scenario and am glad to have extended the possible opportunity.

Lion Rosemary Marketing and Communications Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2

Mission 1.5 is on the growth, we ask you to join your local Lions Clubs International Club as we serve and grow don't have one established? Let's get you one charted.

Contact a Lions Member you know or reach-out to: PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 5M-2 16228 Main Ave SE Suite 110, Prior Lake, MN 55372 Phone: (952) 447-7277 FB@PriorLakeLionsClubOfDistrict5M2 EMAIL: <u>PLLIONS@NUVERALMAIL.NET</u>

#MissionOnePointFive #ask #WELCOMENEWMEMBERS @t Elsie Redington @t Sharon Coop

#### #communityvibes

A thank-you from Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 to the Host @ Lions Club Of Northfield, where our most recent Zone 5 meeting was held. It's good to get out of ones comfort zone and attend these valuable informative meetings throughout ones District.

( 5M2 Lions ) Get inspired! Lead by example! We Serve together!

#zonemeeting

#catereddeliciousfood

#MissionOnePointFive

#MissionIsPossible

#WeServe

Become a Lion member of your local club today. Don't have one?

Contact us and let's get you chartered.

Thankyou to our Lions: Harry, Loretta, Kris, Chris, Lori, Rosemary who attended. Volunteer hours: Approx. 30



#### DECEMBER 2023

#### www.district5M2lions.com



PRIOR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR STUDENTS!

WINNERS! PEACE POSTER

2023 "DARE TO DREAM"

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1st place \$100 Sophie Khammoungkhoun, 2nd place \$75 Amira Ismail, 3rd place \$50 Fiorina Goh and Art teacher Beth Gale.



Julie Pyle Art Teacher, 3rd place \$50 Allison Roach, 1st place \$100 Chaerin Kang,2nd place \$75 Sadie Beenen.



3rd place \$50 Audrey Hovde, 2nd place \$75 Kenzie wiese, and 1st place \$100 Natashua Kotula (Art Teacher Rachel Olmanson).

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#### #communityvibes

PEACE POSTER WINNERS!!!

This year (2023-2024) "Dare to Dream" was the theme around the world. And here at Prior Lake Savage Area Schools, three schools participated with their awesome students!

ASPEN ACADEMY - HIDDEN OAKS - ST. MICHAELS

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. We are proud of ALL the students that put their creativity to work and it paid off...literally

We, the Lion members, of <u>Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2</u> and retired Art Teacher Gale Mord reviewed our local student entries, and our club have chosen the TOP 3 winning posters entered from each school. 1st place winners advance to District.

(Monetary Prizes were awarded in increments of: \$100, \$75, \$50)

There truly is beauty in being able to express yourself through ones art and wish you all the 'BEST'. Congratulations <u>#art#PeacePoster#wishingyouthebest#becomealiontoday</u>

### **Carver Lions Club**

It's been an exciting month for the Carver Lions!

We started by celebrating our 50th anniversary on October 18th. Thank you to all the Lions from surrounding clubs who attended. A special shout out to the Chaska Lions for being our sponsoring club all those years ago. And thank you to all our special guest including current DG Christy, former DG Marv Grimm, City of Carver Mayor Courtney Johnson and founding Carver Lion Darrel Swanson.

We ended our month with the annual Sunday Brunch on Sunday, November 12th. Again thank you to the Chaska Lions for there assistance during the event. Preliminary numbers show we served 83 veterans.

We have a lot of upcoming events: Carver Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 25th Carver Village Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd American Red Cross blood drive on December 12th Carver Senior Citizens luncheon on Wednesday, December 13th













## 5M-2 LIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

### 2023-2024

#### JUDGING

- All entries will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2rd, and 3rd places, based on the above criteria
- There will be one prize awarded for People's Choice, based on voting at the 2023 Mid-Winter Convention



#### WHO CAN ENTER:

The 2023-2024 Environmental Photo Contest is open to Lions and Leos in District 5M-2

#### **HOW TO ENTER:**

- Each Lions and Leo club in District 5M-2 is invited to select and submit **one** entry by January 16, 2023
- Mail the photo entry along with the name of the photographer, the club and the date & location of photo to:

Lion Diane Hesse 22425 Helena Blvd Jordan, MN 55352

#### PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

- Photo must depict a nature theme (i.e. plants, animals, landscape, weather, etc.)
- Photo must have been taken in 2023
- Photo must be original and unaltered
- Photo must have been taken by the submitting Lion or Leo
- Photo must depict the local environment of the community the Lion or Leo serves
- Photo must not include people. Photos that include people will be disqualified
- Photo must be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm)

Questions? Contact 5M-2 Environmental Chair: Lion Diane Hesse liondianehesse@gmail.com DECEMBER 2023



\$15 per meal

### 2 Pork Chops, Baked Potato, (sour cream and butter), Green Bean Casserole, and Dessert.



**Eat at King Pin Pub** 

- Opens at 11 AM
  Dining In the Banquet Room or Bar
- \* Dining In the Banquet Room or Ba \* Bloody Mary Bar will be OPEN
- \* Bloody Mary Bar will be
- Meat Raffle begins at 1
   Music by Doug Studemann begins
- Music by Doug Stuedemann begins at 3

PLATO LIONS 8TH ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER



### **HAMBURG LIONS**



Pancake & French Toast Brunch

> Sunday, January 21, 2024 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 MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

CARVER

### SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 13, 2023 Carver Village Hall 316 Broadway, Carver, MN

Seniors (65+) are invited to the Annual Senior Luncheon Sponsored by the Carver Lions

Social: 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at Noon

Reservations required. Deadline: Saturday, December 9 Contact Sandy McGraw: 952-856-2655 Lions Celebration of Life Friday, February 9th, 2024 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention

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If your club has lost a member this past year, please email <u>5m2lionsdistrictactivities@gmail.</u> <u>com</u> with their name, club name, photo & information.





Bingo every Tuesday at Code 3 bowling in Gibbon Starting at 7pm



Meat Raffle every Friday at d's Pit Stop in Gibbon Starting at 7pm



Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala, you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear GREEN. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming newsletter articles. If you have any questions, please contact LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at <u>lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com</u> or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.









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### 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.

### **LCIF Pledge Form**

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

I pledge a total contribution of US\$	8	_ to LCIF.
My first payment, US\$	, will be made by	
	1	Month/Day/Year
	e over five years; pledges of US\$5,000+ s equal annual installments based on pl	are payable over three years. If no payme ledge amount.
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Signature

### The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program



### The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is a generous way to show commitment to the humanitarian work of LCIF.

The MJF Program was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. The MJF program recognizes donations of US\$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

New MJFs receive a pin, commemorative plaque and a letter from the LCIF Chairperson. If the donor so chooses, he/she may use their donation credit to recognize another individual with a MJF.



#### The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Program

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) provides an opportunity to advance in the Fellowship program. For each subsequent donation of US\$1,000 beyond the initial MJF donation, donors receive a unique PMJF pin in accordance with their level of giving. Like MJFs, donors can recognize another individual with PMJF donations.

#### Areas of Giving

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will now be able to help more people than ever before by making an even greater global impact with a focus on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian work. Donors will receive MJF and PMJF credit when directing their support to:

- The Empowering Service Fund
- The General Disaster Fund

**Empowering Service Fund:** Any of LCIF's causes (sight, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian support, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, the environment).

**Disaster Relief:** Enables LCIF to direct the funds to the area's most in need following disasters to provide for immediate, mid and long-term relief. The Foundation will be able to immediately provide funds for large-scale disaster relief, rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months.



#### Did you know...

Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program, but only an individual can receive the recognition. MJF applications using collective donations from multiple donors must be accompanied by written consent from all donors to use their donations for MJF recognition for the individual specified on the application.

Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual.

Melvin Jones Fellowships do not need to be paid in full at one time; minimum installments to LCIF of US\$100 can be paid over a five-year period to total US\$1,000, at which time the MJF Application is completed.

Complete the MJF application on reverse side or download from www.lionsclubs.org and submit with payment. If MJF payment has already been credited by LCIF, you can submit the MJF application online under the Ways to Give section at www.lionsclubs.org.

#### www.district5M2lions.com

### Melvin Jones Fellowship Application



Individual Completing this Form	Date	
E-mail		
1. Area of Giving	3. Recipient of Recognition (Individual person)	
Please check one	Type of recognition requested (please check one) Fellowships cannot be	
Empowering Service Fund	presented to businesses or organizations	
-	MJFPMJFTo Be Named Later	
	Memorial Plaque in memory of deceased	
(Each choice above is eligible for MJF credit)		
Other	Recipient Name (Exactly as it is to be engraved on plaque)	
(May not be eligible for MJF credit)		
	Recipient ID# (if applicable)	
MJF Credits to be used from previous donation:	Recipient Name	
*Please Note – This section should only be used if sufficient funds have		
already been deposited with Lions Clubs International Foundation	Address	
Use Credits From:	City State/Province	
ID#:	Country Postal Code	
IDπ	Club of Recipient	
2. Contribution Details	Club # District	
	For Memorial List name of MJF surviving family member to whom	
Donor Name (individual, club, company, foundation)	Memorial plaque will be given. (Needed for recognition letter which accompanies plaque.)	
Donor ID		
Donor Club	4. Shipping Information	
Donor District	PLEASE NOTE: MATERIALS CANNOT BE SENT TO PO BOXES.	
	Ship to Member ID # (if applicable)	
Amount of Contribution		
Full Payment      Installment      Final Installment	Name	
	Address	
Donors making personal donations towards MJF also receive credit as a	City State/Province	
Lions Share Program Member. The Lions Share Program recognizes three	Country Postal Code	
levels of support: US\$50 (One star) US\$100 (Two stars) US\$200 (Three stars).		
Yes! In addition to receiving MJF credit, I would like to receive a Lions Share Pin for my donation.	E-mail Phone Recognition is sent once donation and application are received and processed at headquarters. Please allow a minimum of 15 days in the U.S. and 30 days elsewhere	
Gift Type	for shipping. Special Instructions/Notes	
Make donations via the web at www.lionsclubs.org		
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	Lions Clubs International Foundation	
Local LCI Deposit (Please attach bank deposit ticket)	Department 4547	
Cash (Mail donations along with the Donor Contribution Form		
to address provided)	Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA Tel: 630-203-3836 Web site: www.lionsclubs.org E-mail: donorassistance@lionsclubs.org	
THE FOUNDATION USES A LOCK BOX SERVICE TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS ALL DONATIONS.	Tel: 630-203-3836 Web site: www.lionsclubs.org	
	E-mail: donorassistance@lionsclubs.org	



# Ways to Give



Donate online lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive



Make a Pledge lionsclubs.jotform.com/90524105483149

Lions Clubs International





Mail U.S. Checks, drawn from a U.S. bank and payable to LCIF, to:

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

Visit lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive for mailing in Canada and India.



Wire transfer

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ABA Routing Number: 021000021 10 S. Dearborn St. Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation Chicago, IL 60603 USA Account Number: 754487312 Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33 Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – 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.



#### **Contact Donor Services**

For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.



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## **Credit Transfer Release Form**

Date		
Person Completing Form		u u u u
E-mail	Phone#	
Member name		
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shows a balance of		MJF credits as named
and (Individual's signature or next of kin for personal donation		
authorizes the release of credits to the		Lions Club
District	Multiple District	

Send completed authorization forms to:

LCIF Donor Services, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, USA or scanned copies of the form via e-mail to DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org. Fax – 630-571-5735

#### **Credit Release and Transfer Guidelines**

- · LCIF requires signed authorization releases for MJF credit transfer requests.
- · Non-Member credits from personal donations are non-transferrable without a signed release from the non-member donor.
- · Deceased Member credits from personal donations are non-transferrable without a signed release from the next-of- kin.
- Non-Member/Deceased Member credits from club donations are transferrable upon signed authorization from a club officer.
- Credits from club donations are transferrable only back to the donor club.
- Allow 2-4 weeks for the completion of transfer requests.
- Donor Services staff will validate and approve all transfer requests.