



# 5m-2 Lions' News



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## Growing Leaders

*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
District Governor*

All the Zone meetings are in the books. And I am a ¼ of the way done with club visits. Zone meetings and club visits are my favorite part of being District Governor I get such energy back from everyone and it recharges my Lion batteries. I want to thank all the Zone Chairs

and host clubs for working so hard putting together great Zone meetings.

The 2nd cabinet meeting was held on November 6th at The Depot in New Prague. The one new item I want to share is we have an addition to the Parade of Green for Mid-Winter 2023: Team Sheehan Foundation. There is an article explaining the foundation on Page 9 in this newsletter. Please consider supporting this Foundation as well as all of the other Parade of Green Foundations and Projects at the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention. If you have any questions please contact me or PDG Joan Blank.

This newsletter I would like to touch on some LIONS history. Let's start at the beginning.

### **Melvin Jones**

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, however, had other plans. "What if these men," he asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions Clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1961 at 82 years of age.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, if I don't know the answer I will find it for you.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas

DG Kathleen Bleckeberg



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## Giving Thanks



*Lion Christy Trutnau*

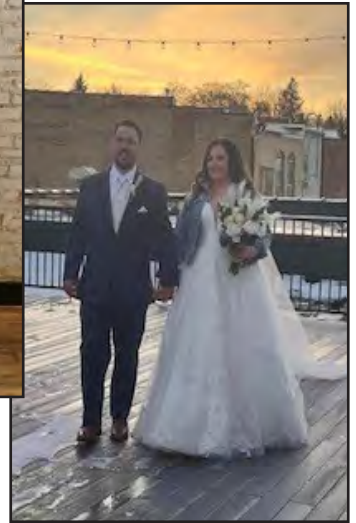
*1st Vice District Governor*

The Fall Zone meetings are completed, and I want to thank everyone who attended, and hosted. It's always so rejuvenating attending these meetings; as we get to hear about all the great service projects and fundraisers each club is doing; I even wrote down some to attend if my schedule allows.

As a reminder the Zone Lion of the Year nominations are due to me by February 18th; 2023. I have only received 1 application so far. The information regarding this can be found in the newsletter. My goal is to have someone from each club be nominated as I know there is someone from each club that is worthy of this award. Any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

For those who didn't know my oldest daughter got married on Saturday November 26th, 2022. It was a beautiful day for a wedding, we couldn't have asked for better weather!

Here are a couple pictures of the wedding. (first one: Myself, daughter Kallie and daughter Kortney (maid of Honor)) second picture (my son Cody and I) and last picture (my daughter Kallie and



new husband Peter).

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; may your holiday season be filled with love, laughs; family and many memories!

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 or email Christy1135@gmail.com



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**FOUNDATION**

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It is hard to believe it is December! Ready or not. Hopefully everyone had a Fantastic Thanksgiving and are gearing up for Christmas. Sometimes we take for granted what our Blessings really are. I read this and thought it was appropriate for the Newsletter. This is a true story and it embodies why I am a Lion. You Never Know Who You Will Serve. I have included the individual donation forms to this Newsletter. Your club may not be financially able to give, but you can also give individually. If you have any questions-please do not hesitate to contact me. I am back in the country for awhile.

**HAVE A SUPERFANTASTIC HOLIDAY!**

Lion Anna

lionannaw@gmail.com

952-913-1467

### **You Never Know Who You Will Serve**

Just a few days before Christmas, our club received a phone call regarding a young mother of two with twins on the way any day and was told her husband had left her! It only took a few minutes to make phone calls to get approval to purchase food and gifts for this needy family. With money in hand, and a drive to Walmart, we returned to deliver the surprises! Unbeknownst to me, the surprise was on me! When the young lady answered the door, we both stood there speechless for a few moments, and I said, "Our Lions Club felt you needed some help." The young lady visibly pregnant and two little boys hugging each side of her leg was one of my previous students I had while working at the local high school! Tears began falling in all directions and I left speechless. From that moment on, I knew what being a Lion meant.

# 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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](https://lionsclubs.org/waystogive).

# Complete Your Pledge Form Today!

Please return your completed form by either:

- **Email:** Scan and send to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto: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.

## Hi Lions. It's that time of year again...**CONVENTION REGISTRATION SEASON!**

District (and the 5M) conventions afford us all the opportunity to get together to catch up with friends who we might not have seen in a while. They also give us a chance to get inspired, elect next year's district officers, and to renew our love of serving our communities.

With so many things in our lives draining our energy and taking up our precious free time, many conventions strive to offer up great speakers who challenge and inspire us. Many speakers will make us laugh, tear up, and make us want to take action, all in their 30-45 minutes in front of us. **Can you think of the most recent inspirational speaker you listened to at a convention and what you took away from them?**

We also take time at our conventions to make sure our districts are in great shape for years to come. Coming to the convention as a club delegate affords us the opportunity to make sure our voices are heard as we vote on Hall of Fame submissions, Constitution & By-Laws changes, and elect our District Governor and Vice District Governors. **(TIP: Ask the candidates what their "ah-ha" moment was. You might be surprised.)**

Speaking of District Governor, have you ever thought you would do a great job, but no one ever asked you to make the leap? District Leadership does a pretty good job at finding great future leaders throughout our districts, but sometimes they need a nudge. Contrary to popular belief, mind reading is not a trait of a great Lion. Let someone know you have interest in learning more about the role.



Lastly, conventions can offer up new and exciting service project ideas. Have you ever been to a Zone Meeting or Convention and heard a speaker passionately describe their latest service project and thought **"What the what? Why didn't we think of that?"** (Kind of how I feel when watching Shark Tank with my bride, Lion Lisa.)

All twelve districts (and 5M 😊) are busy planning conventions that will inspire, educate, and renew your love of Lions. I'm planning my trips out now to get to all twelve conventions and hope to see many of you there. If you've never been to your convention, make 2023 the year. If you are a veteran convention goes...bring a friend.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Cheerful Convention Registration Season.

*Council Chair Glenn*



## 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

- |                        |                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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





## 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 ( ) 1<sup>st</sup> 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
		<b>All Meal Package</b> (Includes Sat. Lunch and Sat. Banquet) \$ 56.00	
<i>Ex. (A- Ham)</i>	<i>(B)</i>	<b>Saturday Lunch</b> \$ 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.	
		<b>Saturday Banquet</b> \$ 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.	
		<b>Cabinet Meeting (not included in meal pkg.)</b> \$ 21.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Caesar Salad w/Chicken. B. Deli Sandwich and Soup.	
<b>Total Meal Cost</b>			
<b>Total Registration Fees</b>			
<b>Grand Total Meals &amp; Registration</b>			

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

## 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>

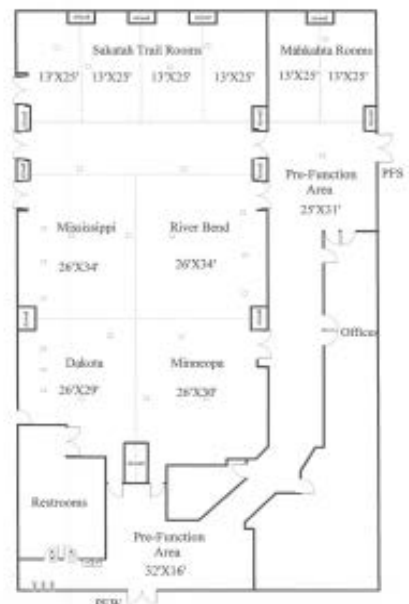
Room Price: Thursday night \$99; Friday, Saturday \$125.

**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







## **TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation: New Parade of Green Charity**

I write on behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation as I am District 5M-2's member of the Board of Directors. The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was incorporated in February 2022 and was granted 501c3 status by the IRS in June 2022.

For those of you who have attended an International Convention in the past, you've seen how Multiple Districts, which have been the home of an outgoing International President, have presented them with a gift as a "Thank You" for their Year of Service; some of which have been quite extravagant.

Lions Brian and Lori have insisted that they do not want a gift, but rather a way to help individual Lions Clubs in MD5M do more. Their solution was the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation.

The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was formed to provide matching funds for local Club projects which are too large for the Club to do for itself, but too small for an LCIF grant. This includes all clubs in the MD5M Multiple. The Foundation hopes to be able to begin awarding matching fund grants following Lion Brian's year as LCIF Chair, the 2023-24 Lions Year.

To accomplish this, the Foundation hopes to raise its initial funding over the next 2 years. Since the IRS regulations under the Foundation's 501c3 status require we limit fundraising to \$50,000 per year for these 2 years, we hope that your club will consider a donation of \$75 -\$100 US during these years.

As our district representative to the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I would be honored to visit your club and answer any questions you may have. We'd also appreciate any donation, however small, your club could make to the Foundation during its Parade of Green. At the last 5M-2 Cabinet meeting in November, the Cabinet unanimously voted to add this Foundation to the Parade of Green. In the future, we plan to make a Foundation support pin available for individuals making a \$100 donation.

Thank you and your club so much for your time and consideration and for showing your support to IP Brian and Lion Lori.

Lion Joan Blank

District 5M-2 TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Director

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

Submit your club events and Lions  
program articles to:  
[5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

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



### Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

Happy Holidays from your 5M-2 Lions Hearing Trustees! May everyone enjoy time with friends and family.

Your Trustees have attended all eight Zone meeting. It was good to see our friends and tell our Hearing Story. Thank you for attending and for your response. We also had some club visits. Thank you to the clubs we have visited and we are willing to come to your club to tell something about the Hearing Foundation. Call or email us and we will work out a date.

The Mid Winter Convention is coming up February 10 - 12, 2-23 at the Country Inn Hotel & Suites & Conference Center in Mankato, MN. New location, check out the newsletter for more details. Your Trustees will have a table promoting the Hearing Foundation. We will have new materials and an up-dated tri-fold. Be sure to check us out. This is also the time to present your Parade of Green check to the MN Lion's Hearing Foundation. Your Trust-

ees are hoping for 100% of the District clubs to participate with a donation. Even ten dollars will help us get to 100%!!

HEADS UP!!! At the 2023 MD5M Multiple Convention to be held in St Cloud in May, 2023. The MN Lions Hearing Foundation has been selected to hold the Silent Auction room. Your Trustees will be asking Clubs or individuals to donate a basket or other items, \$25 - \$40 value. Contact your Trustees for more information and let us know if you will be participating. More news will come in later newsletters.

MN Hearing Foundation Trustees

PDG Marvin Grimm - 952-448-9465;  
evmargrimm@comcast.net  
Lion Wanda Breimhorst - 612-716-4705;  
wjbreim@comcast.net

Thank you for your continued support.



### Lions District 5M-2 MidWinter Convention Display Table Reservation

Table Charge: \$40/ table (8-foot)  
\$20/half table

Name of Lions Foundation or Charity:

Contact Person:

Phone Number:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Table Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Full  
\_\_\_\_\_ Half

Make Checks payable to: District 5M2 MidWinter Convention

Send Requests to: Lion Meg Tibodeau  
410 High Street  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Email questions to: megtibodeau@outlook.com



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

# WISH LIST!

As 2022 comes to a close Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. says thanks to all the Lion's Clubs for continued support of our programs for kids affected by Type 1 Diabetes.

At the 5M2 Lions Cabinet meeting held Sunday, November 06, 2022 the Cabinet asked Camp Sweet Life to put together a short "wish list" (a list of possible items or monetary donations your Lions Club could make directly to Camp Sweet Life).

Here are a few items we ask you to consider making a tax-deductible donation towards (note: we can always mold a donation amount or program/event to fit your Lions Club).

Camp Sweet Life is a 501c3 non-profit and charitable donations through gambling funds

Wish List Items:

- A. Sponsor a Cabin - \$150 – your Lions Club name put on Cabin for Camp 2023!
- B. Sponsor a Camper - \$400 (includes all program, medical, meals)!
- C. Sponsor a Golf Cart - \$500 per cart for the week of Camp (need 6)
- D. Juice Boxes - \$1,000 (a necessary ER staple needed at Camp for lows)
- E. Program - \$2,000 – be a signature sponsor for our feature program – T1D Ninja Warrior Katie Bone!

Make Donation today: make your check to Camp Sweet Life and mail to:  
Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc  
26486 Sioux Trail  
Madison Lake, MN 56063

Can we visit your club? Contact Rene' Maes Jr. (Lion Rene') at:  
Rene.Maes@campsweetlife.org or 507-995-6910cell



## 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](mailto:pkkoenen@gmail.com))

## Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

### Shakopee Lions



Lion Mark Foudray completed his annual Teddy Bear delivery to St. Francis. He told the nursing staff that he started this with his mother over 23 years ago. Congrats to keeping a great tradition alive and thriving.

Lion Kurt Schoenecker and Lion President Nate Windschitl were able to join him for a quick photo op along with the staff. They are very appreciative of the bears and were thrilled to see we doubled our order as they have been seeing a crazy influx of kids in the hospital this year already. Lion Mark can attest that they give them away very quickly! Something this small can really mean a lot to a child or a family in the hospital.



### Nicollet Lions



Mrs. Myer's 3rd grade class at Nicollet Public School. Dictionaries were presented by Nicollet Lions Mary Pipping and Joan Blank.

Winner poster from the sixth grade class at Nicollet Public School. Peace Poster Winners included (left to right) Mason Regner (3rd place), Eve Peters (2nd place) and Kobe Truebenbach (1st Place).



### Amboy Lions



The Amboy Lions Club saw a need for sports for the Amboy youth. The first of the Youth Project was installation of a putting green on 10/31/22. In Spring, a basketball court, tennis court/pickle ball courts will be installed. Pictured: Patty Smith, Dean Walters, Marilyn Ruzich, Dennis Sonnabend and Benny Pederson were at the ribbon cutting.

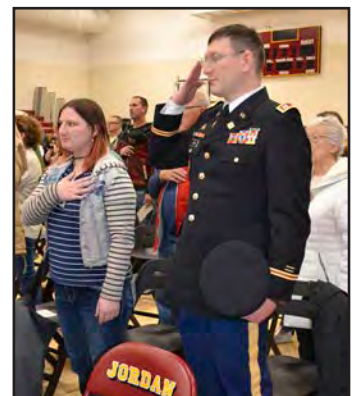
### Jordaness Lions



In an effort to honor the brave men and women veterans who served during peace and war, and to thank those who currently serve, the Jordaness Lions worked with St. John the Baptist School, Jordan Middle School, and Jordan High School to sponsor a Liberty Day program.

Guest speakers at the program were ISD Beth Dedic, Public Affairs NCOIC, MN National Guard; and Derek Farwell, Veterans Administration of Scott County. The speakers did a wonderful job addressing the over 800 fifth through twelfth graders attending the event, as well as our visiting veterans. Members of the local Boy Scout troop demonstrated and explained the military flag folding ceremony, and moving

musical renditions were performed by the Jordan Middle School Fifth Grade Choir, the Jordan High School Choir, and the Jordan High School Band.



### ...More Jordaness Lions

Baby, it was cold outside for the Jordaness Lions Club's 33rd annual Holiday Fashion Show! The event hosted over 200 guests, including many wonderful Lions from surrounding communities. The morning kicked off with a social hour, followed by a brunch, fashion show, and wildly amusing entertainment featuring the Jordaness ladies! With beautiful handmade raffles, and over 80 silent auction items, this event proved to be a very profitable fundraiser for the Jordaness Club. The Holiday Fashion Show is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving, so put it on your calendars for next year. What could be better than having fun with family and friends while raising money for charitable projects?!





## BLUE EARTH LIONS

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Average Jo's Bar & Grill

Dan Woodring, President      Dean Vereide, Secretary

Joe Tempel, Treasurer

## NEWSLETTER

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November 12, 2022

### Board Actions

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors met at Average Jo's along with other members of the Club at our regular membership meeting. There were 9 Board members in attendance. The October Treasurer's report was approved. There were no business items that needed to be acted upon, but the Board discussed several items. Our next membership meeting will be our Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup> (we have no meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving). The music department at the school has been contacted to furnish us with entertainment for the evening. Remember that you spouses (significant others) are invited to attend with you and we hope that every member and a guest is able to attend. The Board also discussed the upcoming Breakfast Brunch fundraiser. Lion Frankie Bly (Welcome Back!!) will be in contact to the school to line up the venue for the Brunch, which is tentatively set for January 15<sup>th</sup>. We also heard an update from the Giving Tree project that we are sponsoring this year. The tree is up at the CCF Bank and there have already been about 13 cards picked up and they have already received a gift in response to one of the cards. The Board also approved several donations. The first on the list was the Let's Make A Difference Campout held at Juba's parking lot and collecting food for the local foodshelf and toys for the local toy drive. The board voted to donate \$200.00 again this year. The Board also approved a donation of \$100.00 to the Music Department at the high school to be given to the group at our Christmas party. Finally, the Board approved a donation of \$200.00 to the Maroon and Gold Gala coming up on the 19<sup>th</sup>, until the Secretary looked back on the minutes from the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and found that we had already donated \$500.00 to the Gala. The \$200.00 donation was rescinded. Because our Christmas party will replace the business meeting next month, there will be no Board meeting in December unless some important item of business presents itself.

**Always be thinking about prospects for membership!**



### Chanhassen Lions



Collected 1300 lbs and \$780 for Bountiful Baskets.

Chili Cook- Off Winners



Melvin Jones to Greg.



Below: Crew who unloaded all the trees and set-up the lot.



Left: First customers.

Right: What not to do with the chainsaw!!!





### Stewart Lions

The Stewart Lions helped sponsor a Fall Fest Monster Parade and games in Stewart for Halloween fun on Saturday, October 29th. Other sponsors and planners were the Stewart Growth Committee and Cactus Jack's II Bar and Grill.

On October 31 our Lions Club joined other Trunk or Treaters at the Community Center to pass out treat bags to nearly 100 kids.



### Waconia Lions

The Waconia Lions Club sponsors a project to pay for the postage on Christmas gifts shipped to active duty military personnel in November and December each year. The first

event was held on Saturday, November 19th. The second mailing will occur on Saturday, December 3rd.





## 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](http://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

9 101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Send to: IVDG Christy Trutnau  
 110 Rebecca Dr  
 Jordan, MN 55352  
[Christy1135@gmail.com](mailto: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)



**SANTA CLAUS**  
*and*  
**Mrs. Claus**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH**  
**8:30AM-NOON**


PL VFW 16306 MAIN AVE SE, PRIOR LAKE, MN

ADULTS \$10 CHILDREN \$5  
(UNDER 2YRS OF AGE FREE)

A HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY THE:  
**PRIOR LAKE LIONS**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
LOCAL SCOUTS -VFW AUXILLARY -SMOKE SIGNALS

EARLY TICKET SALE DATES WILL BE AVAILABLE



PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 5M-2  
16220 MAIN AVE SE SUITE 110, PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

# Leo Conference

February 24-26, 2023  
Camp Friendship, Annandale

Explore Resources      Have Fun!


Learn about projects from other Leos  
around the state




Cost per Leo \$20

Fill out the form to register




**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/8rtRCNkvMcZiEGXS4o6DN?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>



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

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:  
[5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

## What are your clubs doing for Fund Raising?

**Get Me the NEWS!!**



# DISTRICT 5M-2 LIONS 101

**WHO IS MELVIN JONES?**  
**WHAT'S WITH ALL THE PANCAKES?**  
**WHAT'S A PEACE POSTER?**  
**IS OUR CLUB ON AN ISLAND?**  
**WHY DO WE HAVE DUES?**  
**TELL ME ABOUT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!**



## DO YOU HAVE NEW LIONS?

WANT THEM TO GET THE SKINNY ABOUT  
 WHAT LIONS ARE ALL ABOUT?

SPRING LIONS 101 SESSION AVAILABLE

EMAIL [GLENNY98@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:GLENNY98@HOTMAIL.COM) TO  
 SCHEDULE A SESSION AT YOUR CLUB!

