



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor

Happy December,

"Things could always be better, but things could always be worse"

Many of us have to make adjustments on an hourly/daily basis regarding how we can safely do things. For

many the Holidays are a time of celebration together with friends and families. For others it can be a time of loneliness, sadness and isolation. Because of the Pandemic the world is going through, I am asking you to make someone's day a little brighter. Send a card, leave a small gift at their doorstep, take the time to make a phone call- the possibilities are endless. Everyone knows of someone who could use a little pick me up during this time-don't wait!!

The Fall Zone Meetings are done and hats off to everyone that attended them and the Zone Chairs for creating a fun atmosphere. Look further into this Newsletter to see who the 2019-2020 Zone Lions of the Year are and congratulate them if you get the chance. I also mailed out the Chevrons to the Club Secretaries to hand out in case I don't make it to your club for an in- person visit. USPS is my new best friend..lol.

I want to welcome Lion Margie Jacobs as the Kidsight Co-Chair and Lion Dave Williams as our new Social Media Chair on the Cabinet. We have got some FUN things coming out in this Newsletter!!!!

1st UGLY Sweater Contest-YEAH!!...I may have a couple of those laying in my stash-details further in the Newsletter.

A cookbook! Yup, that's right..so you might ask "Who uses a cookbook in the age of Pinterest"? Well that my Lions family is a GREAT question. It can come to you as an E-Book or we can make some print copies to memorialize our favorite recipes, time honored traditions, favorite memories and pictures-you name it. This is a Wonderful way to spend a little down time putting your thoughts and recipes to print. If you can't use technology there is another way....read about it further in the Newsletter... and lastly...

Our Mid-Winter Mask-erade is officially being rolled out... of course, this changes hourly, also know that the Convention Chairs and committees and I have been working extremely hard to make this as safe and fun as we can. Further details deeper in this Newsletter.

A fun little tidbit...every year we (I) add to our outside

light display. So as I have been writing my article outside of my window I see Don, Hilary and Vinnie spending "quality time" hanging the lights. "Clark Griswold" (Don) has outdone himself this year. And he didn't even strangle his elf helpers;). So, stop on by to see them and give us a honk or visit.

My wish to you is that you can take time to take care of yourself, makes someone's day a little brighter and Be Grateful for all of your blessings.....

Merry Christmas



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Did You Know?



Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor

Hi Lions. The holidays are fast approaching and will look a lot different this year. We're still heading out to Gaylord and Clara City to see our families, but the crowds will be smaller than usual. It feels good to see family, but it's sometimes hard to load up, get back into the car and

tell everyone it's time to leave.

Hi! I'm your new Lion and I'm leaving! Have you ever heard this at your club? Along with welcoming your new members, it's important to make sure they begin participating in club activities right away. We don't want new members going out the back door as fast as they are coming in the front door. We worked hard to get them here, let's work to keep them. If our club members feel welcome, comfortable and are involved in community service, they will remain part of the club for a long time. Recruiting new members is important for ensuring the health of a Lions club. However, identifying prospects, inviting them to join and inducting them into a club are only the beginning. For the long-term vitality of a club, Lions must also focus on retaining members. Statistics show that **50% of new members drop out of Lions within the first three years.**

Why do members leave clubs? Research indicates members leave for the following reasons:

1. Lengthy/boring meetings
2. Club politics/cliques
3. Lack of involvement ←
4. Lack of cooperation and not working together

Did you know that one way to make a member feel involved is if we ask their opinion? Seems like a Duh Moment, but we sometimes take our members for granted.

Ask your members: Why is our club here? Do our activities demonstrate this? If a non-Lion looked at one year of our activities, what would they think was important to our club?

When we have a club member leave the organization do we say Good Riddance and move on with our lives? Or do we talk to them and find out the reasons they left? Sometimes asking a Zone Chair or cabinet member to reach out to them helps keep emotions out of the equation. Without finding out why members are leaving the club, we have no way of improving. Please consider giving this a try.

When we all have skin in the game, we are more likely to feel part of the club and want to contribute to its successes. When our clubs have the same folks involved with the same events year after year, things have a chance to go stale. Bring your new members into committees right away. They don't need to be in charge of the event, but get them involved. If everyone is involved, they are less likely to leave the club.

LCI has a lot of information on its website to help our clubs and 5M2 with member retention.



Hello and Happy Holidays to all!

Our 5M2 District Governor asked me to come up with something to help keep all of us Lions connected as we navigate Zoom, COVID, and all the new challenges that have arisen this past year. I was thinking about what we could do, and realized something. What is one thing we all have in common, aside from being Lions? FOOD. We all eat, and I am sure many of us cook as well. For my family cooking, baking, and sharing recipes has always been an important way for us to connect, so why not try the same thing with all of you? I will be organizing a 5M2 District Wide cookbook (still working on a fun name for it) that will hopefully be completed around February.

I am asking all of you lovely Lions to send me recipes of some of your favorite dishes, stories about the food or memories around it, and photos of you and/or the food.

Imagine a church cookbook, but with even more heart in it-that is my idea for us. These can be photos, stories, and recipes that connect to your Lions experience, or your personal life- anything goes with this.

So please, email me at hwick97@gmail.com or text me at 952-220-0516 your recipes, photos, or stories that you have to share. If you would like to just take a picture of a recipe card and email it to me, that works too!

Thank you!
Lion Hilary Wickenhauser



From My Garden...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor*

It's December, WOW!! What a year and it is not over yet. Things they are a changing fast and furiously, you never know what is going to happen from day to day it seems.

Well, all the fall Zone meetings are in the books. It was certainly a change from the norm, but I found that

some things stayed the same.

It's like moving away from home and coming home for a visit after a year or so. Things seem the same but there are slight differences, a building has been removed, or a new store is in town. Families have moved away. Or your Mom is sitting in a different pew at church.

The agenda of a meeting is the same, but how we held the meeting changed, from in person to virtual.

Clubs reported their projects and fundraisers, but how those events were carried out were different, and in such great thinking outside the box ways. And coming up with new projects and fundraisers that will work in the new normal going forward.

Committee chairs still want to come to your club and let you know what is new and changing with their organizations they represent, and willing to do so in person or via Zoom.

Mid-Winter is being planned, it's a difficult task this year, with having to find a new venue, dealing with State mandates and trying to conduct the business that needs to be done, but still have LIONS fun while doing it. Most of all keeping everybody's safety at the forefront. Kudo's Terry, Nate, and Zone 6. Know that Glenn and I are paying close attention on how this is being done.

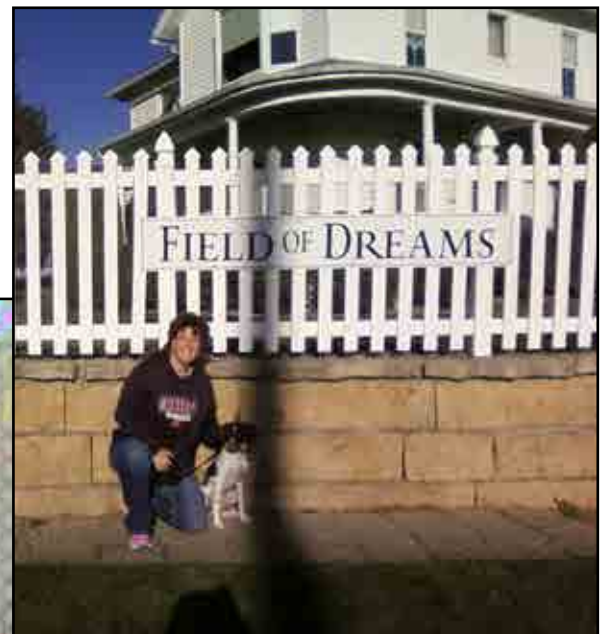


The biggest take away from all the Zone meetings is, we are not letting this Covid be an excuse to not be LIONS. There is a 4-minute video that International 2nd Vice President Brian Sheehan put together for one of the Zone meetings. Look on the 5M2 face book page 1st VDG Glenn posted it. 2nd IVP Brian sums up what we are going through so well.

If your clubs are not meeting, there are ways you can still serve your communities, while at home.

- Call or write to fellow LIONS, to check up on them, or write notes to the residents at nursing homes, send them a Christmas card.
- Do you knit or crochet? premie baby hats are always in need, prayer shawls, socks, mittens
- Your place of worship may need volunteers.
- I know Can-Do-Canines need puppy raisers
- Your local Humane society may be looking for homes to temporarily foster dogs and/or cats. Or donate food, cat litter, old blankets, and sheets.
- Donate to your local food shelf, the need for food, especially this time of year is great.

In closing I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Very Happy New Year!!!





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Happy and Merry, whichever holiday(s) you celebrate. Below is some end of 2020 information I wanted you to be aware of. If you have any LCIF questions, please feel free to call me. Or if you just want to talk about ice cream or hear another voice on the line, call me. 507-332-2792.

Grants Toolkit and Grant Accomplishments: The LCIF Marketing Team has created 2 comprehensive resources related to LCIF Grants on the website. The Grants toolkit provides you with information on grant descriptions and grant requirements. The Grant Accomplishments page provides you with information on the grants given for Sight First, Diabetes, Lions Quest, and Humanitarian Grants. The grant accomplishment page is updated after every board meeting. Use the links below to access or you can go to the website and click on "Explore Our Impact" and you will find both resources.

- LCIF Grants Toolkit: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>
- LCIF Grant Accomplishments: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-foundation/lcif-grants-accomplishment>

Melvin Jones Photo Contest: In honor of Melvin Jones 142 Birthday LCIF is hosting a Melvin Jones Photo Contest which will highlight the great work of Lions across the world. Entries will be accepted through December 31st. The winners of the contest will be announced on January 17, 2021. Click the link for more information <https://gleam.io/g/WrR9g>

LCIF Mailers: In an effort to get information directly to clubs, materials will be sent to club secretaries in mid-December to early January.

End of Year Giving Letter: The End of Year Giving Letters will be going out to all Lions on November 30. This is an opportunity to invite Lions to consider LCIF in their end of year giving. Please consider giving, increasing your gift, or just give a little extra.

If you can't do what you do, do what you can.

Jon Bon Jovi

5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 20th of each month...

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to: 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

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



2021 MD5M Convention

The 2021 MD5M Convention is just around the bend! District 5M-2 invites you to join the jamboree at the Mankato Event Center, Mankato, MN, April 30 through May 2nd, 2021.

Save the date, as District 5M-2 prepares for a weekend that is guaranteed to entertain you with festive music and inspire you with our speakers. District 5m-2 will also plan on a virtual convention as an alternative to unforeseen events.

More information on the hotels and registration form can be found on the 5M2 Lions Facebook page or at www.lionsmd5m.org. Registration and meal packages range from 0- \$130.00 per person. Information on the site will be updated periodically.

Along with all of the fun and festivities, a raffle room will be available and co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. There will be speakers from the University of MN on Childhood Cancer, Lions Gift of Sight, MN Lions Hearing Foundation, and a speaker from Leader Dogs.

In addition to the usual business happenings of the convention, service projects will be included. Your help is always appreciated in making Service Projects a success. The MD5M convention host committee plans to focus on a few projects of need. More information to come!

District 5M-2 hopes to see you at the Bend in the River III 2021 Convention!

How to beat the lockdown and pandemic blues!

Boost Serotonin: Meditation

App Insight timer, Abide, Headspace, Calm

Light/Sun Exposure Bright light therapy. Nature walk, sit in the sun (bundled up with face exposed).

Snowshoeing, cross country, skiing, fat tire bike riding, or ice skating.

Boost Dopamine: Make and eat a nutritious meal or bake. At home self care, reading, bath, games, funny movie. Service work, to help others. Deep breathing, App Be-Okay

Boost Oxytocin: Music, petting animals, hugs, and touch from a family member, random acts of kindness, tell a loved one how much you love them. Call a friend or family and have a meal or drink together via FaceTime or Zoom. Positive Affirmations app-Think up.

Boost Endorphins: Exercise, dance, walk, walk in town at night and enjoy the Christmas Lights, with a cup of dark chocolate hot cocoa. Laugh, jokes, funny movies, stand up comedy, or play a game. Express gratitude, often.



Lions Clubs International Education Opportunities

The following Institutes will be offered by Lions Clubs International.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region, and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$125.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: March 13-15, 2021

Location: Toronto, ON, Canada

Language: English

Submission Deadline: December 13, 2020

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search ALLI

5M2 2019 - 2020 Zone Lions of the Year

The original plan was to award these at our Spring Zone Meetings...you all know what happened with that. Then I put them off for the Fall Zone Meetings or Club visits. That has also kind of fell through. So, these Awards are now in the hands of your club secretary. 2 of the Zones had several applicants and I decided that I would pick a male and a female this year. I am anticipating keeping the mail carriers busy this year.

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Zone Lions of The Year...DG Anna

Zone 1: Lion Dave Sebesta Hutchinson Lions

Zone 2: Lion Cathleen Williams NYA West Carver Lions

Zone 2: Lion Roger Storms Cologne Lions

Zone 3: Charlette Abbas Courtland Lions

Zone 4: Lion Hedy Joachim Jordan Jordaness Lions

Zone 4: Lion Dean Nelson Carver Lions

Zone 5: Lion Jennifer Malecha Veseli Area Lions

Zone 6: Lion Rene Maes Mankato Sunrise Lions

Zone 7: Lion Craig Schroader Minnesota Lake Lions

Zone 8: Lion Lorna Berg Albert Lea Lakeview Lions



W A N T E D

2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 - 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2020.

Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

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

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:

Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

District _____

Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service, Family, Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects, and awards. (Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.)

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Midwinter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form shall be accepted and the nomination shall only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.
The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee

Midwinter Mask-erade



5M2 MIDWINTER LIONS CONVENTION

February 12-14, 2021

Mayo Health Systems Event Center . 1 Civic Center Plaza . Mankato, MN 56001

Lion Terry Kvitek and Lion Nate Kells (convention co-chairs)

CONVENTION LOCATION:

All participants must pre-register. No Walk-In Registrations (Due to Covid)

Mayo Health Systems Event Center
1 Event Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001

\$25 Onsite Registration (Per Person)
\$25 Virtual Registration (Per Household)
All programs will be held in the Grand Hall

Register online at: district5m2lions.com
and click on the 5M2 Midwinter Banner on the homepage.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hilton Garden Inn (Connected via skyway)
20 Event Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001
90 Rooms Available
Call: (507) 344-1111
Reservation Code: 5M2 Lions District Convention
Visit district5m2lions.com for Hilton online reservations via the convention website.

AmericInn (2 miles from Mayo Event Center)
240 Stadium Road, Mankato, MN 56001
40 Rooms Available
Call: (507) 345-8011
Reservation Code: 5M2 Lions District Convention

CONVENTION TIMELINE:

Friday, February 12, 2021

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Registration
5:30-8:00 p.m. - Cabinet Meeting/Dinner

Saturday, February 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m. - Registration Credentials/Delegate Cards given at Registration this year
8:00-9:30 a.m. - Breakfast and Opening Ceremony
9:45-11:15 a.m. - Business Meeting
11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Speaker
12:15 p.m. - Lunch
12:30-2 p.m. ID Speech & Awards

Saturday, February 13, 2021 cont.

2:15-3:00 p.m. - Speaker
3:00-3:45 p.m. - Speaker
4:00 p.m. Celebration of Life
Midwinter Masquerade Ball
5:45 p.m. - Governor's Reception
6:30 p.m. - Governor's Dinner
8:00 p.m. - Band - Cash bar

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:15 a.m. - Ecumenical Service
9:00-11 a.m. - Brunch (Awards, Parade of Green Results, Speaker, 50/50 Raffle Drawing)

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NOTE: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Lion Last Name	Lion First Name	Title
Address or PO Box	Club Name & District	E-mail address
City	State & Zip Code	Phone Number
Guest Last Name ___(Check if also a Lion)	Guest First Name ___(Check if also a Lion)	Special Dietary Needs

Convention Registration Instructions:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions. *Visiting dignitaries (DG, DGE, 1VDGE 2VDGE) will be the only exceptions.*
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Payment Options: Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Midwinter Convention
 - Check and form(s) mailed to: Michael Olson, 2240 Silver Leaf Trail, Cologne, MN 55322 (Postmarked by February 2, 2021)
 - Online at: district5m2lions.com/5m2-midwinter-convention-2021 (Additional fees may apply for online reservations)

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be directed to Michael Olson at 952-200-1353.

- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before January 18, 2021– Full refund of registration and meals
- Postmarked between January 19 - February 1, 2021 - 90% refund of registration and meals
- After February 2 – no refund (If COVID related - refund of registration only as meals are already pre-paid)

Convention Fees: NO WALK-IN REGISTRATION DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS

- \$25 Pre-Registration for on-site attendees (per person)
- \$25 Virtual/Zoom Registration (per household)

Meal Packages: NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Lion Name	Guest Name	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		Convention Registration Dues - Per Person	\$25
		Virtual Registration Dues - Per Household	\$25
		Saturday: Breakfast (See below)	\$14.50
		Saturday: Lunch (See below)	\$18.50
		Saturday: Governor's Dinner (Steak Option) (See below)	\$48.00
		Saturday: Governor's Dinner (Chicken Option) (See below)	\$42.00
		Saturday: Governor's Dinner (Vegan Option) (See below)	\$40.00
		Sunday: Brunch (See below)	\$18.50
		Friday: Cabinet Meeting Dinner (By Invitation Only)	\$30.00
		Total Registration Fees	
		Total Meal Cost	
		Grand Total Meals & Registration	

Saturday Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich Buffet: Scrambled Eggs topped with Sausage and Cheese on a Bagel, Cheesy Hash Browns

Saturday Lunch: Deli Sandwich Box – Ham or Turkey on Wheat Berry, Chicken Schwarma Wrap, Smoked Gouda Sandwich (Flaffel)
Served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pickles, Kettle Chips, Najwa's Famous Cookie

Saturday Dinner: Top Sirloin - Charbroiled Sirloin topped with a Burgundy Mushroom Sauce, Duchess Potatoes, Chef's Choice Vegetable
Chicken Diane - Charbroiled Chicken with a Creamy Cognac and Mushroom Sauce, Garlic Potato Puree, Chef's Choice Vegetable
Acorn Squash – Vegan Option (All entrees served with House Salad, Fresh Rolls, Sweet Butter, Coffee & Water Station)

Dessert - Carrot Cake & Flourless Chocolate Cake—Gluten Free

Sunday Brunch Buffet – Country Ham and Egg Bake, Cheesy Hash Browns, Assorted Pastries, Fresh Fruit

Hotel Reservations: Call Hilton Garden Inn . 20 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001 . (507) 344-1111 . www.hilton.com

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CLUBS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

The Clubs in Zone 6 are busy planning a fun and informative 5M2 district convention.

Plan to spend time with your Lion's family to celebrate Valentines Weekend at the Mayo Event Center in Mankato.

The convention theme is Midwinter Mask-uerade

We are fortunate to have the Rain Kings Band* on Saturday night for your listening/dancing pleasure!

We encourage you to dress in your formal "Venetian" attire and/or don an ornate festive face mask!

A flyer about the convention, along with registration forms are included in this newsletter.

Please submit by January 1, 2021, a photo of your club banner and a few photos (more the merrier) of your service or fundraising projects held in your community.

Send to Nate Kells at
member.colognelions@gmail.com

Please submit by January 15, 2021, a photo and paragraph of deceased Lions members from January 1, 2020-January 15, 2021 for the tribute service. Send to Eunice Rucks at
king70@frontiernet.net

All clubs are asked to provide:

- 1 Door prize \$15-\$25 value
- Parade of Green donations
- Presorted eyeglasses, hearing aids, pop tabs, ink cartridges and old cellphones

Anyone who requires a display table at the convention should contact Lion Bill Vandersluis at bvander@eventis.net by January 15, 2020.



YOUR CLUB SUPPORT MATTERS!

The District encourages all clubs to make a donation to each area of the Parade of Green. If unable to attend, please mail checks by February 5, 2021 to Michael Olson, 2240 Silver Leaf Trail, Cologne, MN 55322

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. Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
5. Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
6. MD5M Kidsight Foundation – 501(c)(3)
7. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
8. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
9. 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)



DG Anna Wickenhauser and the Clubs of Zone 6 are excited to host the 2021 Midwinter Convention and look forward to seeing you onsite in Mankato or online via Zoom!

2021 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention

Club Delegate Roster

Form must be returned to get your voting credentials

Club Name _____

Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for every 10 members or major fraction (5) thereof.

Number of Club Members _____

Number of Delegates _____

PLEASE LIST YOUR CLUB DELEGATES:

IMPORTANT: Return Delegate Form by February 1, 2021

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>	<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

**YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2021
TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!**

Mail to: Lion Cindy Walters, Cabinet Secretary or E-Mail to cjwalters@me.com
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318

If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members. Thank You.



2020-21 DISTRICT 5M2

Zone Lion of the Year



Do you have a club member who deserves a pat on the back? This is your easiest opportunity to take care of them.

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives each District the opportunity to give well deserved recognition to one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our motto "We Serve".

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who has earned the respect of his/her peers & community.

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2021 Spring Zone meetings. Any club member can complete this application and return it to 1st Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann by January 31, 2021.

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items of years of service as a Lion, involvement in club activities and involvement in the community. Use a separate sheet to complete this information and attach the bottom of this form. You cannot nominate yourself.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club Member: _____

(Signature and Date)

Mail (or Email) nomination and signed completed form to:

1st Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann

6870 Redwing Lane

Chanhassen, MN 55317

Glenny98@hotmail.com

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



As of the last cabinet meeting, 5M2 is planning a Mid-Winter convention in Mankato. See other newsletter items as to plans, date, location, etc. Your trustees are asking your club to donate to the Parade of Green.

We are aware that club fund raising is down this year, but even a small donation is helpful. Our hope is that 100% of clubs will participate again this year. The Hearing Foundation Trustees have committed about 50% of what was committed in the past to the University.

Plans for the 2021 D Feet Walk have been started. The MN Landscape Arboretum is reserved for June 5, 2021. The hope is for the D Feet Walk to be held at the Arboretum. But in the event that Covid 19 is still too active, a virtual walk will be held. More planning for this is being considered. The goal of a virtual D Feet Walk is to raise at least half as much as the last D Feet Walk in 2019. To achieve this goal we need ideas and help from Zone Chairs, Club Presidents and Clubs to come up with support for the walk. We will also need sponsorships from local businesses. If you have a contact we can use, let the Trustees know. The 5M2 Trustees will be counting on the 5M2 District to be the leaders in fund raising in the MD5M (all the Districts in Minnesota). Look for more information in the future newsletters about the D Feet Walk.

During this challenging year, your Trustees wish everyone a safe and healthy Holiday Season.

Trustees:

Lion Marvin Grimm 1-952-448-9465
Lion Vern Breamer 1-507-525-3850



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

The U.S. Flag should always be placed to the RIGHT of the speaker when he/she is facing the audience. If you are in a situation where the Canadian Flag is also used, that flag would be placed to the LEFT of the speaker.

IF you happen to be in Canada, the flags would be reversed: Canadian on the right of the speaker and the U.S. Flag on the left!!

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs



1.3 Million people are either blind or visually impaired in the US. Leader Dog for the Blind is prepared to assist these people as needed to improve the quality of their lives for independence in our society.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Leader Dog for the Blind has initiated protocols to protect clients, team members, volunteers, and others on their campus in Rochester Hills Michigan. Currently no tours of campus visits or events are occurring on campus.

Leader Dog has a plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Leader Dog does not discriminate against race, color, national origin, age, religion, gender identification or sexual orientation. Leader Dog is not taking a political position but due to events of May 2020, Leader Dog has committed to work together as an organization and community to be proactive to have an impact on positive social change in our society. Many of us know that being blind in our society is not easy, and most of us do not know the complexity of blindness unless we experience it ourselves or with a close family member or friend. Leader Dog has initiated four strategic goals. One of those goals is to amplify the diverse constituents' groups across Leader Dog through communication and philanthropic platforms. Leader Dog has created a new newsletter called the "Leader Dog Community Voice". These articles will highlight Leader Dog Clients diversity and journey through life with their disability. The first article is about Leatrice Fullerton. She is a woman of color, her experiences are well documented, the article is long but educational. Please check it out if interested in learning more about diversity and at Leader Dog for the Blind website.

Covid 19 has affected our personal lives and Lion's Clubs in our district. Out Midwinter is approaching in February, and we always celebrate our parade of green at the convention. Please consider giving anything to Leader Dog for the Blind, even if it is only \$10. Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of Leader Dog clients and assists with costs associated with training of a Leader Dog which is exceeding \$30,000. per dog.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the clubs that were able to participate in the Peace Poster Contest this year. I appreciate all of the extra work that it took for you to get the information out to the schools and to get the posters to me. We had a total of 22 posters submitted to the District which is great!! The winning poster has been submitted to Council Chair Brian.

PDG Diana Kroells, Peace Poster Chairperson



Lions Article for Newsletter



Hello Fellow Lions,

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Dave Williams. I am a member of the Norwood-Young America Lions Club. I have been a proud member for 12 years. I have served as Membership Chair, Tail Twister, Vice President, President and on numerous committees.

I recently accepted the assignment of Social Media Chairperson for District 5M2. I was asked by District Governor Anna Wickenhauser if I would be willing to help our district with Social Media related topics. As I told DG Anna, I am a technological dinosaur, but I'm learning as I go and willing to share what I learn with you.

I started by creating my own Facebook account, then created our clubs' account. Since then I have learned how to do Twitter, Linked In and Instagram. As I have learned how to do these platforms, I have made them for NYA Lions as well. I think it is critical for our Lions Clubs to use the technology that is available to us to get the word out about Lions. We do amazing work; we need to tell the world about it now.

Today, the world is all about technology (not saying that's good or bad) and as Lions, we need to change how we interact with our community and that world. More and more we are relying on social media and technology to get the word out. As Lions we need to keep up with the times. Sadly, word of mouth, newspaper, and the other forms of communication we have used in the past are becoming less common.

Interestingly, when I joined Lions, I remember telling my club that Lions were the best kept secret and they should tell everyone what they do. That statement is even more important now. There is even more of a need for what we do in today's world. The fastest and most efficient way to tell the world about what we do is through social media. Its fascinating when you think that one post on a social media site can reach millions of people. The potential to get our messages out is amazing. What used to take hours and weeks to create and publish in previous media sources, can now be done in minutes and have a larger impact. I am awed by the thought that a post on Facebook by your club, can be read by another club thousands of miles away in minutes. Just think of what that type of advertising can do for your club? You can advertise your event and reach thousands of potential customers....wow! Just think if you advertise your pancake breakfast and hundreds of customers show up, in addition to your regular crowd? Better buy more pancake mix!

The technology is intimidating at first, but they have made it very user friendly. You just need to overcome the intimidation and give it a try. If you need help starting your social media program, please contact me and I will help you.

Happy Social Media Exploring!

Thank You

Dave Williams

Dave Williams
952-500-2378
davidmichaelwilliams@aol.com





**You are invited to participate in the
1st Annual District 5M2 Lions Virtual
“Ugly Christmas Sweater/Attire” contest!!!**



Since COVID has Grinched our Christmas festivities, we are going to do a virtual Ugly Sweater Contest. The winner for top ugliest sweaters/attire will receive fabulous prizes by our District Governor. Prizes will be sent out January 4th. Please submit a photo of you and/or your family in your attire by 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 29th. Include your name, contact info and club name.

It can be text, emailed, mailed, dog sled, North Pole Express or sent any way you can think of as long as it is submitted by the deadline. Send it to Lion Dave at 952-500-2378 or davidmichaelwilliams@aol.com or 10455 Jersey Ave, Chaska, MN 55318

Don't let the Grinch, steal your Christmas spirit, let's see your ugliest sweater or attire!



PARADE OF GREEN

All clubs are encouraged to make a donation to each area of the Parade of Green at the District Convention.

Parade of Green areas are to 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. Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
5. Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
6. MD5M Kidsight Foundation – 501(c)(3)
7. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
8. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
9. 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)



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness 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 Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at www.litpc.org In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, 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, 2021 to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

"WE SERVE"

Tidbits from the Past

(taken from past district newsletters)

- On April 21, 1990 a new Lioness Club was certified into 5M-2. The new club is called the West Carver Lioness Club and is made up of Lioness from the west side of Carver County. The club has started with many plans and will be a very active club in our district (taken from 5-1990 newsletter).
- On December 20, 1993, the West Carver Lioness club chartered as the NYA West Carver Lions club and remains very active in the district today.
- In 1990, the Amboy Lions Club became the first organization in the State of Minnesota to participate in the new "Adopt a Highway" program and were instrumental in establishing the program.

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



December Retreat has been CANCELLED

Due to new Covid19 restrictions

It's the best to keep everyone safe.

This December Retreat has been set for

for next December 2021

Same first weekend – same place.

Lion Darlene Wondra

Lions of District 5M2

Pop a Top and Save the Tab

(A project of the Environmental & Service Committees)



Who: All Lions Clubs in 5M2

What: Collect Aluminum Can Tabs

Why: To benefit Ronald McDonald House
And Shriners Hospitals

When: Now to 2021 Mid-Winter Convention

How: Create your own containers to place in local business
(Be Creative – there will be a contest at Mid-Winter)

More information will be sent to all club presidents in September

For more info contact: Lion Pam Koenen (pkkoenen@gmail.com)

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Mayer Area Lions



The Mayer Area Lions Club delivered a check to three of the local Watertown/Mayer Schools for a cause called, "Face Mask Donation Request". The school system was asking for donations and masks for their students at the Watertown/Mayer schools.

(Above) The picture presenting the check to the recipients includes (not in order): Abbey Schuette, Melissa Brands, Jennifer Slipka, Darla Parrague and Lion member Paulette Pelletier.

(Right) Pictured with Mayer Lion Treasurer, Laura Dukowitz presenting a check to Zion's School Administrator Joshua Baumann.



Mayer Area Lions treat the community with "Trick or Treat on the Street"



Lafayette Area Lions Support LCS Students

The Lafayette Area Lions Club supported two youth programs at the Lafayette Charter School Wednesday, November 11. They presented dictionaries to eligible students and recognized the winners of the Lions Peace Poster contest.

Three members of the club were on hand to present Webster's Dictionary for Students to nine third grade students and four older students who are new at the school and had not yet received their own dictionaries.

The presentation was made in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a national program that traces its roots to 1992. Over 30 million children have received

dictionaries because people and organizations like the Lions have seen the need in their communities.

The Lions also recognized students who created posters for the annual Lions Peace Poster Contest and presented awards to the winners.

Contest winners were Jonathan Turbes of New Ulm, son of Terry and Dawn Turbes, first; and Rachel Lund of Lafayette, daughter of Phillip Lund, second. They received cash prizes of \$25 and \$15, respectively. Jonathan is a sixth grader, Rachel a seventh grader. Jonathan's poster has been sent to Lions District 5M2 where it will compete for additional honors.



Sixth grader Jonathan Turbes took top honors in the Lions Peace Poster Contest at Lafayette Charter School. Turbes received a cash prize of \$25, along with a special certificate.



Lafayette Charter School Peace Poster contest entrants are pictured with their posters. The students are, kneeling, from left: Skylar Lyimo, Annika Wyffels, Rachel Lund, Ezra Friese, and Isaac Friese. Standing: Lion Tom Hayes holding Nicholes Turbes's poster, Lion Mark Dick holding Jonathan Turbes's poster, Jenna Donnay, Emma Natysin, Malachi Schwark, and Kelsey Owens holding MyKayla Weston's poster. Not pictured: students Nicholas Turbes, Jonathan Turbes, and MyKayla Weston; and Lions Ruth Klossner and Lee Zion.



Thirteen Lafayette Charter School students received their own personal dictionaries through the sponsorship of the Lafayette Area Lions Club November 11. The third grade recipients are, from left: Jax Guggisberg, Gabe Monge, Theory Harrison, Grasha Johnson, Noah Lund, Katelyn Morton, Taylyn Reinhart, Natalie Marti, and Dustin Ahlbrecht. Teacher Mrs. Ashley Walters and Lions Mark Dick and Tom Hayes are in back. Not pictured are students Savanna Williams, Ezra and Isaac Friese, Jenna Donnay and Kelsey Owens, and Lion Ruth Klossner.

Amboy Lions



The Amboy Lions Club had cancelled the last 2 meetings due to COVID. But all members agreed, they still wanted to recognize the service of the Veterans. On Veterans Day they socially distanced serving donuts and coffee. This year in particular, we appreciate our freedoms more than ever before.

Unfortunately, 3 members had spouses who tested positive at a nursing facility. We lost one of the spouses.

Jordan/Jordaness Lions



Every year the Jordaness Lions and the Jordan Lions clubs partner to bring the Lions Peace Poster contest to the Jordan schools. We had great posters and the hardest part is always the judging. We awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6 who received Honorable Mention. All winners received a cash prize.

The 1st Place winner (above) will be submitted by the Jordaness Lions and the 2nd Place winner will be submitted by the Jordan Lions for judging at the Zone level.

NYA West Carver Lions



Pictures above are the winners of the Peace Poster Contest from the NYA West Carver Lions. They all attend Central Middle School. Left is 1st place Tori Gratz. Middle picture is 2nd place Hailey Stender. Right is 3rd place Alyssa Trotter.

Chanhasen Lions



We had a charter member pass away: Howard Meuwissen died on October 5th. Howard was a charter member of the Chanhasen Lions (chartered in 1988). Howard hardly ever missed a meeting and is a Melvin Jones fellow and one of the club's past "worker bee" award winners, which is Chanhasen's "Lion of the Year" award. Howard was a lifelong member of Chanhasen, and was a retired Captain of the Chanhasen Fire Department as well as a Post Honor Guard member of the Chanhasen American Legion Post 580. Attached is a photo of Howard receiving his Melvin Jones. Presenter is Lion Curt Robinson.

Our Club hosted a Food Drive at Cub Foods in Chanhasen on Halloween Day, benefitting Bountiful Basket Food Shelf (serving eastern Carver County). Southwest Metro Transit donated their trolley for collecting and transporting the food donations. Over 1500 lbs. of food and \$820 in cash donations were presented to the food shelf. The two Lions pictured are Gary Haberman and Lisa Kaufmann.

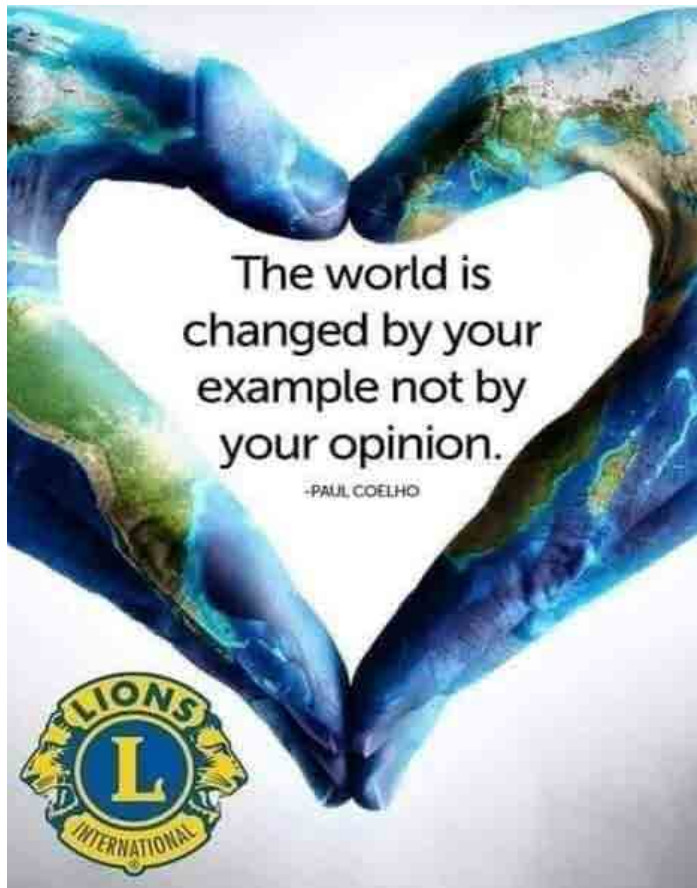


Gibbon Lions

The Gibbon Lions made donations in November to help the less fortunate.

They donated to a local program, coordinated by Sharon Fossom at GFW Schools, called "Spirit of the Season" which helps provide families with gifts and meals over the holiday season.

They also donated to the Sibley County food shelf. Pictured are Lion Jeff Gaton and Food Shelf coordinator Jackie Kruggel.



Arlington Lions Community Bench Project

Is your club looking for a new, limited-contact project to conduct during the pandemic? Have you often wished that you could recycle those plastic store bags or bread bags or that case wrap on the water you purchased? Would you like to receive a free, limited maintenance bench for your community also? Think no more! Go to trex.com/recycling and find out how your community, by collecting 500# of plastic film in a 6-month period of time, can earn a bench for your community, save additional plastic from the landfills, and impact a Lions International focus area - Environment.

On November 22, 2020, the Arlington Lions Club, in partnership with the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, embarked on a 6-month project to collect 500# of plastic film and bags. Collectible items include grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other resealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. Members need to collect the plastics dropped off at the collection sites several times a week, sort and make sure the saved plastics are appropriate, clean and free of food residue, weigh the bags, and finally drop the collection bags at the local grocery store for eventual transport to Trex via the grocery distributor. Haggemiller Lumber of Arlington has graciously offered us storage space for our collected plastics and enough social distancing space in one of their buildings to safely sort and weigh the plastic.

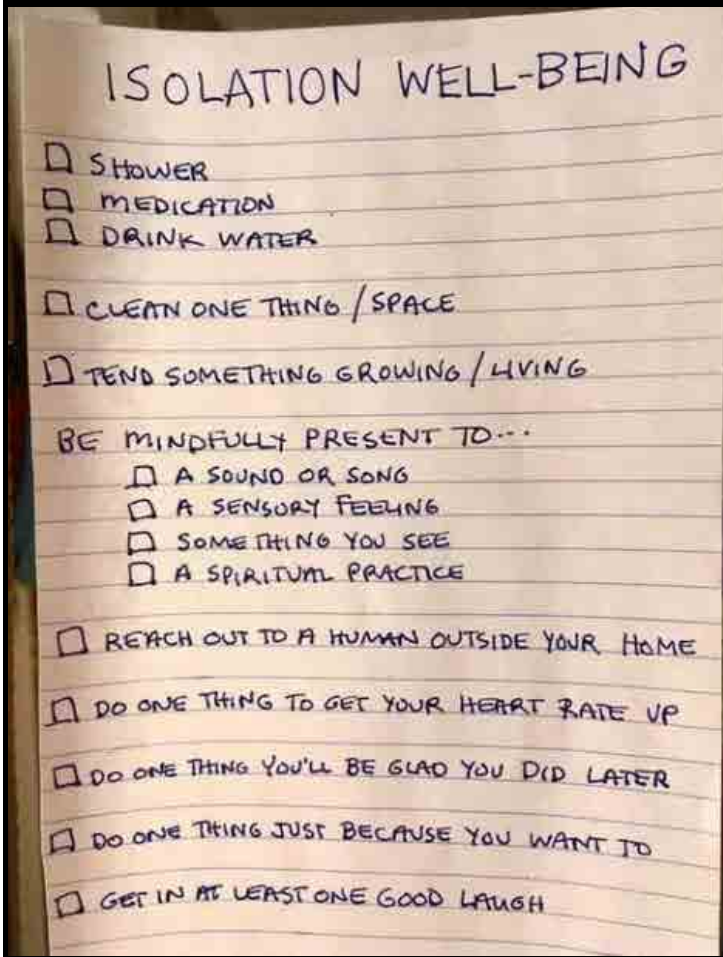
We have had many positive comments about the program from community members since the first word of the proposed project appeared in the local newspaper back in September. Many, many community members have been saving those store bags and wishing for a way to recycle them. Everyone is excited about the end-result of a community bench, and also keeping more plastics out of the landfills!!

For additional information on how the Arlington Lions began the project, please contact PDG Nancy Mathwig at nancy.mathwig@gmail.com or check out the Arlington Lions Facebook page.





The Watertown Leo Club will be collecting toy drive and food shelf donations at our Santa Day Event at the Watertown Community Center. We have holiday gift bags for children while supplies last. The bags contain holiday themed face masks, a candy cane hugged by a plush snowman and more! Have the kids bring their letters to Santa! Check out the Watertown Leo Club Facebook page for more information and Covid-19 related updates.



Plato Lions

Pork Chop Dinner

Drive-thru (from N to S past Fire Dept)
 Follow the Signs

on **January 1st** From 11 - 1 pm

Only **300 Tickets Available** at **KING PIN PUB** or **Lion Member**



\$12 Takeout = 2 Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, and Dessert

Seating available at the King Pin Pub



The 5M2 District Lions have a new website!
This is THE hub for all the District 5M2 Lions info you need.

District 5M2 Lions, ARE ON A MISSION TO SERVE!

The new site features updated calendar features, online reservation/registration capabilities, contact submission forms and more! Want to add an event, have something to archive, or want to provide feedback? Please email 5M2LionsInfo@gmail.com or use the submission on the site.



Navigation Update



Highlighted Events



5M2 Resources and Helpful Tips

Visit the new website at district5m2lions.com today!

