

5M-2 DISTRICT





Lion Christy Trutnau -District Governor

I am working hard with the convention to ensure everyone has a fun, and informative 2024 Mid-Winter Convention as we prepare the final touches on the convention.

It has been fun attending the other District Conventions in support of my fellow District Governors. Every district does things a little different and its fun to see the different ways they do things and get some new ideas.

Please join us for the opening ceremony on Friday evening followed by the Celebration of Life. This year we will honor over 40 Lions who have passed away.

I hope if your club has someone who had died, you will be there to support their memory. On Saturday Morning we have some great speakers from Project New Hope, Leader Dog, Jordaness Lions (Chair Yoga); Mission 1.5; who have traveled a distance to be with you, so I hope you attend the seminars. At the Saturday luncheon we will give the youth their time to show their talents as we hear from the Peace Poster winners; Write Off Winners and the Essay Winner. ID Steve will be inducting two new members and we will close the Saturday Luncheon with a "FUN" tail twisting event, you will not want to miss out on participating! Our business meeting will follow shortly after the luncheon where we will be voting on the proposed dues increase, Hall of Fame nominate, and the 2024-2025 District leadership team. I hope you will join us for the Saturday night banquet as the keynote speaker will be our visiting International Director Steve Middlemiss from New Hampshire.

Don't forget to "Spread your Wing"

"Without change there would be no butterflies" by Walt Disney



You can contact me at: 952-261-8581- phone Christy1135@gmail.com DG Christy Trutnau

DG Christy's On The Move

February 1st- Jordan Lions Beer/Wine Tasting February 3rd- 5M8's Mid Winter Convention February 4th - Faribault Lions Breakfast February 6th- Eagle Lions Club Visit February 8-11th- Mid Winter Convention February 15th- Mankato Sunrise Lions and Mankato Lions Club Joint Visit

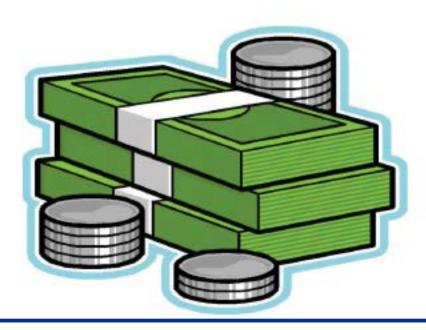
February 16-18th- 5M3's Mid Winter Convention February 18th- Granddaughter's Baptism February 20th- LeCenter Lions Club February 23-25th- 5M13's Mid-Winter Convention February 26th- Montgomery Lions Club Visit February 28th- Shakopee Lions Club Visit

If there is a Lion Member that you would like to send a shout out to or a story about your time as a Lion that you would like to share, contact District **Governor Lion Christy Trutnau today!**

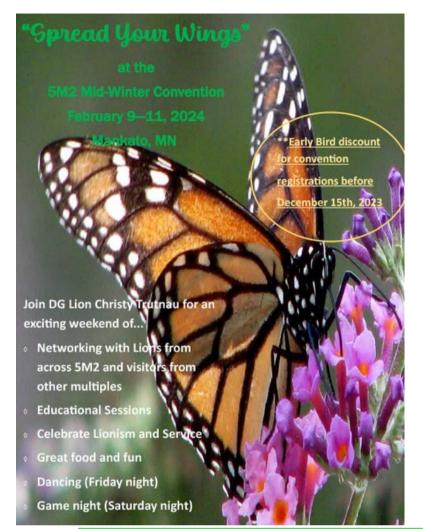
Parade of Green

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

- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) 501(c)(3)
 - Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation 501(c)(3)
 - Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 501(c)(3)
- Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation 501(c)(3)
 - MD5M KidSight Foundation: 501(c)(3)/81-3338106)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind 501(c)(3) 7. Can Do Canines 501(c)(3)
- Diabetes (Can be given to either or both) a. Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3) b. 5M-2
 Diabetes funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both) a. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation 501(c)(3) b.
 5M-2 Youth Exchange funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day, and Write-Off contest)
 - 11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota 501(c)(3)
 - 12. TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation 501(c)(3)



5M2 Mid-Winter Convention Is Coming Up Quick!









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



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

Guest information. () Lion () Leo () Spouse Guest () 1 Time Attendee					
Last Name (#1)	First Name	E-mail address			
Address or PO	Club Name Phone Number				
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs			
Guest or Spouse Last Name (#2)	Guest or Spouse First Name	Address if Different			

Please follow these instructions to register for the convention:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions.
 Visiting dignitaries and invited guests will be the only exceptions.
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Make Checks payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention and mail to: Lion Laura Maki, 301 E Clinton St., Arlington, MN. 55307
 Call Lion Laura with questions-(507) 964-5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net
- Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to Lion Laura at the above address or call.
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before Jan. 12, 2024
 Full refund; January 13-February 2- 90% refund; after Feb. 2-no refund.

NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Hotel provides Continental Breakfast free of charge

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

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

MD5M GET Multiple District Coordinator

MD5M GLOBAL ACTION TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The position of Global Extension Team Multiple District Coordinator is open.

Attributes of a GET Coordinator



Passion for Lions

Committed to Missiom 1.5

Motivator, Trainer & Collaborator

Understands New Club

Development

Ability to Mentor Others

Technology Savvy



Mission 1.5 is well underway and to support our Districts GETs, filling the MD GET position is one step toward achieving our membership goals. Are you ready to join the MD GAT? If so, please send a resume to executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org.

MISSION 1.5

For more information please visit the LCI website for the GET Coordinator roles and responsibilities at: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_YL1xSzh4U8n5.jpg.pdf?v=1



Convention Season is Here!

Lion Lisa Kaufmann - 1st Vice District Governor

It was hard to believe January was here, now we are already to February and our 5M-2 District Convention! Within MD5M this time of year is known as convention season. Almost every weekend in January and February there is a district convention. Lion Glenn and I try to visit as many as we can, however some weekends there is more than one convention and just not enough time to get to them all.

As we have made the rounds, it is so rewarding to hear all the great things Lions are doing in their communities and even at the international level. The district conventions mainly have similar agendas; however the order of the events vary. Attending the different conventions is providing the opportunity for the DG team to bring new ideas back to 5M-2.

Attending district conventions gives us the chance to meet international directors and to hear what is happening at the international level. Mission 1.5 is one topic which is always discussed. LCI membership has been decreasing and is a top concern for our leadership.



When Lions are asked why it is so hard to invite someone to join, they are a number of responses received including:

- I am not sure what to say
- Fear of being rejected
- Do not want to put someone on the spot

It may not be easy to ask someone to join, it can be easy to ask someone to attend a service event especially if it is a service project you enjoy. The consistent message we hear over and over is service equals membership. It has been proven if you invite someone to join your club for service projects it will lead to increased membership. When someone experiences volunteering they feel rewarded for the work they are doing and seeing benefits of what being a member of a Lions Club is. If you are not comfortable asking someone to join your club, ask them to join you for a service project. More Lions members means more service and more ways to serve our communities. New Lions also bring new ideas.

LCI Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) is Saturday, April 27, 2024. My challenge to our 5M-2 clubs is to have your members invite people to a service project. How awesome would it be if some of those people you engaged could be inducted into our clubs on WWID?

Hope to see you at the Mid-Winter Convention, February 9 – 11, 2024!



2023 District 5M-2 Zone Lion of the Year



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

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

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

Email: lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com



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

The form must be signed by the Club president.

Nominee: _		
Club: _		
Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3 Zone 4 Zone 4	Zone 5 Zone 6 Zone 7 Zone 8	
Club President:	(1)	 (2.1.)
	(signature)	(Date)



Lion Shermayne Cross - 2nd Vice District Governor

Is It Spring Yet???

This is one of the craziest winters as far as weather is concerned that I can ever remember. One day it is cold and blustery and the next day it is rainy, foggy and miserable and then the sun will shine and we are setting all-time record high temperatures. Our lake froze over the 1st week of December and opened back up on Christmas Day for ten more days before it froze again.

We are taking bets at our house when it will open again. I always worry about the weather for Mid-Winter conventions-will it be above or below zero, will it keep people away or will they still attend. I am realizing that there isn't much that will keep Lions away from coming together to celebrate the successes of our great organization. So everyone get your ROARS warmed up and be ready to celebrate. See you in Mankato on February 9th, 10th and 11th.

I had the privilege of attending the last Advanced Lion Leadership Institutes (ALLI) in Wisconsin last month at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholf, which is near Stevens Point. A beautiful facility with very friendly staff who fed us well and took care of all our needs. In total there were 26 Lions in attendance, 24 from Wisconsin, 1 from Illinois and 1 from Minnesota. We spent three days learning about leadership, developing teams, project management, delegation, conflict resolution, branding, the Lions image, LCIF grants and all participated in a group presentation on an assigned topic with 4-5 other Lions. My head was spinning by the time I left. I learned so much, met lots of great Lions, developed new friendship and had a lot of fun. The sharing of stories, challenges and success added to the great weekend. We all received ALII certificates and pins and in Wisconsin you also earn the Servant Leader Award and pin. Most in attendance were 2VDG and will become District Governors the same time I will, so we all will be celebrating together in Mexico in 2025. Although ALLI is going away as we know it, Lions International is rewriting the curriculum and it will become part of the training for 2VDG. I'm really excited to hear what new topics they will be including.

Until next time..."Be Kind, Help Others, Have Fun, Make a Difference in Your Community!" Lion Shermayne







LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2023 – 2024 school year that there will be 4 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (4), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (6). The 2024 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2024.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

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

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2024 to:

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

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

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

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

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



2023-2024 Theme: Dare to Dream

Thank you so much to the 21 clubs that participated in the Peace Poster Contest this year. All 28 posters submitted will be (were) on display at the Mid Winter Convention. I am happy to be able to announce the winners of the contest:

1st Place Chaerin Kang sponsored by the Prior Lake Lions 2nd Place Gretta Monson sponsored by Lake Crystal Lions 3rd Place Murielle Pagenkopf sponsored by the Cologne Lions

Because of the deadline of this article, (Jan 15) I will include photos to be taken at the convention of the artist with her print in the next newsletter.

2024-2025 Theme: Peace Without Limits

The Peace Poster kits for 2024-2025 became available on January 15th. The kit cost is \$11.95 and contains all of the material (except the paper) you will need to sponsor a contest in your school or youth group. One kit is needed for each entry submitted. Please consider giving the youth in your area an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Please put Peace Poster Contest on your meeting agendas early in 2024. I would be happy to attend your club meeting and tell you how you can participate.

If you have questions on how to order a kit, contact me or order from Lionsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1 or just google Lions International Peace Poster Kit

PDG Lion Diana Kroells
Peace Poster Chairperson
dianakroells@gmail.com
952 467 2211

Jordaness Club

Members of the Jordaness club sold hot dogs and walking tacos to hungry basketball fans at the girls' and boys' basketball games at Jordan High School. Proceeds from the event will be used to support graduating JHS seniors with scholarships.

The Jordaness Lions and the <u>Jordan Lions</u> joined together last week to do a service project, "Valentines's Senior Smile".

We filled 350 goody bags and made homemade Valentine cards. These treats were delivered to all of the residents living at Valley View, the Schule Haus, Oak Terrace, Brentwood Court, and Brentwood Terrace. We also shared these treats with community residents participating in the Meals on Wheels program and to the police department, for the officers and staff.













Can Do Canines

Can Do Canines to Host Open House March 9

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, March 9, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer



department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

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

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





Waconia Dandylions Changing Lives

🌲 Gifts for Grands 🌲

At Christmas, we think about those who are alone and don't have anywhere to go. Those who physically can't leave their bed or chair. As we are busy with our kids and traditions, there are those whose Christmas's are winding down. We are thinking of you!

The Waconia DandyLions take personalized lists from those in our long term care and assisted living and go out shopping for these residents, wrapping them and hand deliver them right before Christmas. It is always so touching reading their Christmas wishes. This year we delivered about 70 gifts!

The hardest part is not being able to see the residents open their presents.

We were told by the staff that it is by far their favorite part during Christmas helping the residents open their gifts. They smile, they have joy and some of them cry with gratefulness as they open their chapstick, snacks, throw blankets and refrigerator magnets, etc.

This is possible because of our community's donations through initiatives like the Flannel Bar Crawl taking place in October each year. If you hear about this or see it posted next year, consider attending or just donating because it is YOU who will be making a difference at Christmas for these grand people.

We also held an open house to recruit potential members at the beautiful Charlson Meadows Renewal Center in Victoria. This event was successful and we have new possible members

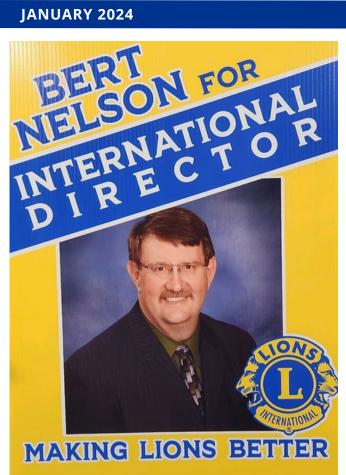
interested in our joining our club.











You're going to Canada in April, eh?

It has been great meeting the Lions in our multiple as Pam and I have been attending the Mid-Winter conventions. We are hoping to make it to each one, weather and work permitting. Come check my table at the convention with this sign. I do have some jokebooks and pins that you may be interested in.

We do have a race for the endorsement of International Director. We need to show Lions Clubs International that the Lions from MD5M strongly support our members in the service they do for Lions.

I appreciate the support that I have been given already and I encourage your clubs to send voting delegates to the MD5M convention in April in Winnipeg, MB.

Brownton Lions

We the Brownton Lions were honored to have our Governor Christy Trutnau join us at our January meeting. Social hour followed by dinner which was served by Brownton Bar & Grill. Our meeting was than held & discussion about our upcoming events.

- 1. Our meat raffle which is held every Saturday night from 4-6pm at BBG.
- 2. Fish fry. Coming March 22nd. 3 7 or til fish is gone.
- 3. Brownton Days July 19&20th
- 4. Waffle Breakfast April 6th to support Brownton Days.
- 5. Christy presented Steve Loncorich with a 40 year pin.





Carver Lions

The Carver Lions started 2024 with our 15th annual Soggy Bottom (no) Snow Golf Tournament. The event held on 1/27/2024 was held at the Carver Riverside Park with proceed going to help cover medical bills for Chaska firefighter, Zack Bonnema. Zack was recently diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer.

Our dedicated Lions members have put this tournament on annually after picking one or two recipients that are in medical crisis and who are experiencing financial hardship because of it. We wish to thank all of our members who have been involved in this project, as well as the surrounding clubs and fire departments that supported us this year.

Looking forward into February, we will be accepting applications for our high school and post-secondary scholarships. In addition, our weekly meat raffle will be held at Lisa's place each Saturday starting at 3pm.













LCIF Gala Paint the Town REDEEN

Sat, April 13, 2024 Prairie Event Center Parkers Prairie, MN 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

If you want to join in on the fun that we will have with PIP Brian and Lori Sheehan with raising money for LCIF, than read below what you need to know and do.

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find your personal balance that you have donated to LCIF. If you want to be presented with a MJF plaque or PMJF pin by PIP Brian Sheehan, then you will need to order your plague/pin by Feb 29, 2024. You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you are attending.

Tickets are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator for \$45 each or \$500 for a table of 8 (perks included).



LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson telling Melvin Jones all about the LCIF Gala in April.

The Gala will begin at 10:30 am at the Prairie Event Center with Lion Lori Sheehan leading a Lions in Motion activity at 11:00. There will be a costume contest with a green theme. Dinner will start at 12:30.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a Grandstay Hotel is located next door with rates starting around \$157.00. Their phone # is 1-855-230-2535. There are also hotels available in nearby Alexandria, MN.

Any further questions please contact:

Bert Nelson 218-298-0599 or lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com







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



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

Hamburg Lions Club Purse & Gun Bingo

Saturday February 17, 2024

Hamburg Community Hall 351 Henrietta Ave

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

Purses by: Coach Kate Spade Michael Kors









*Winchester SXP 20 ga *ATI Cavalry SXE 12 ga * Stoeger STR 9s Combat w/Red dot 9mm *Savage Minimalist 22 LR *Radical Arms RF-15 .233 *Savage Axis 11 x P with scope .270 *Taurus "Judge" 45/.410 Pistol *Remington 870 Express 12 ga

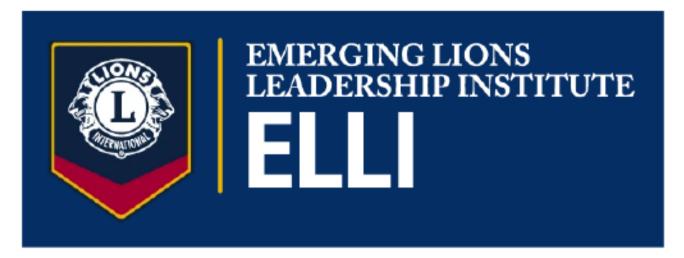
15 Games of Bingo \$50.00

7 games for purses 8 games for guns

Food & Bar Available

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO PLAY





This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

March 15-17, 2024 Shooting Star Casino 777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen, MN

The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: <u>lionsmd5m.org</u> under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)

The goal of this institute is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level.

Qualified candidates are:

- Lions in good standing
- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino ,777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen ,MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- · Lions, Past, Present and Future
- · Change Management
- Supporting Lions' Teams
- LCIF
- Communication
- · Conducting Effective Meetings
- Diversity
- Lions Mentoring Program
- · Creative Thinking
- · Ensuring Club success

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.

MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE MARCH 15-17, 2024, MAHNOMEN MN PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 23, 2024
PLEASE PRINT

NAME:	DATE JOINED LIONS:				
ADDRESS:					
E-Mail ADDRESS:	_ TELEPHONE NO:				
CLUB NAME & NUMBER:	MEMBER NUMBER:				
CURRENT OFFICE HELD:					
OTHER OFFICES HELD:					
I WAS REFERRED BY:					
Use the back of this document or add another p	page if you require more space.				
Any food or other allergies?					
APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING	G:				
APPLICANT:	DATE:				
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR:	DATE:				
NOTE: The registration fee for the Institute will be \$100 USD. This fee will be payable by check or credit card before you can attend the Institute. You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by March 1st 2024.					