



5M-2 DISTRICT



Lion Christy Trutnau -District Governor



Happy Thanksgiving Lions!

WOW, October was a busy month! I was able to complete 10 club visits, attend the Diabetes Rally in Mankato; Council of Governors meeting in Craguens; MLVF Eyeball Gala, Thanksgiving for Vision; four zone meetings; a pancake breakfast; handing out dictionaries to 3rd graders in Jordan, a 50th Anniversary celebration; held a cabinet meeting and a short trip to see my family in North Dakota. I am tired just writing this... LOL! It has been a blast so far!

At the zone meetings we have been doing the Buddy Bag service project; each zone so far has been eager and willing to participate and excited to bring the bag back to their

communities. Also, at the zone meetings the tail twisting has been very creative, bravo to the tail twisters!

The Mid-Winter Convention Committee and I have been working hard at putting on a great convention for you. Please make sure to take advantage of the early registration discount and get your registrations in. You are sure to have a great time at the convention.

As you have heard or will be hearing about Mission 1.5, which is to increase membership within the Lions Organization to 1.5 million members by the year 2027. There are many resources on the Lions International Website that you can help you with recruiting new members. The Membership Growth Event Kit is just one of them. This kit is a resource in preparing for and hosting a successful membership growth event. These resources are crucial to the development and growth of our association's membership. Take advantage of the resources Lions International has to offer you. Here is the link to the membership growth kit; or you can simply just go to the Lions International website and search for it. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/membership-growth-event>

Have you wanted to learn more about Lions; want to move up in the Lions organization or just want to brush up on your leadership skills. Well, you're in luck. If you have never been a club president and want to learn more. You will have the opportunity to attend Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in March 2024. Watch for more information to come. If you don't want to wait until then you have some online options available to you. You can take classes through Lions University and on My LCI under the Learn tab. If you need assistance, please reach out to the leadership team we would be more than happy to assist you.

Hope to see you at a Zone meeting, club visit or the Mid-Winter!

You can contact me at:

952-261-8581- phone

Christy1135@gmail.com

DG Christy's On The Move

*November 2- Zone 4 Meeting - Shakopee
November 6th- Zone 5 Meeting- Northfield
November 9th- Alden Club Visit
November 13th- Lake Crystal Club Visit
November 14th- Waconia Men's Club Visit
November 15th- Carver Club Visit*

*November 16th- Prior Lake Club Visit
November 18th- Jordaness Lions Fashion Show
November 20th- Hamburg Lions Club Visit
November 21st- Owatonna Club visit- Noon
November 21st- Hutchinson Club visit
November 27th- Waterville Lions Club Visit*

DG Christy's Travels



5M2 Mid-Winter Convention is coming up quick!

"Spread Your Wings"
 at the
5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
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Mankato, MN

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 December 15th, 2023**

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- Game night (Saturday night)



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REGISTRATION



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



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

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

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

- July 2024 (\$3.00 increase)**
- July 2025 (\$1.00 increase)**
- July 2026 (\$1.00 increase)**

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

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



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 5
- Zone 6
- Zone 7
- Zone 8

Club President: _____
(signature) (Date)



The Leaves are a Changing

Lion Lisa Kaufmann - 1st Vice District Governor

Fall is here! This is one of my favorite times of the year. Seeing the leaves change colors and hearing them crackle under your feet, love it. In mid-October I had the opportunity to be a facilitator for Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) in Bemidji. On our drive we had magnificent views of leaves changing and also outside of our conference room window. You know what else is changing? Lions!

During RLLI learned the average age of a Lions member is approximately 62. The average age of our RLLI participants was under 62 and they were passionate, excited, and eager to learn and share what Lions is all about. As Lions we hear over and over how to engage younger members, it is starting to work. Seeing younger participants in RLLI who are taking an initiative to learn will be great leaders for our organization in the future.

During this experience there are also a lot of question from the participants. What is a Zone Chair? How do you become a District Governor? What other leadership opportunities are there? How can I get involved with a foundation? How do we change our meetings, so they are not boring? We did not have time to address all of these questions, but I took them away and am contemplating how in 5M-2 we can provide additional educational opportunities. As a club you can assist as well. As new members join your club are you providing an orientation and explaining what Lions is all about? If not, encourage you to spend some time with them to do so.

What are other opportunities for our members? Point them to www.lionsclubs.org, there are so many resources on the website. Encourage members to attend Zone meetings. These are a great opportunity to learn what is happening with clubs in your same area. Finally, encourage them to attend the District Convention in February.



If you have a member of your club or know someone in the District who is interested in learning more about Lions there will be a great opportunity to do so next March. There will be an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) March 14 – 17, 2024. Watch this newsletter for information on how to register.



RLLI Green Machine Team



RLLI Orange Pride Team



Thanksgiving and Lions

Lion Shermayne Cross - 2nd Vice District Governor

It has been a busy month with Zone Meetings and a few club visits with DG Christy. It has been great to meet new Lions and to learn about their clubs and all the wonderful activities they are doing. I also attended a two day training in Brainerd with other 2VDG and 1VDG where we began our journey to become District Governors. We had wonderful instructors who were eager to share their knowledge, answering many many questions and making each day fun. My

partner and I won the puzzle challenge (putting a 48 piece puzzle together) in 6 minutes! Many team building activities, role playing and impromptu speaking opportunities were included each day. Evenings were spent relaxing and getting to know each other a little better. We ended the weekend on Saturday morning attending the Council of Governors Meeting. It was interesting to watch, listen and learn how the process unfolds.

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching; a time to Reflect, Readjust and be Grateful. In this world of conflict, natural disasters, uncertainty for many, mental illness and hunger we Lions need to pause to and ask "Are we doing all we can?" Does your club have a plan to address any of these issues or issues within your community? Do you look at this plan each year and readjust or add a new activity? Do you celebrate after each completed activity with a special treat, a pat on the back or a quick note? Finally, are you having fun? Be grateful that Lions are doing so much to improve the lives of others. What a great organization to belong to. Whether it is purchasing a pair of new glasses for someone that can't afford them or delivering a basket of food to a neighbor that has been struggling to provide for their family, be Grateful they you can do that for others. That feel good moment for the recipient but also for the giver.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

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

THE LIONS ROAR

This new spot in the newsletter will feature comments from Lions from around our district on How Lions have changed their life. If you would please send to DG Christy by the 12th of the month a two to three sentences on how Lions have changed you.

This month's comments:

I would like to say thank you to PDG Lion Diana Kroells, her email was greatly appreciated and I thank her for the kind words!- Missy

I joined the [Jordaness Lions](#) almost 3 years ago. While I had been looking for a way to be more involved in my community, I had no idea how important this organization would become to me in such a short time. The universe knew I needed to be surrounded by caring, supportive, and giving women. Every single member of this club cares about our community and one another. - Laura Kieser

Prior Lake Lions Staying Busy

#communityvibes#priorlakelionsclubofdistrict5m2

It was a 'Sweet' Sept. Dinner Meeting with guest speaker:

Rene' Maes Jr. Executive Director, of Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. As he shared new information about this amazing Camp Sweet Life that brings in many kids from everywhere, that share in knowing now, that there are great Camp Adventures for Kids with Type 1 Diabetes!

Contact to see how you can help at Camp 2024 or a upcoming fundraiser they host:

Camp Sweet Life, 26486 Sioux Trl., Madison Lake, MN 56063

Email: info@campsweetlife.org <https://campsweetlife.org/home/>

#WeServePrior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 proudly sponsors as many kids that request to go, from within the Prior Lake Savage Area Schools. Additionally, new as Rene' disclosed this evening, we have now agreed, and will also sponsor a cabin in 2024! Your club can too! Contact Rene' today.

Lion Jeff -2nd VP- in red, collecting for raffle.

Every journey begins with a single step. "One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most..."

Lions Global Causes: •Diabetes• •Vision• •Hunger• •Environment• •Childhood Cancer•



Prior Lake Lions Continued Below

#communityvibes #priorlakelionsclubofdistrict5m2 #partnerships



10.03.2023

Our collective collaboration with Club Prior and Smoke Signals nonprofit, has allowed for the creation and placement of the recycled NexTrex 'project bench #7' at one of our collection sites 'Harbour View'.

Here is where Lion Mike/Mary store the Spring time boat wraps, that are removed and then cut-down to manageable size.

Public benches surely connect us and the benches contribute to neighborhood vitality. They provide another template for our civic relationship building and reminds us that, to have a 'walkable city', you also need a 'sittable city'. That's why benches are so important as we continue to: recycle, reuse and reduce.

However, recently we received word that the Trex challenge was changed slightly and though we need to now collect 1000lbs of flexible plastic in a year time frame and then we receive the bench after the year date, we continue on... as the environmental awareness is growing and folks sure appreciate the benches!

Shoutout to, (not pictured):

Lion Rachel and her husband Aaron, for assembly of the bench and bringing it to the location.

Shoutout for the Lions that were able to be present for dedication of #7 :

Char, Harry, Kelly, Loretta, Mary, Mike, Rosemary.

#bench #recycling
 #plastics
 #EnvironmentalAwareness
 #civicengagement
 #collaboration



Lions Bench Project

At the October meeting of the Green Isle Lions Club a bench was presented to the NYA West Carver Lions Club in memory of Lion Darlene (Dar) Mondor. The Green Isle Lions participate in the Trex Bench program by saving plastic. Over the last year the NYA West Carver Lions have been helping the Green Isle Lions by gathering their plastic also to donate to this program. This demonstrates so well how clubs work together to help reach goals. Dar Mondor was a well loved Lions member by both clubs and she is greatly missed by all. Dar's family and the NYA West Carver Lions appreciate this generous very much.



*Pictured from Green Isle Lions are Lions Cheryl Farber and Rose Thies.
 The NYA West Carver Lions pictured are Lions Mary Spille, Judy Mass and Mona Bruers.*

Silver Lake Lions and Football

The Silver Lake Lions Club, chartered in 1966, started sponsoring the current 5th and 6th Grade Football Program in 1977. Over those 45 plus years, there were roughly 800 youth players who participated in the Silver Lake teams playing against neighboring community teams.

This Lions program helped them learn some of the basics of the sport, enjoying the camaraderie, recognizing and respecting the contributions of each player, the importance of teamwork, as well as developing some leadership skills.

It took many volunteer coaches over all those years. Some coaches were parents and some were simply avid fans from the community. The community supported this effort by participating in the Lions fundraisers like brunches and the like.

Many of the players went on to eventually play in MN State Football Championships, some played college ball and even experienced professional football.

Pictured below is Bobby Paulson, from the mid 80's, proudly wearing the uniform as a former Silver Lake Lions football player. Lion Bobby Paulson has now taken his leadership skills to become a Hutchinson Lions Club president and Melvin Jones Fellow.



Submitted by Lion Duane Yurek of Silver Lake Lions Club

Lions, Butterflies, Bees & Flowers

Plato Lions held a Butterfly, Bee, and Flower Day on September 9th at Glencoe Regional Health Butterfly Garden.



Lions Dictionary Project Spread Around District 5M2

Lions from NYA West Carver Lions, NYA Lions Club and Hamburg Lions Club presented dictionaries to 3rd grade students at Central Elementary, St John's Lutheran School NYA and Emanuel Lutheran in Hamburg. This is a long time project that these three clubs collaborate on. Great to be able to serve our communities.



Watertown Lions distributed dictionary's at Watertown-Mayer Elementary, Christ Community Lutheran School & Zion Elementary in Mayer.



Dictionaries Continue To Spread Joy

On September 22nd, 2023 the Le Sueur Lions spent the morning in the 3rd grade classes at St. Anne's school and Park Elementary. The Lions gave a presentation on our annual Lions Club International Dictionary Program that the Le Sueur Lions has been apart of this project for over 18 years. The goal of the dictionary program is to assist all students to become good thinkers, creative writers, and active readers by providing students with a gift of their own personal dictionary.



Dictionaries Continue To Spread Joy Continued

"The Jordness club once again recognized National Dictionary Day (October 16th) by donating approximately 140 dictionaries to the third grade students at Jordan Elementary School and St. John the Baptist School!

This annual project, a club favorite, promotes literacy in the community, and provides each student with a tool to activate curiosity and generate learning. As always, we were impressed with the enthusiasm of Jordan's third grade students, and with their wonderful manners!"



Waconia DandyLions Making A Difference

Coney Island Clean Up.

DandyLions, along with Cologne and Waconia Lions Clubs teamed together at the Carver County Parks with planting ivy, chopping and stacking wood for the fire pit area, and general clean up that was needed after the busy summer season.

We love having this partnership in serving our community and making Waconia the place to be!



Our 2nd Annual Flannel Fall Bar Crawl was a huge success! We are so blessed to serve in such a generous and fun community. We sold over 200 tickets and raised over \$5000 that will benefit our Holiday Initiatives - Gifts for Grands & Adopt a Family.

HUGE thank you to our amazing sponsors!! We couldn't do this without your energy and collaboration.



Waconia DandyLions Making A Difference Cont.



Last week at our monthly meeting, we were able to present a check to the Waconia American Legion Auxiliary to go towards their Waconia Cares Project. They ship over 300 care packages to our deployed military during the holiday season.

They have a goal of \$16,000 this year, and if you'd like to help them out with a monetary donation or have a family member they can send a care package to, you can reach out to them via email at waconiaunit150ala@gmail.com.



Go with the Flow fundraiser (Personal hygiene)
We had hundreds of feminine hygiene products donated to Watertown area schools and the Waconia Gather & Grow food shelf.

Mankato Lions

Mankato Area Diabetes rally raises over \$25,000 to support the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and programs like Camp Sweet Life! The rally was held on Saturday, October 14 at the WowZone in Mankato!



Le Sueur Lions Club Annual Fall Pancake Breakfast Fly-In

Sept 10th. The Le Sueur Lions Club had a successful Annual Fall Pancake Breakfast Fly-In. As the pancake breakfast was in full swing we made almost 1,400 pancakes in 4 hours which is 16 gallons of pancake batter. We also cooked 35 pounds of sausage links which is approximately 2,870 links. It was amazing to have so many friends, families, and community members, as well as wonderful folks from other towns that came out to have breakfast and socialize. The games were a hit as well as the plans that came. Due to a low cloud ceiling, visibility for pilots was not very safe for visual flying. With that being said the Lions Club would like to say Thank you to the five pilots that did come to our breakfast and Thank you to The City of Le Sueur for letting the Lions use the airport. A very special thanks to all the Le Sueur Lions that came to server for this event. Thank you Indigo, Chloe, Dana, Robin and Alycia (AI), for volunteering time and spending their morning to serve our community for this event. #WESERVE.



Le Sueur Lions Club At The Farmers Market

On sept 30th the The Le Sueur Lions were at the Farmers market to showcase some of the amazing and hard work the Le Sueur Lions Club has done for the community and beyond. We were honored to be closing out the season at the local farmers market as we talked with many different people interested in how are clubs helps the community. We also helped a few families as we had our kids sight booth there as well.



NYA Lions Harvest Moon Food & Wine Extravaganza



NYA Lions Fall Pancake Breakfast

For our fall pancake breakfast on October 8th we had a record attendance. 369 people were served and 237 omelets were made.



Congratulations our own Cologne Lion Roger Storms!



Roger was one of the recipients of the 2023 Community Foundation of Carver County "Award in Philanthropy". He was recognized for all his years of philanthropy in our town of Cologne. He truly has made an impact in our community and other local organizations for many years. His dedication in the Cologne Lions, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, Cologne Community Garden, Benton Lake Garden, St Bernard's Catholic Church, and so much more. Watch his truly inspirational message about philanthropy and how it came to be for himself. If you want to dedicate your time, talents and knowledge in your community, email: Lionannaw@gmail.com and see how you can make a difference in big and small ways.

The Plato Lions is lending the Macular Machine to a Senior Living Center.





DK3 for ID



Hello Lions,

As some of you already know I am seeking the endorsement of our Multiple District for the office of International Director of Lions Clubs International.

I have dedicated my Lions' life to service and leadership. A commitment to help make my community and world a better place by working with other Lions to make a difference, to leave things better than the way they were before. To lead by example and inspire and motivate other Lions to do the same. To continuously challenge present day thoughts and actions to make sure that the path we are on is the best for our members, clubs and association.

I have spent most of my Lions career and my private sector career in management positions. Leading teams, managing groups of people, giving guidance and motivation to team members and leaders to help them reach their goals and potential. I will continue to do this as a member of the board.

Being able to represent our Lions and our association at the International level requires a team approach. I have an amazing service partner, Lion Cheryl. She is a proven leader and motivator who is dedicated to our motto, "We Serve." We both believe in the concept of servant leadership. This is a leadership approach that puts serving others above all other priorities. Rather than managing for results, a servant leader focuses on creating an environment in which their team can thrive and get their highest-impact work done.

In our district 5M6, I have served as a trustee to the MN Lions Vision Foundation, twice as District Mid-Winter Convention Chair, and as the District Global Leadership Coordinator. In this role I developed the Club President's Happy Hour. A quarterly gathering of club presidents to improve the communication between the clubs and district leadership.

In our multiple district I am currently the Global Leadership Team Coordinator, responsible for all leadership development and training, RLLI, ELLI, and FDI as well as District Governor Elect and vice district governor, I have held this position since 2019.

I also was instrumental in starting the KidSight program and have held the position of Chair of the Board of Directors of the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc since 2017. Our Lions have screened over 125,000 kids since this program began.

My experience on the club, district, multiple district and international level has positioned me to be able to fulfill the duties of a member of the International board. Lion Cheryl and I pledge to do our best to represent our Lions and help to make our association the standard to which all other service associations are measured.

To read more about my experience and qualifications please visit my website: teamdennis.net and visit our Facebook page, DK3 for ID. You can also email at teamdennislion@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to support my campaign.

We hope to meet many of you at the mid-winter convention.
Your consideration of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

Lion Dennis



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GIVING TUESDAY



lionsclubs.org/GivingTuesday



Happy November,

According to the Census Bureau, the poverty rate rose 12.4% in 2022 from 7.8% in 2021, the largest one-year jump on record. People are working hard yet not making ends meet. Our local Food Shelf -Bountiful Baskets, has reported to me that this past year they have served 78% more households than last year. This growth is in response to community demand for service stemming from housing costs, inflation, high food prices among other things.

Why am I telling you about this? Because of your Lions Clubs and your donations to LCIF make a difference!

Please join me in supporting @LCIFLions on November 28th, 2023 #GivingTuesday. LCIF is important to me because 100% of my donation goes to helping serve others!!!

Please consider making a \$10 donation here: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Lion Anna

Accept the Challenge of Mission 1.5 - PDG Joan Blank

Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. Every Lion can affect positive change through Mission 1.5 by just "asking" someone to become a new member. When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than make our communities stronger. It makes the world a kinder, healthier, and better place to live. Need resources on how to recruit new members or make your club more vibrant through the Global Membership Approach? Please reach out to PDG Joan Blank, GMA Champion at lionjoanblank@gmail.com.

Consider accepting the challenge of Mission 1.5...look who has already!





Imagine waking up in the morning with pain so intense and unbearable that it is making me incoherent. I am suffering in silence because I believe I should not share my feelings with anybody, even family or friends. That would just make things worse. I don't want to burden anybody with my problems, so I suffer alone and isolated. I have been suffering in silence for a long time now. Today, I have reached my breaking point, as I consider my options. I am worthless and in pain, things just do not get any better and they have been that way since I got back from the war. The world would be better off without me in it. Today is the day this must end. Lord, please forgive me *.

I will now join the other 23 vets that woke up today and felt the same way. That count is low because only one-half of the states keep statistics on veteran suicides. If you or anyone you know might be suffering in silence, please suggest to that person, or ask a family member to suggest to that person, you are valued, please seek help. That vet or a family member could also consider checking out one of Project New Hope's free veteran's retreats. We know lives have been saved by attending one of our retreats.

Ask me, your Project New Hope board member to come to your club and present or go to projectnewhope.net to sign up for one of our retreats. Our upcoming retreats are

12/01/2023	12/03/2023	Inspiration Point	Vining MN
06/07/2024	06/09/2024	Osprey Wilds Sandstone	MN

Lion Darlene Wondra
Project New Hope, Chairman



Kidsight is having a good problem. More Lions clubs are wanting to get on board with the program. The month of October clubs are asking for cameras. We need to get more training sessions scheduled. Schools have heard about our program and want to use it. School nurses are talking amongst their fellow nurses and are interested in the program. Their one misconception is that we can just hand cameras over to a let them operate on their own. We have to remind them that this is a Lions project. We are having good success in clubs that having done this before. It has been tough for Harry and Margie to get the camera's everywhere they are needed but we have had great cooperation from some of our great Lions and they are moving are the cameras to whomever is scheduled next. We may need to purchase another camera for the district. Some clubs have already purchased cameras. Some have talked-about purchasing cameras on their own. We will try to get club's the information they need to do this. But purchasing a camera is not a simple process, there is additional costs including purchasing extended warranties and updates on camera to name a couple of things. We hope to have a good discussion on Kidsight at the forthcoming cabinet meeting.

Please feel free to call us with any questions on the program. We also would love to visit your club and speak about Kidsight. Contact us Lion Harry Klenke lm.klenke@outlook.com or phone 952-445-0289 or Lion Margie Jacobson at lionmargie11@gmail.com or phone 507-649-1034

Lonsdale Lions

President Alan Fitterer taking the selfie of the Fab 4 including Lion Jim Mahler, Lion Al Sevcik, & Lion Dale Furrer after picking up the recycling (in the yellow bags) & the trash along our 2-mile stretch on MN Highway 19 as you leave Lonsale to the NW. Interested in joining the Lions? Contact Lion Scotty Ziskovsky at scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com or 612.817.3503.





Leader Dog has their “Sponsor a Puppy” campaign opened to promote raising of puppies to be great Leader dogs in their program. Leader Dog raises their own dogs through there Hosting Leader Dog Mothers through with birthing if able. They have their own veterinary services at the facility in Rochester Hills Michigan. Dogs may receive medical services in the area where they live. Leader Dog is always looking for puppy raisers. A family or even prisons when participating in the Leader Dog program of puppy raisers. One would raise puppies till 18 to 24 months of age and train the puppies with toileting and other training exercises per Leader Dog guidelines.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact us with questions. Leader Dog has dogs in all 50 states and is well known and respected in the service dog programs. If any club is interested in a Club visit to learn about Leader Dog for the Blind, please reach out to us. Contact Loretta Klenke at 952-445-0289 or email lm.klenke@outlook.com Or contact Lori Kurtz at 952-221-2077 or email lokurtz@yahoo.com.

Lions Strides Diabetes Walk Crosses District Lines

As they’ve done for nearly a decade, the Lions from New Ulm and Lafayette partnered to host the 9th Annual New Ulm Diabetes Walk. The walk had a new location this year—Flandrau State Park with a leisurely walk through the woods on Saturday, September 30.

Teams and individuals raised \$18,990 for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, to be used to find a cure for Diabetes through the University of Minnesota. The Lafayette Lions Club contributed \$1,000 to the cause.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Trustee Bob Schirlinger of the New Ulm Lions and Bob Wise from Lafayette presented the donation to MLDF Trustee Lion John Tirevold.



AWARDS IN GIBBON



THE GIBBON LIONS WERE HONORED TO HAVE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION CHRISTY TRUTNAU AT THEIR OCTOBER MEETING. SHE PRESENTED LION RICHARD ISAKSON AND LION CHUCK SOUTHWORTH WITH A MELVIN JONES AWARD FOR THEIR TIME AND COMMITMENT THEY GIVE TO THE LIONS, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO GIBBONS LION
STEVE KLUKAS ON
BEING NAMED ZONE 3
LION OF THE YEAR.**



5M-2 LIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

2023-2024



WHO CAN ENTER:

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

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

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

JUDGING

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

HOW TO ENTER:

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

Lion Diane Hesse
22425 Helena Blvd
Jordan, MN 55352

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

Help a Camper!

Camp Sweet Life invites you to join their 2023 Strike Out fundraiser at Victory Bowl in Mankato to help cut costs for campers.

2 WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Support a campers team - \$250
- Logo on all Strike Out T1D Merchandise
- Business logo and mention during the Strike Out T1D live Stream

Team Building Event and Support a Camper! \$250
 Have fun and enjoy a team building event together! Provide 3 bowlers from your business to come to Victory bowl the day of the event! Camp Sweetlife will provide a "Ringer" as your 4th bowler so Skill level of your team does not matter!

Get pledges for the total amount of strikes your team throws in 30 minutes of bowling. For example, if your team throws 100 strikes, and you have gotten a pledge for \$.50, that business's donation will be \$50.00.

Once you have found your team, pledge forms will be sent out!

Sunday, November 12th from 9am - 2pm
 Victory Bowl - 203 S Victory Dr, Mankato, MN 56001

If you would like to help us fundraise, please contact Rene' Maes: rene.maes@campsweetlife.org



THANKSGIVING PIES & CINNAMON ROLLS

Wed., NOV. 22ND

AT KEEN BANK OF ELLENDALE

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Free will donation

Sponsored by Ellendale Lions Club

Save the Date !!

GREEN!

Paint the Town **RED**

LCIF Gala

Sat, April 13, 2024

Prairie Event Center
 Parkers Prairie, MN

A fun filled day of fundraising, dining, presentations, and laughter.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



NYA LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

WHEN: November 24-December 18th, 2023

TIME:
 Open Friday, November 24th at 10 am

Weekdays 4-7 pm
 Saturdays 10 am-7 pm
 Sundays 12 pm-7pm

WHERE: Next to CarQuest in NYA

ASK US ABOUT DELIVERY OPTIONS TOO!

FRESH CUT TREES AND ALL THE PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

WE SERVE!



Sr. Dinner \$6 Per
Merry Christmas
 A sit-down buffet style turkey dinner inside the VFW Post 6209

MONDAY NOON-1PM
 DOORS OPEN 11AM | NO WALK-IN SALES AVAILABLE
 accepting unwrapped toys or nonperishable foods

DEC 11th 2023
 16306 MAIN AVE SE PRIOR LAKE MN

A Free Poinsettia Raffle
 Music By: Acoustic Rain

HOSTED BY THE PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 5M2
 PRE-SALE DATES TBD
 ON BINGO/BURGER NITES AT THE VFW
 OR AT CLUB PRIOR





#COMMUNITYVIBES #MISSION1.5
 #WeServe #WeVibe #WeOnAMissionToGrow
 Become a Member Today!
 Contact a Lion Member OR:
 Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2
 16228 Main Ave SE Suite 110
 Prior Lake, MN 55372
 Phone: 952-447-7277
 Email: plions@nuveramail.net
 FB Page: @Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2



Saturday, November 18, 2023

Mayer Community Center
 413 Bluejay Ave N, Mayer, MN

5:00 - Food & Beverage Service 6:30 - First BINGO Game

15 Games for only \$15

Play a 16th game if you donate \$5 or bring at least 4 non-perishable food items for the local food shelf!

- M Food & Beverages Available
- A Cash Bar
- Y Desserts Available
- E Cash and Other Great Game Prizes
- R 50/50 and Meat Raffles



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

PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB
ESTABLISHED 1948 SINCE 1978

SANTA CLAUS
is coming to town!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD
8:30AM-NOON
PL VFW 16306 MAIN AVE SE, PRIOR LAKE, MN
ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5 (3-12YR)
(UNDER 2YRS OF AGE FREE)

A HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY THE:
PRIOR LAKE LIONS
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
LOCAL SCOUTS -VFW AUXILIARY -SMOKE SIGNALS

PRE-SALE DATES TBD AND WILL FOLLOW
BINGO/BURGER NITES AT THE VFW
WALK-INS WELCOMED DAY OF

PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 5M-2
16228 MAIN AVE SE SUITE 110, PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

HAMBURG LIONS CLUB
Presents
FALL
Bingo and Meat Raffle

\$10 for 20 games of Bingo
Turkeys * Hams * Summer Sausage

Optional 21st game coverall for 50/50 Raffle
Door Prizes
Cash Bar * Hamburgers * Hot Dogs
Chips * Candy * Peanuts * Popcorn

FRIDAY, NOV. 17, 2023
6:30 PM ** DOORS OPEN at 5:00 PM
Hamburg Community Hall
351 Henrietta Ave, Hamburg, MN

proceeds go to
Community Projects

10	18	40	53	74
3	23	37	55	70
15	24	★	51	62
5	30	43	54	65
1	28	33	58	67

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

WE SERVE
OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD