



# 5m2 Lions' News



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## Aim High To Serve!

Lion Glenn Kaufmann  
District Governor

Happy Fall Lions. Lion Lisa and I are working with the Mid-Winter Convention Committee to put together an outstanding 2022 convention you can all be proud of. We're also knee-deep with the rest of the District Governor Team and

much of the district cabinet in our Fall Zone Meetings. Most of us are ready to meet in person and exchange ideas at locations all over the district. No matter the venue, most clubs have the same concern. "Our club is working hard to keep our current members happy, but where do we find new members to energize our club?"



Did you know Lions Clubs International has an on-line **Membership Growth Event Toolbox**? The membership growth toolkit is dedicated to providing you with the necessary resources in preparing for and hosting a successful membership growth event. The material and resources have been proven time and time again. This will help prepare you to engage current and new members. These resources are crucial to the development and growth of our association's membership.

## TOOLS

- Membership Growth Event Presentation for Lions
- Membership Satisfaction Guide
- Club Quality Initiative (CGI): Helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement.
- Blueprint for a Stronger Club
- Your Club, Your Way: Offers ways for you to customize your meetings

## MATERIAL

- Membership Growth Event Checklist
- Proposed Agenda for Membership Growth Event
- Template Invitation Letter
- Points of Follow-Up Responses for Prospective Members
- Membership 101



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/membership-growth-event>

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### Did You Know?



Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
1st Vice District Governor

Happy Halloween! Hope everyone had fun!!

Last week I was in St. Cloud attending 1VDG training. It was going to be cancelled. But the 1VDG of 5M wanted training and the chance to hangout with each other and to attend the Council of Governors

Meeting. We even spent the date at the St. Cloud Police Dept.

Congratulations to our instructors, in my opinion it was the best training I have been to.

Some of the Foundations and Originations that 5M support gave presentations. We got to listen to U of M Lions Hearing Foundation, U of M Lions Vision Foundation, U of M Lions Diabetics Foundation, Lions Kid Sight, Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Lions Youth Exchange. These presentations opened a whole new world to me. They spoke of hope, support, changed lives because of what we do as Lions. Because of the Parade of Green and individual donations these organizations and Foundations can buy the latest and greatest equipment and to do more research and to help more people who need it.

At cabinet meetings and Zone meeting we only get snippets of the big picture of what is going on. I want to encourage clubs to invite our district cabinet chairs who represent these organizations and Foundations to your clubs to give these same presentations to give you the big picture of why we give to the parade of green, why we pay dues so all the money we raise can got to our com-

munity and these groups. That is what they are here for. Give them a chance to do what they are supposed to be doing. Utilize the great resources we have to offer.

This weekend October 22-24 Regional Leadership Institute in the US is taking place. When the Lions that attended this RLLI, let them talk about it to your club. Let them inspire others to attend the next one. Attending RLLI or Emerging Lions Institute (ELLI) doesn't mean you have to become a District Governor these Institutes are to give you the tools for Lions and your work environment. Yes, it's a time and cost commitment but it is so worth the effort to attend. Just ask anyone who has.

5M even hosts its own mini-US/Canada Forum. Every other year 5M hosts a Northern Pride Forum. I have not missed one. March 25th and 26th 2022 in St. Cloud. The Northern Pride Forum will be held. There is a Friday night mixer and Saturday is all day seminars, pick the ones you want to go to. Saturday night there is a Baquet This is another amazing chance to learn about Lions and meet other Lions from your Multiple. The registration form is in the newsletter.

By the time you all read this we will be done with half of our Zone meetings. I don't know if you can get jet lag from driving, but I will let you know. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person.

The garden has come to an end. We are working on getting all the tarps, trellises, cattle panels, and t-posts out so John can till it before it snows and or freezes too hard.

Thank a veteran on Veterans Day November 11th

Lion Kathleen



## Hello Lions...



Lion Christy Trutnau  
2nd Vice District Governor

I just completed my two-day training 2VDG training in St Cloud last week. The training was awesome, awesome, awesome like Bruce Beck would say! The training staff was energetic and fun! I was able to meet and train with 2VDG's from around the multiple. We learned a lot about impromptu speaking, strategic plan-

ning, goal setting, meeting management, team building and my favorite the District E-Book (the District E-book is the one stop shop for everything you need to know or find) just to name a few. This year is a little unique for 2VDG's as we only have six of us right now, only a few of us were at the training. The 1VDG's took us under their wings and let us mingle and collaborate with them.



This picture is of a team building exercise we had to do. We were tasked with blowing up as many balloons as we could and creating the highest balloon statue just using tape to hold them together. We were told that this was the highest statue that has been created in this class. Not sure if they tell that to every class or not, but we were going to take our victory and run with it!

In this picture I am trying to juggle (I am not a juggler) these balls being thrown at me. This exercise was to show how we think we can juggle everything at once and we learned we simply cannot. So, we must learn to delegate some things to other members.



November brings on a familiar and popular tradition in my club... The Jordaness Fashion Show! For the last 32 years, the Jordaness Lions club has been kicking off the holiday season in style -- literally! The club's annual Fashion Show, one of its biggest fundraisers, has become a tradition that is looked forward to by members of the Jordan community, and by friends, family members and Lions from neighboring counties and clubs.

The show was the brainchild of Lion Colleen Eischens, a charter member of the club, who has continued to play an active role in the fundraiser since its inception. The original event included a luncheon, followed by a fashion show that featured local women and children modeling outfits from Betty Lu's and Kids R Us. Money was raised from ticket sales, and from the sale of a commemorative Christmas ornament, which was designed by a local artist. The sale of the glass ornament was such a hit that it became an annual tradition for 25 years. Each year a new ornament was designed, featuring an artist-rendered drawing of a landmark in Jordan. The ornaments became collector's

items, and many are currently on display at the Jordan Public Library.

Over the years, the fashion show changed venues as it gained more and more popularity. For the past nine years, it has been held at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan. The event, which typically takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving, still includes a luncheon and fashion show, but is now enhanced with amusing entertainment provided by the Jordaness ladies. The entertainment varies each year, but has included dancing, singing, skits, and other pursuits designed to generate laughter and buoy up the spirits of the audience members.

To encourage Jordan residents to shop locally, the fashion show committee currently works with local boutiques to provide fashions. Outfits are still modeled by local residents, and each year the reigning "Miss Jordan," joins the list of models after she is crowned at Jordan's Heimatfest celebration. The inclusion of local "celebrities" as models is always a crowd-pleaser, and this year the local celebrity model will be none other than PDG Lion Anna!

Through the years, additional fundraising opportunities were added to the event, including a silent auction, raffles, and a wall-of-wine sale. Due to the generosity of the community, club members, and patrons of the event, profits reached an all-time high of over \$10,000 in 2019. Unfortunately, Covid-19 threw a wrench in the works for the 2020 committee, but they persevered and offered a virtual fashion show on Facebook, and an online silent auction, which was quite successful.

Each year, event proceeds are divided between community needs and Lions projects. This year, proceeds from the show will benefit the Jordan Area Food Shelf, the Jordan Holiday Food Basket project, the Lions Gift of Sight, and Project New Hope.

If you're looking for a way to jumpstart your holidays, consider attending this fun and charitable event. The theme this year is: It's a Minnesota Sweater-Weather Get-Together! Patrons are invited to join in the fun by wearing a favorite sweater, holiday sweater, ugly holiday sweater...you get the idea! The show takes place on Saturday, November 20th, at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan. Social hour begins at 11:00, with a luncheon at noon. Tickets are limited to 200 this year and can be purchased for \$25 by contacting a Jordaness Lions member, or by calling Lion Donna Will at 952-492-2993. Come and join the tradition -- you won't regret it!

If any club needs help entering their club officers, members or logging your club's attendance into LCI please me know, I would be happy to help!

You can contact me at: 952-261-8581- phone;

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Please Thank a Veteran!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

### Happy Holidays Fellow Lions!

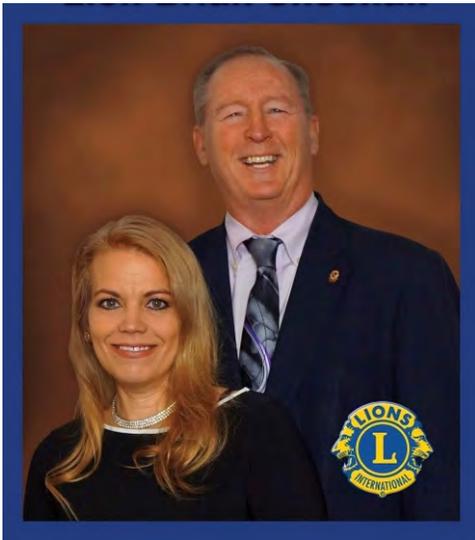
I haven't heard any Christmas music yet or seen a decorated tree in a store, but I know it's time to think about gifts for our families and friends. I come from a long line of early shoppers and gift mailers. My brother lives in New Zealand and a slow boat used to be the way packages got to him. Airlines have taken over international mail now so it's (usually) pretty fast. You've likely heard or read that the Post Office will be slowing down delivery service and maybe you have even experienced delays in receiving mail or knowing someone has gotten a letter or package you mailed. Delivery issues are happening locally as well as internationally. I mailed my brother a birthday gift, on July 1, for his July 29 birthday. HE HAS NOT GOTTEN IT YET!

As he and I talked about this we decided to not mail Christmas gifts to each other. Instead, we will be making donations, in each other's names to non-profit organizations. And you can probably guess, my donation will be going to LCIF. I then began to wonder if my fellow Lions would be interested in doing the same. You can make a donation to LCIF as a gift to anyone you choose. Start by clicking the "Donate" button on the LCI website, and follow the prompts. When you get to question #4, "Is recognition requested for this donation?" choose "Yes, for a special occasion" in the dropdown menu. You then type in the recipient's name and an optional donation message. LCIF will send a card if you furnish the recipient's address. If you donate \$50 or more, you also qualify for a "Lions Share Supporter" pin for yourself.

***LCI is still experiencing COVID related delays making processing and recognition delivery times unpredictable. So, you can also access a document on the 5M2 website to send your recipient letting them know of your donation to LCIF.***

Remember 100% of your gift will be used to magnify the service of Lions close to home and around the world. I think that expresses the spirit of any holiday.





**FANTASTIC NEWS** – 1VP Brian Sheehan will be inducted as Lions International President at the International Convention in Montreal in June of 2022.

It is with great pride that a Lion from our own Multiple MD5M and a Minnesota Lion from Bird Island, MN has risen to the call to become the International President for 2022-2023. This journey has been exciting and challenging for both Lion Brian and Lion Lori and has required extreme dedication and perseverance and expense on their part due to the pandemic pushing Lion Brian's position as IP back a whole year. However, wheels are now in fast motion for this to happen next year and as Lions, we should be thrilled

to have Lions Brian and Lori leading the world's largest service organization.

Back in 2017 we asked if the clubs in 5M2 would support the Sheehan Campaign by making a onetime \$100 donation. Over half of the clubs in 5M2 stepped up to the challenge and 1VP Brian was extremely appreciative for this support. However, due to the extra time and expense the time delay has caused the campaign, 1VP Brian's campaign fund needs help. Lion Brian is very cost conscious, but also wants to be able to do great things for Lions in his year as International President. The 5M2 Cabinet voted to donate \$5000 from the District Treasury and would like to see that matched by the Lions in 5M2. Lions Brian and Lori would be beyond grateful if your club would donate \$100 or any amount to the Lion Brian Campaign Fund.

If your club does not have the means to make a monetary donation, there is also an opportunity to donate a raffle basket of any kind for the raffle room at the Multiple Convention in Mankato in April of 2022.

If your club would like to show your support for 1VP Brian and Lion Lori by making a donation to Lion Brian's campaign, please make a check to **Lion Brian Campaign Fund**. The funds can only come out of the club's **Administrative Account**. No public funds can be accepted.

Donations can be mailed to:

2VDG Christy Trutnau  
110 Rebecca Dr.  
Jordan, MN 55352

If you would like to donate a fantastic raffle basket for the Sheehan Campaign raffle room at the Multiple Convention, please contact PCC Brian/Lion Rose Thies at [roseco@frontiernet.net](mailto:roseco@frontiernet.net).

1VP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori thank you so very, very much!

PDG Joan and Lion Kevin Blank  
5M2 Team Sheehan Co-Captains



# 100 Ideas to Recruit New Lions

1. Ask someone. Ask One!
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise in newspapers & cable TV
4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
6. Contact with Chamber of Commerce
7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc.
9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
11. Create videos of your events and promote your Club on YouTube
12. Host an Open House
13. Hold a club assembly only on membership
14. Ask former Leos, Effective Speaking Contestants, Lions Quest grads, Vision Screening school contact, etc.
15. Make the membership chair an active Club Officer that reports at each meeting
16. Put together guest information packets (see [Family recruitment Brochure](#) / [Campus Club recruitment brochure](#) / [Standard recruitment brochure](#) / [Club recruitment brochure template](#))
17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
18. Invite family members to join
19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
20. Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
21. Distribute extra copies of LION magazine and attached information about your club in waiting rooms, etc.
22. Hold high-profile meetings (all candidates meetings, special guests, etc.)
23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
24. Ask for help from your Region Chairperson/Zone Chairperson/GMT Coordinator/DG Team
25. Have a special guest day
26. Send club members to a district membership seminar
27. Make prospective members feel important
28. Honour outstanding community members with awards like Melvin Jones, Awards by Club (certificates), etc.
29. Don't take age into consideration
30. Make some meetings social events
31. Build a club web site and a social media presence
32. Use email contacts to promote your club
33. Put posters in public areas (see "[We are Lions](#)" club recruitment poster / look at posters other Lions created [Pinterest page of posters](#) / or be inspired by [Our Global Causes](#))
34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
35. Have a reward/recognition program for those who bring in new members at Club level
36. Create more fun
37. Give a money-back guarantee—if after 3 months a new member does not want to stay, return their fees
38. Invite the media to cover well-known speakers
39. Use word of mouth
40. Network with coworkers, friends, and family
41. Follow up with guests
42. Place a coloured dot on the watch of every member to remind them to bring a guest
43. Lead by example—how many members have you recruited?
44. Have members give talks at other organizations
45. Provide guests with free meals
46. Update your club's satisfaction surveys. Your Club Your Way / Know your Ratings / CQI
47. Look for members in ethnic groups not represented in your club
48. Provide brochures for new employee packets in local companies with approval from HR/owner
49. Advertise at sports events
50. Ask the district for help

## 100 Ideas to Recruit New Lions



51. Hold joint meetings with other groups
52. Share your club experience with others
53. Participate in community events
54. Write letters to the newspaper about the campaigns your club is working on
55. If a prospect can't join because of your meeting day & time, suggest other nearby clubs
56. Publicize club successes, elections, events, in local newspapers
57. Circulate the club newsletter widely
58. Design a club brochure [Club recruitment brochure template](#)
59. Hold recruiting events with two or more clubs
60. Form/join a speakers' bureau or organize a pool of speakers to be available for presentations outside Club
61. Wear your Lions pin at ALL times
62. Mention your club at meetings of other organizations during announcements
63. Send newsletter to guests
64. When asked about your leadership skills or career success, tell them about your club
65. Ask the DG, VDGs, or GMT to attend a board meeting to talk about membership
66. Ask every member to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair
67. Always make it FUN
68. Give every member a club decal or bumper stickers for their car
69. Give testimonials about your club while guests are at the meeting
70. Repeatedly invite prospective members
71. Practice selling your club at Club meetings—have a one minute elevator speech ready
72. Conduct a Membership Satisfaction Survey – see [How Are Your Ratings](#) and the [Member Satisfaction Guide](#)
73. The club president asks three club members as a personal favour to each recruit one new member
74. Bring your boss to a club meeting
75. Make contact with women's business associations
76. Bring your co-workers to a club meeting
77. Bring your subordinates to a club meeting
78. Have new member kits available at every meeting
79. Use books, brochures, videos, posters and other resources from LCI
80. Hand out invitation cards for a "free" lunch (breakfast, dinner)
81. Have members constantly promote and rave about your club
82. Meet at a good location
83. Assign members to five-person recruitment teams—each team brings in a new member every six months
84. Develop a strategic membership plan as a year-round priority – growth needs to be planned
85. Have incentives for recruitment
86. Have a large poster that lists all the members who have sponsored a new member in the past year
87. Select a missing career or other classification in the membership and work on filling it
88. Display a thermometer showing progress towards the club membership goal
89. Feature a member's "benefit of the month" in the club newsletter
90. Induct new members with pizzazz & invite their spouse/partner
91. Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members
92. Contact all members who have resigned in the past 3 years
93. Use billboards at bus stops and roadside
94. Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks
95. Recognize new members in newsletters
96. Regularly check the LCI website for ideas
97. Visit other Club, District, Multiple District websites and social media for ideas
98. Invite spouses to social functions
99. Ask recipients of your Lions Club service or donations (or LCIF) to speak for Lions or your Club
100. Pass out M & M candy to remind members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members" to provide more service

*This information was originally found at <http://greatideastoshare.com/2011/10/11/100-ways-to-recruit-new-members>. It has been modified to include and refer to Lions Clubs International materials.*



The article below is from the Leader Dog for the Blind newsletter. It relates to today's stories of changes within our healthcare personnel with stories of Covid burnout. Leader Dog for the Blind has impacted her life with adjustments she had to make in her life due to her progression of her Diabetes. Submitted by Lion Loretta Klenke one of Leader Gog Co-chairs in 5M2

## Getting Back to the Top of Her Game

Working as a critical care nurse in a Level 1 trauma center is mentally, physically, and emotionally taxing. It takes a strong person to do this work. Now, add on a few additional responsibilities—volunteering as a medic with the fire department and working as a flight nurse—and you get a life that not many people could handle. But Kim Busboom did, and she loved it. Diabetic since age 11, the disease caught up to Kim in the form of diabetic retinopathy that slowly reduced her vision. After moving from hands-on nursing to a desk job, Kim realized that the glare of a computer monitor was putting too much stress on her already diminished sight. So, after 30 years of a career she loved, Kim retired. Kim's years of helping others gave way to the need to help herself. She relied heavily on skills she learned when becoming a certified life coach over a decade earlier. As a life coach, Kim helped people get to the top of their game. She now coached herself through the three steps she coached her clients in 1. Tear down. 2. Clean up. 3. Rebuild. She began taking the small steps that would lead to a big change in her life.

“My life has changed so much.

“A friend of a friend brought Leader Dogs for the Blind into Kim's life. “As soon as I heard about Leader Dog and researched the programs, I couldn't apply quick enough,” said Kim. “Being from the healthcare field I didn't know what to expect; the training was above and beyond what I could imagine. “Kim came to Leader Dog's campus in August 2020 for Orientation and Mobility Training. “I'm getting tears in my eyes thinking about that week and how much it meant to me and changed my life,” Kim reflected. “My instructor, Tommy, never made me feel like a novice. I think he understood that I had been on the top of my game during my whole career and didn't need to feel like I was at the bottom of the barrel. He gave me a lot of credit for being where I was at with a cane.” What sticks in my mind is being at a busy intersection in downtown Rochester. I started to take off and second guessed myself. ‘Right there,’ Tommy said, ‘That driver didn't know how to read you. When you go out in that intersection, you make a big entrance. Make them know you're here.’ And that is what I do. “Four months later, Kim spent two weeks in the hospital fighting COVID-19. “I remember thinking that have a dog waiting for me and I have to get over this. It helped me so much.”



# MD5M Lions

# Special Olympics Minnesota



Since the Opening Eyes Healthy Athlete event at Summer Games was canceled due to COVID in 2020 and 2021 Lions reached out to Special Olympics Minnesota about hosting a modified screening where we could screen athletes with the Spot screeners and then have the optometrists present to talk with them about the results and refer them to their local optometrist if needed.

They also shared handouts on the importance of protecting your vision, the 20-20-20 Rule, and Tips for Preventing Vision Loss. For those athletes already wearing glasses they also offered to clean their glasses. It was felt that this type of screening could be offered at different times and places to reach more Special Olympics Athletes when we can return to more in person tournaments.

This modified version of the Opening Eyes Clinic was held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, during the Bocce and Softball Tournaments held in Woodbury at the Health East Sports Center. We saw a total of 66 athletes, screening 34 with the Spot screeners and all the athletes visited with our two Clinical Directors, Lion Ragna Godtland of the Lakeview Lions in Albert Lea and Megan Sis from Ramsey. Other Lions who assisted with the screening portions were John Hjelmeland, John LeRoy and Ray Moonen – Edina Lions; 5M5 KidSight Chairs Bill & Shari Thurston – St Louis Park Lions and Laura Maki – New Auburn Lions. We are hopeful that we can return to a regular Opening Eyes Screening at the 2022 Summer Games.

With COVID-19 cases on the rise in Minnesota, (state average of over 50 cases per 100,000) Special Olympics Minnesota recently suspended all in-person practices and events which mean that the upcoming Bowling Tournaments scheduled for November have now been changed to virtual events.



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Lion Ray Moonen  
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## Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation had a virtual zoom meeting on October 2, 2021. We heard from Dr. Samir Khariwala, who presented a request for funding for research projects for 2022. Requests are still being analyzed and we will be deciding at the next meeting which project or project we should provide funding for. Research is very important for everyone. Research makes possible the many treatment procedures we have today. All the research and programs we have in partnership with the University of Minnesota would not be possible without the support of the Lions clubs.

Midwinter Convention is just around the corner. An important part of the convention for all the foundations is the Parade of Green. We hope to have 100% participation from all the Lion clubs in 5M2. The two major fund raisers for the Hearing Foundation is the Parade of Green and the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk. We encourage all clubs to participate in both fund raisers. The funds raised from each event are designated for different areas of use.

As always your hearing Foundation Trustees want to come and talk to your club about the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Please contact us to schedule a visit. Please call Lion Marvin Grimm at 1-952-448-9465 or Lion Vern Breamer at 1-507-462-3518 to set up a club visit.



## "We Are All Connected"

I am looking forward to my mailbox being flooded with Peace Posters in the next few weeks. The deadline to submit your Peace Poster to me is November 15th. According to the rules, they must be in my possession by then. Because we are all experiencing longer delays with mail delivery, please mail them early enough or I would be willing to pick up the poster if you are getting close to the deadline. For clubs further away from me, I would meet you ½ way. After November 15, I will have the posters judged by 3 non-Lions in the community. District 5M2 will award 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. The 1st place poster will be forwarded on to Council Chair Matt for Multiple District judging. Good luck to all the students and the clubs and thank you for participating in this contest.

PDG Diana Kroells  
District Peace Poster Chairperson

## Can Do Canines to Host Open House November 11

Can Do Canines will host an open house on Thursday, November 11, from 6-8 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minn.). Potential clients, volunteers, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization is 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, talk with a Puppy Program volunteer, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes and childhood autism.

The organization is especially excited to offer this open house, because there is currently a minimal wait list for some types of assistance dogs. All Can Do Canines dogs are provided to clients free of charge.

There is no pre-registration for this event, and more information about Can Do Canines is at [www.candocanines.org](http://www.candocanines.org).





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## 2022 LIONS 5M2

### *Mid-Winter Convention*

February 11-13, 2022

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center  
1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN

#### Registration Information:

\$40 registration fee per attendee.

Register by clicking [district5m2lions.com](http://district5m2lions.com). Or, use the paper form on the next page.

#### Convention Schedule:

##### Friday, February 11

4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Registration – Mayo Center Lobby  
 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting & Dinner (by invitation)  
 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. Opening Ceremony & Celebration of Life  
 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Rain Kings & Cash Bar – Dress to honor our military (in uniform, camouflage or red, white and blue)

##### Saturday, February 12

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Registration  
 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Grab & Go Breakfast  
 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Speaker – Leader Dog  
 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Speaker – Dedication to Service  
 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Speaker – Member Retention  
 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch & Program  
 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Business Meeting  
 6 p.m. ID and Governor's Reception & Cash Bar  
 6:30 p.m. Governor's Banquet  
 9 p.m. Evening Mixer & Cash Bar

##### Sunday, February 13

8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service  
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Brunch & Meeting

#### Hotel Information:

Rooms on hold until January 21, 2022.  
 Mention Lions 5M2 District Convention when making your reservation.

##### Hilton Garden Inn

20 Civic Center Plaza  
 Mankato, MN 56001  
 Reservations: **1-507-344-1111**  
 Rate: \$134 per night  
 Connected via skyway

##### AmericInn by Wyndham

240 Stadium Rd  
 Mankato, MN 56001  
 Reservations: **1-507-345-8011**  
 Rate: \$89 per night

*Aim High to Serve*





**Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**Aim High to Serve**  
**February 11 – 13, 2022**  
**Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center**  
**1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001**



***PRINT LEGIBLY & READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING  
 COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING***

Guest Information:  Lion  Leo  Spouse/Guest  1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>State &amp; Zip Code:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Club Name:</b>	<b>Special Dietary Needs:</b>

**Instructions to Register:**

- Return Registration Form (completed in full) by January 31, 2022
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (meal prices include tax and gratuity)
  - Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
  - Mail form(s) & check to: Lion Cindy Walters  
1915 Waterford Circle  
Chaska, MN 55318
- Call Lion Cindy at (952) 484-0404 with questions. Please leave a detailed message.

**Cancellation & Refund Policy:**

- All cancellation requests must be directed to Lion Cindy Walters
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
  - Postmarked on or before January 12, 2022 – Full refund
  - Postmarked between January 14 and February 2, 2022 – 75% refund
  - After February 2, 2022 – No refund

**Convention Costs:**

- Registration Fee: \$40.00 (per attendee)
- **Registration fee applies to all attendees**, including non-Lions
- Please pre-register as on-site registration will be limited and no meals will be available for purchase.

**Meal Options:**

Please make selections below

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saturday Breakfast</b> Grab & Go Bagel Breakfast Sandwiches, Coffee & Water	<b>\$12</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saturday Box Lunch</b> (Sandwich/Wrap, Kettle Chips, Cookie, Coffee & Water) <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Smoked Gouda (Vegetarian) <input type="checkbox"/> Chef Salad (GF)	<b>\$18</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saturday Banquet</b> (Salad, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee & Water) <input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Chicken, Rice and Schwarma Sauce (GF) <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Crusted Pork and Potatoes <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<b>\$38</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sunday Brunch Buffet</b> Egg Bake, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Muffins, Fruit, Coffee & Water	<b>\$22</b>
<b>Total - Registration (\$40) + Meals</b> (NOTE: Name tags and meal tickets will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in.)	

2022 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, 2022**

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>	<u>Email Address in case we can do Electronic Voting</u>
1. _____	_____	1. _____
2. _____	_____	2. _____
3. _____	_____	3. _____
4. _____	_____	4. _____
5. _____	_____	5. _____
6. _____	_____	6. _____
7. _____	_____	7. _____
8. _____	_____	8. _____
9. _____	_____	9. _____
10. _____	_____	10. _____

**YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2022  
TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!**

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

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

## Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Veseli Lions

The Veseli Area Lions held their 1st Annual Czechtobberfest on Saturday, 10/2/21. Veseli is a Czech based community so it is our little twist on Oktoberfest.

We had Polka bands, served Vomacka (Czech soup) & Zelkicky (sauerkraut crackers) and refreshments. We were able to help our Local 4-H raise funds with their food stand. There was a Kiddie Pedal Pull & a Corn Hole tournament. We had a great turn out and can't wait to do it again next year!



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## Lester Prairie Lions

The Lester Prairie Lions did its annual Dictionary Project. Each 3rd grader at Lester Prairie School received a dictionary.



The community of Lester Prairie helped collect over 600 lbs of grocery bags and plastic. The Lester Prairie Lions partnered with Trex to get a bench in return for collecting the plastic. The bench got installed in front of the Lester Prairie Post Office.



### Albert Lea LakeView Lions

DG Glenn Kaufmann visited the Albert Lea LakeView Lions. He presented awards and inducted new members.



Lion Della Simmons received a Melvin Jones Fellow award.



Lion Lorna Berg received a Helen Keller Sight award.



Lion Lioba Forman received a Helen Keller Sight award.



President Meg Tibodeau received a Melvin Jones Fellow award.

The LakeView Lions club surprised Lion Mary Ferleman with treats at the September meeting, in acknowledgment of Lion Mary's Ambassador of Goodwill medal and plaque.



DG Glenn inducted new members Connie Van Ryswyk sponsored by Lion Jean Bergo and Ragna Godtland sponsored by Lion Della Simmons. Welcome to you both!

**5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline:  
15th of each month...**

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

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

### Courtland Lions

Courtland Lions Charlette & Lowell Abbas presented Immanuel 5th and 6th graders with Liberty Day booklets. They also gave the Immanuel 3rd grades dictionaries.



### 5M2 DG's BREAK OUT SERVICE PROJECT CHALLENGE



Congratulations, Plato Lions! The DG Team will join you at a meeting in the Spring...meal is on us!

38 of 66 clubs were able to enter a service project into MyLion between June and September.

### UPCOMING ZONE MEETINGS:

- ZONE 3 - 4 November, Gaylord
- ZONE 8 - 11 November, Blooming Prairie
- ZONE 1 - 17 November, Lester Prairie
- ZONE 7 - 30 November, MN Lake

### Gratitude

By Lion Lisa Kaufmann

Gratitude, thankfulness or gratefulness, from the Latin word gratus "pleasing, thankful", is a feeling of appreciation felt by and/or similar positive response shown by the recipient of kindness, gifts, help, favors, or other types of generosity, to the giver of said gifts. Fall is here and is my favorite time of the year. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is a time where many of us reflect on what we are grateful for. DG Glenn and I have a "thankful" pumpkin in our house, we each write things on it which we are grateful for.



This is also a time to think about the gratitude we can show to our fellow Lions. One of the first USA/Canada Leadership Forums I attend, a speaker asked the question how we take care of our members? Lions are good taking care of others, but not always of ourselves. This got me thinking how our club can take care of our members and we started the Gratitude Committee. The purpose is to express gratitude to our members. The club sends thank you, get well, birthday, sympathy, congratulations and welcome to the club cards. If a member or one of their loved ones passes away, the club sends flowers to the service or provides a memorial.

As DG Glenn and I have been making our way around the district we have learned some clubs have a designated person who organizes taking care of members. However, many do not. Have you thought about how you can take care of the club's members? A simple handwritten note can go a long way and provide a pick me up to a Lion's mailbox! Notecards with the Lions logo can be ordered from the Lions Clubs International website. Stationery Tagged "Note Cards" - Lions Clubs International



This year I have gratitude for all the new Lions DG Glenn and I are meeting in District 5M2. Happy Thanksgiving!

# BINGO

**BAR BINGO IS BACK!!!**

**BREWSTER'S BAR & GRILL, VESELI**

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**THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00  
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

PROGRESSIVE \$1000 JACKPOT

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!**

VESELI AREA LIONS  
LICENSE 92581



## VESELI AREA LIONS HAM & EGG BREAKFAST



Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Most Holy Trinity Church Basement, Veseli, MN

Serving Scrambled Eggs and Ham, Fresh Fruit,  
Bread, Pastries, Milk, Juice and Coffee

Adults \$8.00 (13 and up)

Children \$4.00 (ages 5-12)

Under 5 Free



## Winthrop Lions Club

*We Serve*

### Omelet Breakfast

**November 7, 2021**

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
501 N Brown St., Winthrop MN



Serving 9:00 a.m. – 1:p.m.

**Cost \$8.00**

Proceeds are used to support Winthrop Lions Projects  
Collecting used eye glasses (no cases please) and hearing aids.

**Thank you to Michaels Food for the egg product!**

**Thank you to DFA for their donation!**

Courtland Lions  
Turkey Commercial  
Fundraiser  
Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
11AM – 1PM  
Courtland Community Center  
300 Railroad Street  
Courtland, MN



|                 |          |           |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Turkey Sandwich | Cost     | Drive Up  |
| Mashed Potatoes | \$12.00  | Take Home |
| Gravy           | Per Meal | Enjoy!    |
| Cranberries     |          |           |
| Dessert         |          |           |

*NEW: Gluten Free meal available upon request. One of our event organizers is gluten intolerant and knows the proper handling procedures. Sandwich can be made with gluten free bread, and meal assembled from a separate prep area. Please request when you place your order and your meal will be prepared especially for you.*

**Text or Call 507-382-2758 to reserve your meal(s)  
by Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8PM**  
Reserve your meal and we will have it ready to go at the time you select, or just drive up and place your order at the event



Sponsored by the Courtland Lions  
(Profits will go towards local projects)

**SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD SHELF**  
Bring non-perishable items to help those less fortunate

**BRING UNWANTED:**  
Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Empty Ink Cartridges,  
Pop Tabs, and Old Cell Phones  
These will be refurbished for those in need or recycled



# Hamburg Lions

## Fall Bingo & Meat Raffles

November 19, 2021

Hamburg Community Hall

7:00 pm \* Doors open 5:30pm

\$10 for 25 games of bingo

Turkeys, Hams, Summer Sausage

Optional 26<sup>th</sup> game coverall for 1/2 the pot  
Door Prizes

Cash Bar - Hamburgers - Hot Dogs,  
Chips - Candy - Popcorn

Proceeds go to community projects



**Jordaness Lions 32nd Annual Fashion Show**

It's a Minnesota  
Sweater-Weather Get-Together!

Join us at the Ridges of Sand Creek in Jordan for an 11:00 am social hour and a noon luncheon. Fashion show & wildly amusing entertainment to follow.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance - cost \$25  
Contact a Jordaness Lions member or call Donna Will 612-599-2646  
We'd love it if you'd sweater with us!

Saturday  
NOV 20

Silent Auction, Raffles, Wall of Wine and GET-TOGETHER FUN!

Proceeds benefit the Jordan Area Food Shelf, the Jordan Holiday Food Basket program, the Lions Gift of Sight, Project New Hope and other community projects.

**Leadership is not about being the best.**

**Leadership is about making others better!**



**We Serve**

**Save The Date**

**2022 MD5M Lions Convention**

*"Service in the Heart of Everyday Lions"*

**Date:** April 29, 30 & May 1, 2022

**Location:** Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Mankato, MN