



# 5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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## 5M2 VITAL SIGNS REPORT

*Lion Nancy Mathwig  
District Governor*

WOW!! As I write this news article I can reflect on three (3) fantastic days of information, networking, and meeting fellow Lions, both new friends made and reacquainting with others at

the 41st USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Portland, Oregon. If you have a desire to learn more about leadership, Lions or service in general, consider traveling to one of the upcoming USA Canada Leadership Forums. There are between 50 - 60 seminars from which to choose, dynamic and motivational speakers during the meals and just plain fun meeting Lions from throughout the USA and Canada and beyond.

I like to attend the legal sessions to keep up to date on what we can and cannot do as a club and generally come away with a wealth of information. This year was no exception. I learned there is a "Lions Club Self-Inspection Checklist" available on the LCI website that will assist our clubs in evaluating our risk when thinking about, planning or holding an event. Some of the examples that Amy from LCI legal gave us dealt with safe food and safe environments i.e. carpets. I knew that LCI liability insurance does not cover issues related to the serving and distribution of liquor at an event; however, I learned that LCI liability insurance still covers an injury that might arise at the same event but not related to the liquor. The use of funds raised from the public was again a topic of discussion. Amy explained that LCI is very strict on the use of all funds received from the public. Even if IRS code allows certain procedures with public funds, LCI go above IRS standards in order to protect our brand. This means that all funds raised at an event open to the public, even those from our Lions members, are to go back to the public. In other words, if your club has a fund raiser and sells tickets to the public, you should not take a percentage of the proceeds as Lions contribution or have a different colored ticket for your Lions members. More on this issue will be presented in future newsletters.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2017 Lions University

Graduation was held. This year, five (5) District 5M2 Lions completed online courses and received certificates. Graduating from the Bachelor's Program were Diana Kroells - Hamburg Lions, Martha Reger - Jordaness Lions, Brian Thies - Green Isle Lions, and Don Wickenhauser - Cologne Lions. Receiving a certificate for the Master's Program was Anna Wickenhauser - Cologne Lions. Congratulations to all of you!!!! Anyone interested in completing the free online courses and receiving a certificate at a future Leadership Forum can go to the Forum website and click on the Lions University tab to register.

Congratulations to our newest club, the Mayor Area Lions! They have worked diligently over the past 3 months to form a new club in Mayer. The enthusiasm I have seen in these new members is so inspiring. They are ready and eager to give service to their community and eventually beyond. I want to extend a personal thank you to PID Maynard Rucks, PDG Marvin Grimm, PDG Rick Wagener, PDG Mary Spille, Lion Evelyn Grimm, Lion Joe Gifford and the Waconia Lions Club for working with the club, both during the organization phase and/or ongoing as Guiding Lions and as the sponsoring club.

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### BITS AND PIECES



*Lion Diana Kroells  
1st Vice District Governor*

With the unseasonable warm weather we are having at this writing it is hard to believe that fall has arrived. The leaves on the trees are starting to turn already and we know what comes after that. I heard advertised on the

Hallmark Channel the other day that they will be starting their "Countdown to Christmas" movies this month. This also means that we have finished our first quarter of the new Lions year. How are you doing for membership growth? What are your clubs doing to achieve your goals for the year? I hope that one of the goals was to have a larger percentage of your members attend the Fall Zone meetings. These meeting will be an excellent time for you to network with fellow Lions & to meet your cabinet members and perhaps schedule some speakers for the remaining months. DG Nancy's goal is to have each club have at least 3 program chairs attend their meetings.

In September I witnessed Lions joining together with other community members for a service project. Cologne Lions Sandy & Denise thought of a project to help spread cheer to pediatric vision and hearing patients - giving them each a fun pillow case for use after surgery. Lions from all over the district stepped up to help. It was a fun evening and I know they appreciated everyone who came.

As you continue on with your year- do not forget about the Lions Mentorship Program. I spoke about this program at the Fall & Spring Zone meetings. It is

an excellent way to get your new members involved in your club and beyond. The mentor does not have to be the sponsor. Some people are very good at recruiting new members but are not interested in being a mentor. A mentor can be anyone in the club. Invite your new members to participate in club meetings, a project you are doing, a fundraising activity, a Zone meeting and yes, even the District Convention. Many times this is what it takes for a member to really become a "Lion". Document your participation on the brochure that was in your club president's training packet and send it into to PID Debra. The mentor and the sponsor will receive special recognition at the convention.

Now is the time to start thinking about someone in your club who deserves the Zone Lion of the Year award. I know that every club has someone who does an outstanding job in Lions and in the community. Look for the form in this newsletter. I am looking forward to reading about the great Lions in 5M2.

Once again, the USA/Canada Forum was an extremely worthwhile event. The banquet speakers and seminar presenters always do an amazing job getting us all excited about our work in Lions. I think we all need that little boost of motivation to keep us going. I was honored to receive my Bachelor Degree diploma at the graduation ceremony. This was my first trip to the west coast so we stayed a few extra days and took in the sites. Think about attending next year's forum in Ohio.

*Where there is a need there is a Lion*  
**"We Serve"**



### LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Bachelor's Degree recipients:  
*(Left to right skipping Anna)* Don Wickenhauser, Brian Theis, Diana Kroells, and Martha Reger.

Master's Degree recipient:  
Anna Wickenhauser.

**A NEW JOURNEY**



*Lion Brian Thies  
2nd Vice District Governor*

Fall has arrived. The kids are in school, farmers are harvesting the crops, the weather is cooler and leaves are changing. This is the time of year that some of our Lions Clubs are wrapping up their summer projects and moving toward their winter activities. For the Green Isle Lions that means clean-

ing and putting away our food wagon that made it to two county fairs, a street dance as well as a tractor and move on to our Roast Beef Dinner and Dinner/Dance Show. For other clubs, it means the start of Bingo Nights, Pancake Breakfasts and many other fundraisers.

Fundraising is foremost on our mind at this time because Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) needs our assistance to help our fellow Lions in Florida, Texas, India and all over the world. Mother Nature has shown her power in hurricanes, wild fires and earth quakes.

We need to get the word out that LCIF is one of very few charities that donate 100% of the funds they receive for disaster relief to the victims. They take no administrative costs our fees out of our donations.

One way to reach a great number of people is to like and share LCIF's disaster links on your Facebook page or in your clubs' newsletters. When you see another club's post, like it and share it on your local club's page. Here are some links that will be helpful to post to your page.

<http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-work/disaster-relief/index.php>

<https://www.lcif.org/EN/support-our-work/donate-now.php>

Another way to get the word out, albeit a little more traditional is to put hurricane relief ads in your local papers and do some public service announcements on your radio stations. Lions do great work, however we don't share often enough who we are and what we do.

***Speak up. Spread the word.  
Ask someone to be a Lion!***



**LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION**  
*PDG Marvin Grimm*

Mn Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic hosted the annual cochlear implant picnic on Sunday Sep-

tember 17. It was a fun event for recipients and their families to enjoy great food, games and activities. There were over a 100 guests of all ages, very young and elders.

Mark June 2, 2018 on your calendar for the 7th Annual Walk to D-Feet Hearing loss. It will once again be at the Mn Landscape Arboretum. We want this year's walk to be the best ever as it is our biggest fundraiser. More to come!

If your club wants to learn more about the Lions Hearing Foundation and the work that is done, contact Lion Jeff Williams or PDG Marvin Grimm.

## Liberty Day

**Liberty Day**

The Declaration of Independence  
The Constitution of the United States

Liberty Day is used to raise awareness among students across the nation about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Liberty Day Program is a Lions-affiliated program in the United States with the objective of providing non-partisan information to students about our rights and responsibilities as defined by the Constitution of the United States. In District 5M2, Liberty Day is a part of our Youth Activities. Several clubs have promoted the Liberty Day program via assemblies with their school districts. Often clubs unite with other community organizations to prepare a program including flag presentation, speakers, music, and so forth.

Programs are tailored to the needs and grade levels of each community. Printed Constitutions/Amendments are given to all students. These booklets are available from the district chairpersons.

For more information and presentations, contact  
 Lion Denny Hewitt (507) 232-3394 [dhewitt@hickorytech.net](mailto:dhewitt@hickorytech.net)  
 Lion David Sebesta (320) 587-5690 [dave\\_sebesta@hotmail.com](mailto:dave_sebesta@hotmail.com)

# Centennial Update

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator



## Centennial Service Challenge:

As you can see above, the first Diabetes projects are being reported on MyLCI.

***Congratulations to the Courtland Lions, Ellendale Lions, and the Lafayette & Area Lions for being among the first clubs in the world to report a Diabetes Project this year!***

## Centennial Community Legacy Projects:

We will be having a big emphasis on Community Legacy Projects this year. This is our last year of the Centennial Service Challenge, and therefore the last opportunity to receive recognition for our Community Legacy Projects. ***So far, 21 clubs in 5M2 have reported on a total of 33 Legacy Projects.*** I know that others have completed projects that would qualify, and even more have them in progress.

## Centennial Community Celebrations:

Congratulations to the many clubs that have participated (or will participate) in their community celebrations! You have brought increased visibility and recognition to the role that Lions have in making our communities better places to live.

***Where There's A Need, There's A Lion!***

**Centennial Public Relations Contest**

**Lions Clubs of MD5M January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017**

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Club Members \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members who participated \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of Event:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What benefit did this project have to your community?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Attach only 1 picture page**

Contact person for this event: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100<sup>th</sup>? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No



**Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2018. Clubs may enter more than once.**



### *The Start of Another Dog Gone Good Century*

Lion Lowell and I are excited to chair 5M-2 2018 Mid-Winter Convention along with the Zone 4 Clubs (Courtland, Gibbon, Lafayette, Nicollet, St. Peter, Winthrop). Check out the "Save the Date" flyer, as well as the registration forms for the Convention and the Hotel in this newsletter.

The Tuxedo Band is ready, willing, and able to perform for us on Friday night. Our theme is **"101 Years of Lions: The Start of Another Dog Gone Good Century"**. It is a spinoff of the 101 Dalmatians movie. Costumes for the night can be any dog or animal costume or human costume connected to **any dog** movie. Lassie, Rin Tin Tin, Old Yeller, Lady and the Tramp, etc.

As you know, there were more than just Dalmatians in the movie. There were other breeds of dogs, as well as other animals like Tibs the cat, Captain the horse, and even cows (Queenie, Dutchess, Countess, and Princess), etc. who all helped Perdita and Pongo fight the evils of Cruella de Ville. It was a diverse group that conquered evil, just as the **Lions** are a diverse group that fight Sight Loss, Hearing Loss, Diabetes, Mental and Physical Disabilities, and at the same time work with our Youth.

DG Nancy is lining up some fantastic speakers for our Saturday morning sessions. You want to be present to hear just what the Lions are doing! Saturday noon will find us hearing from our Youth. What more could we ask for than that our Youth are busying helping our world?

**Remember to bring a \$15 door prize.** It is fun to see what each club brings.

Saturday night, International Director Gwen White from North Carolina will be the guest of honor at the banquet. Hear what she has to say from our International President. And Sunday morning, listen to Jim Johanson and son Thomas tell the family's story of diabetes.

What an inspirational group of people we have for the weekend! Let's sell out the hotel and have a **"Dog Gone Good Time"**!



The 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention is fortunate that Karen & Steve Hovenes will once again pick up eyeglasses and hearing aids at the 2018 Mid-Winter Convention. **Glasses and Hearing Aids are to be at the City Center Hotel by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 10.** Pick up time is Saturday, February 10 at 10:45 a.m. If you bring glasses and hearing aids in after that time, you will have to take them back home and deliver them yourself to the Sauk Rapids Recycling Center. Also note that there are some very specific instructions with the glasses. So be courteous and check the glasses before you bring them to the Convention.

**February 10, 2018 @ 10:45 a.m. pick up time**

**Will take:**

1. Broken metal frames
2. Sunglasses
3. Full eyeglasses in frames

**Will not take:**

1. Broken plastic frames
2. Eyeglass cases
3. Loose lenses

Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention  
 February 9th, 10th & 11th, 2018  
 City Center Hotel - Mankato, Minnesota



**REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect

Guest #1 Information: Select One ( ) Lion ( ) Lioness ( ) Leo ( ) Spouse/Guest ( ) 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O.Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Needs:

Guest #2 Information: Select One ( ) Lion ( ) Lioness ( ) Leo ( ) Spouse/Guest ( ) 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O.Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Needs:

**\*\*\*Important Notice\*\*\***

1. The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions. The only exemptions will be visiting dignitaries and invited guest speakers.
2. Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities and seminars
3. Payment for registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

**\*\*\*\*MEAL PACKAGE & TOTAL REGISTRATION\*\*\*\***

**Please include the following to submit your registration:**

- Registration Form completed
- Registration fee (see options below)
- Full meal registration payment (see fees on this form)  
 (All convention meals include tax and gratuity)

**Make Checks Payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention**

**Mail to: Lion Joan Blank**  
 44995 490<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Nicollet, MN 56074

**Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations must be directed to Lion Joan at the above address, by email to [lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com), or by phone to 507-304-5265.

Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests will be honored as such:

- Requests postmarked on or before January 12, 2018 – Full Refund
- Requests postmarked January 13 to February 5, 2018 – 90% Refund
- Requests postmarked after February 5, 2018 – No Refund

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		Saturday Lunch \$25.00	
		Saturday Banquet \$32.00	
		Sunday Brunch \$15.00	
		*Friday Night ID Supper \$20.00	
<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>			
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES</b>			
<b>REGISTRATION FEE &amp; MEAL GRAND TOTAL</b>			

**\*\*\*\*Convention Registration Fee (Per Attendee)\*\*\*\***

Early Registration Fee (Post Marked <u>before</u> January 8 <sup>th</sup> )	\$15.00
Regular Registration Fee (Post Marked January 8 <sup>th</sup> or later)	\$20.00

\*Friday Night ID Supper is by invitation only. This is for PDG's, Cabinet Members, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries to come and meet the International Director!

**For Official Use**

Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Postmark \_\_\_\_\_



Lion's Mid-Winter Convention  
February 9 - 11, 2018

**MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL**

**Reservations will be accepted by mail, fax, or phone.**  
Please complete and return this form to Mankato City Center Hotel with payment information no later than January 12, 2018.

Mail to:  
Mankato City Center Hotel  
c/o Lions Mid-Winter Convention  
101 East Main Street  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Phone: 507-345-1234  
Fax: 507-345-1248

\*\*\*One night reservations will be based on availability.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

If you must cancel your reservation, you must do so 24 hours before the date you wish to cancel.

**\*\*CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO CANCEL.\*\***

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but we will try to accommodate as best we can.\*\*

\*\*Poolside rooms will be subject to hearing noise from the Fri. & Sat. evening events, including band music. If this is a concern, it is best not to request poolside.

**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**  
Please note that your reservations must be received by January 12, 2018 to receive the Lion's Convention discounted rate.  
Reservations received after this date will be booked at standard rates.

**Arrival Date – Select One**  
\_\_\_\_ Thursday, February 8  
\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 9  
\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 10

**Cost for Three Nights**  
\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$362.58  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$362.58  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$399.85  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$399.85

**Cost for Two Nights**  
\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$241.72  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$241.72  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$263.90  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$263.90

**Cost for One Night**  
\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$120.86  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$120.86  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$131.95  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$131.95  
\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required  
(room contains one Queen bed)

**\*\*\*Taxes of 10.875% are included in the price.**

\*\*\*All rooms are non-smoking and are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

We will confirm your reservation by sending you a postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us three weeks from the date you send in your registration form for processing. If e-mail confirmation is preferred please include e-mail address.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Only send one registration form if sharing a room\***

Payment methods:

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card – Circle One

\_\_\_\_ Visa    \_\_\_\_ MC    \_\_\_\_ Amex    \_\_\_\_ Diners    \_\_\_\_ Discover

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

**TO GUARANTEE ROOM WILL BE HELD:**

Credit card number is required  
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

OR

Pre-payment by check for one night stay  
(with remaining balance due at check in)



# Viewing Forward



MN Lions Vision Foundation

So much fun! If you know me well, you know that my athletic knowledge is limited, very limited. But catching the hype of the Gopher Football season opener was true spirit! VDG Diana, Lion Duane and I sure enjoyed the day. University Ophthalmology staff staged a fantastic reception previous to the game. Great food but also appreciative speeches by two staff doctors outlining our Lions' connections to this department. All this lead up to a JumboTron announcement of the Lions Eye Institute campaign.

LIONS EYE INSTITUTE. We are off and running! The Upper Midwest will one day have a combined home for all vision care, medical resources, and research discoveries now handled helter-skelter on and off campus.

This partnership began in 1960. Over a half century ago, Lions and doctors with a vision joined together to form the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. Since then, Lions have increased our funding role for treatment, care and research. As quoted by Dr. Erik van Kuijk, Chair of the Department of

Ophthalmology, "Our goal is to create a space for life-changing research and care that brings together our talent and expertise as a world-class eye institute."

This is why MLVF has accepted the challenge of naming rights. Twenty one million dollars over twenty years. Our university will be home of LIONS EYE INSTITUTE. As months go by, we will walk through the history of our relationship. We will develop a deeper appreciation of the critical service we, as Minnesota Lions, provide to sight saving measures. And, of course, we will roll out plans for financing to meet the increasing needs. We are Lions, we can do!

Since the 1960s, Minnesota Lions have been a partner critical to the great reputation of the University's Department of Ophthalmology. We want to continue our legacy. MLVF has a wonderful site, [www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org](http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org), to visit. Lots of good info. You may even want to invite your Facebook friends to "like" our site.

Together, "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs - [dianakroells@gmail.com](mailto:dianakroells@gmail.com) or [maryspille@gmail.com](mailto:maryspille@gmail.com).

~ Drink For A Cause ~

Can Do Canines ASSISTANCE DOGS

Food Truck  
K-Town  
Street Food

# SAVE the DATE!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
\* 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. \*

@ NORTHGATE BREWING 783 HARDING ST. NE  
MINNEAPOLIS. MN 55413

\* a portion of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to Can Do Canines\*

Check us out! [www.can-do-canines.org](http://www.can-do-canines.org)

NORTH GATE BREWING



Bring your pet dog or assistance dog and join in the 24th annual Can Do Woofaroo Festival and Fundraising Walk on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Get all the details and sign up to register at [candowoofaroo.org](http://candowoofaroo.org)



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.  
“Catch the Dream” – Life Without Diabetes!  
2018 Calendar Fundraiser



Honor Someone Special or A Special Event in Your Life  
 By Purchasing a Spot on the 2018 Calendar  
*“Your Gift Will Help Find The Cure”*

**IDEAS – Honoring Special People and Events:** Memorialize Someone    Historic Event  
 Birthday                      Wedding Anniversary              Graduation                      Lions Club Charter Date  
 Melvin Jones    Market Club Event                      Advertise Community Event / Business Event

**Option 1:** For \$100 (\$90.00 tax deductible) you can:

- 1) Choose a person’s name, honored Lion, award winner or a family member who is special to be recognized in our printed calendar,
- 2) This name will also be posted on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation web calendar and the
- 3) Printed calendar and a Dream Catcher Pin will be mailed to the designated person.

**Option 2:** For \$200 (\$190 tax deductible) you will:

Receive Option 1 package plus a 50 word message and picture on the MLDF Facebook page.

Sample Calendar – “Catch the Dream” – Life Without Diabetes!

May 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mary Jones	2	3 Our Lions Club	4	5 US Military*
6	7 Lion Joe	8	9 Tom & Sue	10	11	12 River Days

\*Option 2 -Sample Message: Dale Johansen served with the US Army in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam in 1965 and 1966. Dale was a helicopter mechanic whose main mission was to assist in the recovery of helicopters that had gone down either from mechanical failure or hostile fire. Thank you for your service Dale. (Find additional 50 word sample messages on our web site.)

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization.

MLDF is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.

<http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org/>

### **Calendar Fund Raising "Message Ideas" for Option 2**

**Honor Your Club Start Date:** (LCI celebrates our "100"th birthday in 2017)

Melvin Jones, our founder started this great community service organization in Chicago. Minneapolis Lions, Minnesota's first club chartered on April 1, 1918. The St. Paul Downtown Club chartered next on May 14, 1918 and Faribault joined on October 11, 1921! Roar Lions, ROAR!!

**Memorialize A Special Lion or Person:** (Families or Clubs Remembering Lions)

Sander Ludeman helped charter Tracy Lions in 1976. Lions collected and chopped newspaper for insulation until changing times demanded the paper be chopped and baled then sold for livestock bedding. Lions initiated "spreading good will" and humor at Tracy Box Car Day Parades by flipping candy from the Club's manure spreader. Thanks, Sander!

**Celebrating Our Lion's Efforts:** (Lions Hearing Foundation, Inc.)



Maren was diagnosed with moderately severe hearing loss at 21 months. Maren's parents were feeling misguided and uncertain of Maren's specific needs until they learned about the Lion's Children's Hearing Center where she received specialized pediatric services. Maren and her family are very grateful to Lion's. Maren hears the ROAR of the Lions.

**Georgia Peach:** In September 2011, our lives were forever changed by Georgia, a Can Do Canines assistance dog. We were her proud puppy raiser family and we always knew we couldn't keep Georgia but that's what made it so special. Georgia was born to be Jessica's assistance dog. Their bond is beautiful and unbreakable.

**Honor a Retiree:** To honor Lion Bob Harms who is retiring as the Executive Secretary for MD5M. He worked with 15 Councils of Governors, striving to help each group be as successful as they could be. He especially cherishes that he was able to help 180 DGs serve their communities. Congratulations, Bob!

**Honor A Special Lion:** (Think Charter member/Lion of the Year/Ordinary Hero!)

PDG Dr. Ray Lindemann...I was privileged to serve as MD5M Diabetes Chairman when we started the DREAM CATHCER AWARD program. Our contributions to diabetes research from the club and district levels, have brought us wonderfully close to a cure for Type 1 diabetes. I am truly grateful for having had the privilege of serving our motto ---WE SERVE

**Bunny Tabatt:** At age 30 the vision problems began. At age 40 I had minimal vision and attended rehab in Duluth. I got my first Leader Dog at age 44. Now, I am 76, retired and active with Lions and the Leader Dogs Program. Life is great! Bunny Tabatt and Leader Dog Dixie.

**Kimberly Stommes - Mrs. MN 2014:** Working with the ADA and MLDF has always been important to me, but touched my heart in a new way when my father was diagnosed. In making over 45 charitable appearances, my Mrs. Minnesota title and platform, *Drive Out Diabetes*, acted as a microphone and allowed me to help bring awareness to this cause.



**Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.**  
**"Catch the Dream" – Life Without Diabetes!**  
**2018 Calendar Fundraiser**



**Support the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation by  
 Sponsoring a Month of Diabetes Research to Find a Cure  
 Purchase a Month on the 2018 Calendar  
 "Your Gift Will Help Find The Cure"**

**For \$500 (\$490.00 tax deductible) you can:**

- 1) Choose a month for your advertisement/picture or coupons to be featured on the top half of our printed calendar.
- 2) Provide your artwork in a JPEG file and any text in a WORD file for that month.
- 3) Printed calendar and a Dream Catcher Pin will be mailed to you.
- 4) Your name and message will be seen on this calendar by Lions and people throughout Minnesota!

Sample Calendar – "Catch the Dream" – Life Without Diabetes!

**(Your Artwork)**

**We are so close to a cure for diabetes!**  
**(Your Text)**

**2018 February**

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MLDF is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.  
<http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org/>

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**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation - 2018 Calendar Fundraiser**

*"Catch the Dream" Life Without Diabetes!*

**Choose Option #1:** For \$100.00 (\$90.00 is tax deductible).

- 1) Choose Name or Event to be honored on any date in our 2018 printed calendar.
- 2) Name will be posted on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation's Web Calendar.
- 3) Printed Calendar and Dream Catcher Pin will be mailed to address provided.

**Choose Option #2:** For \$200.00 (\$190.00 is tax deductible).

- 1) Receive Option 1 package plus a 50 word message and picture on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Facebook page, on selected date.

**Choose Option #3:** For \$500.00 (\$490.00 is tax deductible).

- 1) Choose a calendar month and sponsor the entire picture page.

\*Select one: Option #1  Option #2  Option #3  \*Required fields

**For Options #1 and #2**

\*Name/Event to go on Calendar \_\_\_\_\_

\*Date chosen \_\_\_\_\_

For option #2\*: Include a picture in a jpeg file and your 50 word message in Word format.

**For Option #3:**

\*Month chosen for month's picture page. (Based on availability. - These go fast!)

For option #3\*: Include Artwork in jpeg file and any text in Word format.

\*Name and address to send the Calendar and Pin to: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name and Address of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a Lion Provide Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District# \_\_\_\_\_

\*Send completed *order form, payment, and any related documents* to: Your District Trustee  
 Deadline: **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017** All Trustees contact information is found on our web site.  
<http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org/>

**Make Check Payable to: MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.**

*Thank You for supporting the mission of the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.*



# Lions Environmental

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## P H O T O C O N T E S T

**Calling all Lions!**

### **Join in on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest!**

We are looking for photos from all 5M2 clubs (one photo per club) to compete in the 2017-2018 Environmental Photo Contest! The top 3 photos win a prize and recognition at MidWinter. The top photo then moves on for the chance to compete in the 5M MultiDistrict!

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment.

Photos should focus on the following themes:

**Animal Life**

**Landscape (urban or natural)**

**Plant Life**

**Weather Phenomenon**

**This year an important improvement to the process is being made:**

**option of EMAIL SUBMISSIONS! Email submissions can be sent to**

**[lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com)**

**Submission emails will need to include the signed submission form. One way to attach this signed form is by printing and signing the form, either scanning or taking a picture of the completed form, and then attaching that image/document along with your photo in the email.**

Each club is allowed only one photo submission, so please communicate with your club before submitting. Photo submissions, either by print or email, need to be submitted by December 31, 2017.

**Those interested and with questions can inquire for further details to Lion Evelyn Grimm and Lion Kate Pattison at [lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com)**

All photos must be submitted with the following form:



# Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

**2017-2018 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM**  
*All submissions due by December 31, 2017*

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

*Please note: Only one photo will be accepted from each Lions Club in the 5M2 district  
\*photos must be original photos, unaltered and without people in the images\**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my individual club. By signing below I certify the photo is an original, unaltered photograph taken by myself and I grant permission for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to use my attached photo for submission to further judging and any other showings and uses.

Club President (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**8"x10" printed submissions must be mailed to the following by December 31, 2017:**

**Lion Kate Pattison  
506 W 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Mankato, MN 56001**

**Photos may also be submitted via email to**

**[lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com)**

**Email submissions will need to include attached signed submission form along with photo**



## 2018

### District 5M2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives the District the opportunity to give well deserved recognition to one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our Centennial motto " Where There's a Need, There's a Lion" .

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who is **not** a major officer in the club, but has earned the respect of his/her peers & community.

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2018 Spring Zone meetings. The club president or person designated by the president is asked to complete this application and return it to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Diana Kroells by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Send to: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Diana Kroells

17891 158<sup>th</sup> St, Hamburg, MN 55339

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items as years of Lions service, involvement in club activities and involvement in the community. Attach a separate sheet or use the back of this form to complete this information. The club president must sign this form.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date



### LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES JORDANESS LIONS



The Jordaness Lions participated in Jordan's annual town celebration, Heimatfest. We sported a Hawaiian theme this year for the parade and lived up to our club motto, "It's All About the Fun!"

Some of the Jordaness Lions traveled to Prior Lake on a recent Sunday afternoon to support the Prior Lake club in their weekly bingo event. Some of the Jordaness gals are hooked as three of the group went home winners that night.



Members of the Jordaness Lions club kicked off the Fall season with a service project at Feed My Starving Children. Along with other volunteers, club members packed 27,216 meals that will feed 75 Haitian children for a year. In addition, the club presented a representative of FMSC with a donation to ensure that even more needy children are fed.



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Waconia Lions Club

PO Box 21  
Waconia, MN 55387

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**WACONIA LIONS ANNOUNCE KOREAN & VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL TRIP**

*CONTACT: Richard Beckett - (952) 334-2722 - richard.beckett@ge.com*

August 28, 2017 (Waconia) – The Waconia Lions Club has announced that they are organizing a trip in April 2018 to take Korean and Vietnam War veterans to Washington DC.

The trip will take place on April 25, 2018 and will be similar to a trip organized for World War II veterans 10 years before, in 2008. Veterans who are current residents of Carver County, or were at the time of their service are eligible for the trip.

“Our Lions club has had a focus on honoring our veterans for many years, most recently when we brought the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball team to Waconia in 2013, and our annual military mailing program,” said Lion Richard Beckett. “The World War II trip was an amazing event, and we have decided to do it again.”

The trip includes transportation to the airport, flight to Washington DC, lunch and transportation to the Korea and Vietnam memorials and other monuments, memorial ceremony in Washington, return flight, and a welcome reception when the group arrives back in Waconia. Interested veterans should visit the Club website or Facebook page for the application form and more details.

The Lions have estimated that the trip will cost around \$83,000 to organize, and they will begin looking to the people and businesses in Carver County to raise the funds. Current Waconia Lions President Jason Wagener said, “The last time we did something like this, we concentrated our efforts and received amazing support from Waconia. For this project, we are going to try to involve the entire County in raising money and identifying eligible Veterans.”

The Lions will be visiting other organizations around Carver County to spread the word about the project and ask for participation. Anyone is welcome to donate in any amount, but there are also several specific donation opportunities available for anyone who wants to be involved.

“We are looking for a business or organization to step up and cover the cost of ground transportation for these veterans, which would be a \$7500 commitment,” said Lion Rick Wagener. “We also need a major donor to cover the cost of the lunch for the guys in Washington, which would be about \$4,000.”

The Club estimates that it will cost about \$750 for each veteran on the trip, plus several volunteers from the club and a few other support people to participate.

Donations can be mailed to Waconia Lions Veterans Memorial Trip, PO Box 21, Waconia, MN 55387, or made in person at Hometown Bank in Waconia. Several participating businesses will have donation



Waconia Lions Club

PO Box 21  
Waconia, MN 55387

boxes available at the counter, and the Lions will have an online donation portal available soon on their website ([www.waconialionsclub.org](http://www.waconialionsclub.org)).

The Waconia Lions have a long history of taking on large projects to benefit the community. Since 1945, they have worked to clean the shores of Lake Waconia, and to establish "Lakeside Park" in the 1940s which eventually grew into the Waconia Regional Park. They designed and built the gazebo in Waconia City Square Park, and have been a large supporter of Ridgeview Hospital since its inception. They have been sponsors of Boy Scout Troop 327 since the troop was founded in 1946.

More recently, they have worked to install five service branch flags in City Square Park, helped to purchase lighting and a new grandstand for the ballpark at Lions Field. They also helped build the skateboard park, and the "Lions Den" at Safari Island.

The Club has an annual Wild Game Dinner fundraiser, and supports many annual service projects in Waconia: Take a Kid Fishing, delivering poinsettias to nursing homes at Christmas, Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Highway 5, the Easter Egg Hunt, Military mailing, and blood drives twice a year.

"This organization has always been about giving back to the community," said Lion Ron Machtemes. "Whatever we can do to help, we usually find a way. This is one of those projects where a guy says 'hey we should do this' and the rest of the Club steps up to make it happen."

Lion Jim Sanborn said, "We have seen how a project like this can bring the whole community together, not only for raising money, but to honor these men for their service to our country. Many of them did not receive a welcome home when they returned from the War, and we want to make sure they know how much they are appreciated."



**DG NANCY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

The Mayer club will become part of Zone 2 and has already been welcomed by the other clubs in the Zone at a recent President and Secretary meeting.

The first quarter President and Secretary meetings have been going very well. As mentioned in past articles, I chose to not have Region chairs or Region meetings this year. Instead, each Zone chair organized a meeting for just the Presidents and Secretaries to meet and discuss various issues. A main focus of many of the meetings was on membership.

The busy months of October and November are just around the corner. Traditional Fall Zone meetings are being scheduled during these months and will give you an opportunity to meet with or briefly hear from the Cabinet chairs for 2017-2018. Watch for information on your specific zone from your Zone chair.

In closing I would like to briefly update you on some of the District goals for 2017 - 2018. One goal was to have 2 new Lions clubs by June 2018. As noted above,

we have one new club - the Mayer Area Lions. In addition, the Shakopee Leo club was chartered during July 2017. Another membership goal was to reach 28% for our female membership. We were at 28.2% at the end of August. Goal met but I have decided to raise the goal for the remainder of the year to 29% of all members will be female. In the service area and KidSight: while I don't have specific numbers, I do know that many, many clubs are getting on board with screenings in their communities. We should have no problem reaching our goal for this one by June 2018. Finally, by the time you read this article, I would have partially met my personal goal also. As of September 27th, I will have officially retired from the workforce. Not to say I won't look for something part time after the new year but for now it will be GREAT knowing I don't have to be at work each weekday a.m. After almost 50 years that thought process is strange BUT I CAN ADAPT really easily!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone for the great things you are accomplishing in District 5M-2.

**5M2 LIONS' NEWS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
15TH OF EACH MONTH...**

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

**DG NANCY'S  
OCTOBER TRAVELS**



- Oct 1 - MidWinter convention meeting - Lafayette
- Oct 3 - Zone 8 Pres/Sec mtg - Ellendale
- Oct 4 - Wells Lions Club
- Oct 5 - Lake Crystal Lions Club
- Oct 9 - Northfield Cannon Valley Lions Club
- Oct 10 - Zone 3 Fall meeting -
- Oct 17 - Zone 9 Fall meeting - Albert Lea
- Oct 18 - Carver Lions Club
- Oct 19 - Stewart Lions Club
- Oct 20 - 21 - Council of Governors Meeting - Mahnomen
- Oct 24 - Albert Lea Lakeview Lions Club
- Oct 26 - Zone 6 Fall meeting
- Oct 29 - Cabinet meeting

**Silver Lake Lions Club**



**Fall Brunch**

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**  
**Serving 8:30 am to 12:00 noon**  
*Silver Lake Auditorium Silver Lake, MN*

**Menu**

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|---------------|------------|
| Eggs          | Pancakes   |
| Sausage Links | Fruit Cups |
| Toast         | Milk       |
| Coffee        |            |

**Adults - \$7.00 Under 12 - \$3.00**  
Bring an item (s) for the McLeod County Food Shelf.

*Come out and enjoy a good Breakfast.  
Proceeds support the  
Silver Lake Lions Football Program.*

**Thank you for your support.  
Lions...We Serve.**

WINTHROP LIONS

ANNUAL ROSE SALE  
(\$15.00 a Dozen)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Pick up at Perennial Bank in Winthrop

Hours are 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Place your preorder to Lion Marge and Lion Keith Richer at 507-647-5784 or any Winthrop Lions member no later than October 5. Thank you for your support.

Proceeds to fund community projects.



ANNUAL  
**GLENCOE LIONS CLUB**  
**Sausage/Ham Supper**

Please bring a food item for the Food Shelf

Sausage, Ham, Scalloped potatoes, corn, applesauce, bars, coffee & milk

BANQUET STYLE  
**Pla-Mor Ballroom, Glencoe, MN**  
All You Care to Eat  
**Thursday, October 26, 2017**  
Serving 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Collection boxes will be available for your used eye glasses & hearing aids.

**TICKETS**  
Advance Adult \$9.00  
At Door - \$10.00  
Child - \$5.00 (4-10)  
3 and under FREE

**Take Out Meals Available**  
Take Out Parking Near Door

ADVANCE ADULT TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:  
FRANKLIN PRINTING, COBORN'S, & FROM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS

Proceeds to be used toward Community Projects.



2017 COLOGNE LIONS OCTOBERFEST  
**FIESTA! HOT! HOT! HOT!**

Saturday, October 28  
6:30pm to 11:30PM

Cologne Community Center – 1211 Village Pkwy

Tickets \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door  
Advance sales from any Cologne Lions Member,  
Event Brite Website – Cologne Lions Octoberfest or  
[brendathompson96@gmail.com](mailto:brendathompson96@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/CologneLions/Octoberfest](http://www.facebook.com/CologneLions/Octoberfest)

Entertainment - Live & Silent Auction Items – Food - Prizes

Proceeds go to Community Improvements and Humanitarian Projects



**Saturday, November 4**  
**2:00pm**  
**Sticks Tavern**  
**Dahlgreen Golf Course**

Win AUTHENTIC Coach and Michael Kors handbags.  
Up to \$200 in value!  
Purchase a 10 game package for \$26.00  
Packet sales begin at Noon.

Carver Lions Lic. #01745  
**Hosted by the Carver Lions**



*Years of Lions*

*The Start of Another Dog  
Gone Good Century*

**-SAVE THE DATES-**

**FEBRUARY 9, 10, 11**

**5M2 MID-WINTER  
CONVENTION  
2018**



Please join  
DG Nancy Mathwig  
in celebrating the  
next 100 years of  
Lionism

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Friday Night  
Dress as your  
favorite dog  
character and  
enjoy a variety of  
music genre by  
the Tuxedo Band

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Saturday -  
wear Lion attire

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Check the 5M-2  
web-page, monthly  
newsletter, or email  
[lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com)  
for convention  
and hotel  
reservation forms

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