



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor

I love Minnesota weather! It always keeps us guessing.lol. As I write this month's article, I still see snow piles outside of my window, melting, but still there none the less. My family was scheduled for the 6pm shift at Feed My Starving Children-well the after-

noon and evening shift was canceled due to the snow-storm! Yup, you have to roll with the punches.

I am so grateful at the clubs that have invited me to visit, and the opportunity to still be learning that has been happening to me. A funny example- when you go on the 5M2 website and click on the button for DG Visit Requests and fill out the form, then click submit, I magically thought it would come into my email. Nope, my mistake, but it has been remedied (Thank You Nate Kells).

Did you know that until December 31st, 2020 that there was a new member and new club registration deal going on? All new members and clubs that are in LCI get a waived new member fee of \$35.00 and a waived new club fee of \$35.00? Yes, we still have to pay International, Multiple District and District dues-but a savings of \$35.00- for new members-**What are you waiting for?? You still have 2 months "Get Your Lion On" and Get 'er Done.**

Our next Cabinet Meeting will be November 1st via Zoom and I am gearing up for the Zone Meetings this month via Zoom. Going to be a fun and busy month

We are going forward with our Mid-winter Convention February 12-14th. We met with the Mayo Health Systems Civic Arena in Mankato and I was VERY impressed by their Covid plan. The food will be FANTASTIC, location of event very clean and safe and the Hilton Garden Inn will be our Hotel. More details will be coming out in a Special Addition to the Newsletter in November.

Waconia Hive Lions Club has had their officer elections and now we wait for the approval of their Charter currently being processed at LCI. Thank You Waconia Lions for sponsoring them.

Message From Dr. Jung-Yul Choi; International President

"The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted the work of Lions around the world. In many cases, it has also created financial hardships for our Lions and the people for whom we care.

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs. Here is an overview of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

Charter and entrance fees waiver – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from July 1 – December 31, 2020.

These measures will help Lions facing financial hardships, and give our clubs hope, encouragement, and an opportunity to start the new Lion year with renewed energy and optimism. This may be a time of great need, but we will overcome this together. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity. That is who we are, and what we do.

So, let us stand together. And let us remember just how important we are to our communities and the world."

Make sure to THANK A VETERAN and have a Fantabulous Thanksgiving.

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Did You Know?



Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor

Hi Lions. Lion Lisa and I are about to join the rest of the District Governor Team and much of the district cabinet in our Fall Zone Meetings. Some will be socially-distant, but in person; while others will be over everyone's newest BFF, Zoom. 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 that Lions Clubs International has an on-line Membership Growth Event Toolbox? The membership growth toolkit is dedicated to provide 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 active members and new volunteers. 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>



Refer to pages 6-7 for *100 Ideas to Recruit New Lions*.

Upcoming Zone Meetings - All Virtual, Make Plans to Attend Contact Your Zone Chair for more information

November 3 - Zones 7 & 8: Don Novack (liondonnovack@gmail.com) & Meg Tibodeau (megtibodeau@outlook.com)

November 5 - Zone 4: Julie Beckius (jbeckius5@gmail.com)

November 10 - Zones 1 & 3: Jan Sebesta (jan_sebesta@hotmail.com) & Rose Thies (rose.thies@sibleyeast.org)

November 11 - Zones 5 & 6: Denise Wondra (denisewondra@yahoo.com) & Bill Vandersluis (bvander@eventis.net)

November 19 - Zone 2: Deb Koehnen (debkoehnen@hotmail.com)



From My Garden...



Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor

By the time you all read this it will be November 1st, 2020.

Summer is over, fall is coming to and end and Winter is coming. Now on to different phase of the year.

Covid has put a wrench into every aspect of our lives. But the world is

still turning, and we need to keep moving with it not in the same way we used to "always did it". We have had to learn how to adjust and adapt and move forward and, in a few instances, readjust and move further down the road. The need to help our communities is becoming greater than ever before.

On August 24th of this year my life changed. I "retired" from the insurance job I had for the last 15 plus years and started a new chapter of my life. I went back to school to become a bookkeeper (what I like to call trying to become less dangerous).

I had to learn how to study again, had to learn more about how my computer works (more than just turning it on and point and click). I had to learn more about Zoom, do homework and tests online. I am still learning how to get my questions worded so my instructors understand what I am trying to ask the first time, so there is less back and forth.

Manage my time better, still trying to balance school, work, Lions and personal time. It is coming, not as quickly as I would like but it is starting to work. There have been a few rough spots and there will be a few more in the next year. But I know I will come out the other end of this with more knowledge about accounting and excel. Looking forward to next semester already.

A few take away from the last couple of months.

- 1) I am not in this alone, John has been with me all the way and has been a huge help and my rock for keeping me grounded and sane.



- 2) This old dog can learn a few new tricks. Not fast but learning
- 3) There is not enough Diet Pepsi in Minnesota to keep me awake.
- 4) There are not enough hours in the day to get everything done.

Why am I telling you all of this?

I guess to try to illustrate that no matter what this life throws at you, planned or unplanned. We must keep moving forward. Not a straight line from point A to B, there may be a few detours along the way, the road will not me smooth. But we will reach point B and move on to point C and on down the alphabet.

How?

- 1) Start meeting again. If not in person or virtually, maybe a couple of people at a time. Or email, call, or snail mail
- 2) Brainstorm and think outside the box to find different ways to have fund raiser and projects. They will not be done in the same way, but the effect is the same or more meaningful
- 3) It does not have to be anything complicated
- 4) Reach out to your District Governor team. That is what we are here for. We are more than willing to help you.

As Charlie Behrends says "Keep er movin"

For the Month of November

Get out and VOTE
Good Luck with Deer hunting
Thank a Veteran
Happy Thanksgiving





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

As we enter the holiday season: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah and New Year's, we begin what is usually the busiest and sometimes most stressful times of the year. They are also the times when Lions have some of the most meaningful opportunities to demonstrate our innate caring through acts of service. It can be our chance to feel that wonderful connection with individuals or groups whose needs we are able to meet. It can also be our way of demonstrating gratitude.

What is the difference between thankfulness and gratefulness? Pulling out the dictionary, Thankfulness is defined as "Conscious of benefit received and kindly disposed toward the benefactor." While Gratefulness is defined as "Appreciative of benefits received: willing or anxious to acknowledge or repay or give thanks for benefits.

Gratitude is the action related to thankfulness for the gifts received. Doing service is the visible sign of gratitude. Service opportunities exist at all levels in Lionism.

Service is helping set up the room for a socially distanced meeting, connecting to a Zoom meeting when you aren't quite sure of the technology, welcoming a newcomer, or calling a member you haven't heard from in a while. Activities like food collection and delivery, holiday parties and gift distribution to children, are examples of some of the ways Lions express their impulse to serve. Lions in the western US are currently serving by meeting needs of those whose homes and businesses were devastated by the current wildfires. Our club and personal donations to LCIF make their service possible. I want to express my gratitude to each club and every Lion who made a donation to LCIF during this calendar year.

During the coming holiday season, give yourself a gift. Take the time to participate in a service opportunity with your club, and not only meet someone else's need but also your innate need to feel connected to others.

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

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

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

**2020-21 DISTRICT 5M2****Zone Lion of the Year**

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

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

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

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

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

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club Member: _____

(Signature and Date)

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

1st Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann

6870 Redwing Lane

Chanhassen, MN 55317

Glenny98@hotmail.com



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



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.



Lions Clubs International Education Opportunities

The following Institutes will be offered by Lions Clubs International.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

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

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

Date: March 13-15, 2021

Location: Toronto, ON, Canada

Language: English

Submission Deadline: December 13, 2020

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

Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

The Faculty Development Institute is a three-day institute that serves to develop and expand the number of skilled Lions faculty available for use in training at the club, district, and multiple district levels. The curriculum is designed to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Lions who complete the FDI are expected to be able to effectively deliver training sessions with provided materials. They should not be expected to create their own training materials.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as instructors at local Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. A candidate's training experience should include using PowerPoint to support training delivery. (Note: Participants will not be expected to create any materials while at the FDI, but it will be necessary to use PowerPoint and other provided materials for some activities.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. In compliance with board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$150.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: February 20-22, 2021

Location: Los Angeles, CA, USA

Language: English

Submission Deadline: November 22, 2020

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

W A N T E D

2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 – 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

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

Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

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

*If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:
Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com*



Connecting, empowering and transforming
kids with Type 1 Diabetes

CAMP SWEET LIFE THANKS THE LIONS CLUBS OF 5M2!

Recently Camp Sweet Life held its 8th Annual Glow Run and Auction. This year the glow run went virtual (I wonder why): and the normal Silent Auction held in conjunction with the Glow Run resorted to an online auction event! Let me tell you both events were a huge success. The Glow Run and Auction is one of Camp Sweet Life's main fundraisers and this year even though virtual and online the net income for the event was just a little bit higher than in 2019!

Special thanks to all the Lions Clubs that have made recent donation to Camp Sweet Life (Camp Sweet Life is a 501c3 non-profit started back in 2010 with a mission to connect, empower and transform kids with Type 1 Diabetes.

In 2019 120 youth with Type 1 Diabetes and a staff of 76 (including 24 hour a day medical personnel, nutritionist, social workers, program coordinators, Counselors and Counselors-In-Training (CIT's) and VOLUNTEERS (Thanks Lions for volunteering at our CSL Connects Events (CSL is other than camp time events) and at Camp.

Camp Sweet Life has been awarded a matching grant from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) - DIA17102/5M2 – your donation to Camp Sweet Life is currently being matched dollar for dollar – up to \$50,000! To make a donation to Camp Sweet Life and take advantage of this match contact Executive Director and fellow Lion – Rene' Maes Jr., at 507-995-6910 cell or email: rene.maes@campsweetlife.org

Camp Sweet Life is based out of Mankato Area and holds camp each year in August. Camp, which is the highlight of many youth each year, is held at Camp Courage (near Maple Lake MN). Camp Courage is an American Camp Association Accredited Camp and part of the True Friends Camp network.

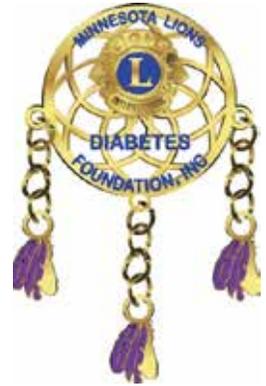
Thanks again to the Lions Clubs of 5M2!

Yours in Service,

Rene' Maes Jr.
Executive Director
Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc
26486 Sioux Trl
Madison Lake, MN 56063

Catch the Dream...

...a world without Diabetes!



Why is this cash raffle fundraiser important?

- More than 34 million Americans have diabetes (1 in 5 don't know they are diabetic)
- More than 358,000 Minnesota adults live with diabetes (8.4 % of Minnesota adults)
- An additional 118,000 Minnesotans have diabetes and do not know they are diabetic
- More than 88 million Americans age 18 & older are pre-diabetic (1 in 3 don't know they are).
- Nearly 1.4 million Minnesota adults are pre-diabetic (nearly 34% of Minnesota adults).
- More than 1.5 million Americans are newly diagnosed with diabetes every year.
- More than 23,000 Minnesotans are newly diagnosed with diabetes every year.
- More than 14 million Americans age 65 and older are diabetic (26 % of people age 65 plus).
- People with diabetes or pre-diabetes are at high risk for serious health complications including heart disease, stroke, amputation, end-stage kidney disease, blindness and death.
- More than \$4.7 billion related to diabetes is paid every year in Minnesota for direct medical and indirect (reduced productivity) costs.

Stat Source: American Diabetes Association

How does Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation use fundraising net proceeds?

- Help fund research to help prevent, treat and cure diabetes
- Promote public awareness of diabetes
- Conduct diabetes education and screening events

What is Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation?

- Founded in 2008
- Mission to improve lives of people with diabetes by raising funds and collaborating with partners to fund diabetes research, providing diabetes education and sponsoring preventative health activities.
- Since its founding, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation has raised more than \$1.5 million dollars to fund research at the University of Minnesota.
- Through donations to Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, MLDF has funded Lions Islet Imaging Lab at University of Minnesota and research projects. Some of the funded projects include research to identify medicine to target adipose (loose connective tissue) to treat Type 2 Diabetes; develop a breath screening device for early detection of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a serious diabetic complication of prolonged high blood glucose; Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of human islet transplantation; and cure diabetes by regulating the immune system.

Catch the Dream...
...a world without Diabetes!



& Catch some Ca\$h

A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10

2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners

2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee
for tickets & information!**

Lion Wanda Breimhorst

wjbreim@comcast.net

612-716-4705

Lion Brian Rykus

bgrinhim@gmail.com

507-521-2689



Visit MnLionsDiabetes.org for more information and contacts.

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



Your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation held its fall meeting on October 10, 2020 in St Cloud. It was a combination in person and virtual meeting.

We had lots to discuss. Top of the list was fund raising.

There are two main fundraisers that benefit the Hearing Foundation. The first one is the Parade of Green at the Mid-Winter Conventions. Every District does this in some form. Mid-Winter convention is a few months away but we would like to see every club donate to the 5M2 Parade of Green to help fund the many projects the Foundation is involved with. We don't know what the 5M2 Mid Winter Convention will be like yet. Will it be in person, virtual or a combination but we all need the fellowship the convention provides. The second fundraiser is the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The 2021 D-Feet Hearing Walk is scheduled for June 5, 2021, if the Arboretum is open and allows us to hold it. The D-Feet Walk will be very much like it has been in the past years if we can have it in person. If we cannot hold an in person walk, there will be a virtual walk. Plans for that alternative are being worked on. In an effort to get more participation from clubs in the Northern part of the state, we are working on an event to be held farther north, probably in Bemidji.

As your Trustees for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation we want to have every club participate in both of these fundraisers. Funds raised from these events are ear-

marked for different projects at the University Of Minnesota Department Of Otolaryngology. Please support both fundraisers.

Speakers at our meeting were Dr. Bevin Yueh and Dr. Samir Khariwala; they talked about some of the research going on at the University of Minnesota. One of those projects was on Tinnitus or ringing in the ears. Dr. Hubert H. Lim is the doctor that started this research project. (I will make a long story as short as I can.) He proposed that he could eliminate tinnitus with a skin patch. Everyone thought he was crazy to try such an idea and he could not get funding to do this research. Dr. Bevin Yueh asked the Lions to help fund Dr. Lim's research. The Lions supported Dr. Lim's research for about three years with very positive results before larger companies stepped in with more funds to help him. More progress is being made. The best results are not a skin patch but a small patch that is placed on the tongue several times a day. Now Dr. Lim has gotten nationwide attention and is able to get millions of dollars for his research. The Lions of Minnesota may be responsible for a cure for Tinnitus because we supported Dr. Lim and his crazy idea.

As always, we are available for club visits. We want to come and talk to your club about your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Feel free to contact one of us to visit your club.

Trustees:

Lion Marvin Grimm 1-952-448-9465

Lion Vern Breamer 1-507-525-3850



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

Is your visit from the District Governor coming up soon? A couple of things to remember:

1. The District Governor should be introduced twice. At the beginning of the meeting, introduce the District Governor and their companion. Before the Governor's presentation, a more formal introduction should be given. When the Governor stands to speak, ALL club members should rise and applaud. When the Governor finishes the presentation, ALL club members rise and show their appreciation with applause.
2. The District Governor should be the ONLY speaker for the evening. The Governor should NOT be limited on time.

Remember: Social distance, wear your mask, wash your hands often, and keep yourself & others safe!!

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation



Representatives of the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation present a symbolic "big check" to Dr. Kim Sadak and Dr. Luci Turcotte. The \$100,000 raised by Minnesota Lions was matched, dollar for dollar, by the University of Minnesota Foundation and the Children's Cancer Research Fund to make \$300,000 donated to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital to fund research and services for survivors of childhood cancer. Presenting the check on behalf of the Foundation were President Jeanine McDonald, Secretary Linda Albrecht, Director Bob Knutson and Treasurer Tom McCarthy.

One of the innovative programs being funded by the Lions is a smart phone app to keep in touch with survivors as they leave the hospital program and move on with their lives. Dr. Karim Sadak, Director, Childhood Cancer Survivor Program at the Masonic Children's Hospital, has stated, "Funds from the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation have made it possible to create a way through mobile health to never let childhood cancer survivors slip through the cracks of the healthcare system."

Be proud, Minnesota Lions!!! Be very proud!

(And, yes, we are all smiling!!!)



The University of Minnesota has developed a crowdfunding page to help partner organizations on Give to the Max Day. The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation has set up a page to Build the App! Check it out on our Facebook page or at I'm supporting University of Minnesota Foundation!



"Peace Through Service"

REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER REMINDER

NOVEMBER 15th

Is the deadline for submitting the Peace Poster Contest entries to me. Be sure to follow all of the directions in your kit. Thanks for participating this year.

PDG Diana Kroells

Peace Poster Chairperson

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Tidbits from the Past

(taken from past district newsletters)

- Did you know that for many years we paid a subscription to receive the district newsletter to cover the cost of printing. The district budget covered the cost of newsletters sent to each club president and individual members paid a set subscription fee. The fee in 1991 was \$5.00 for a one-year subscription.
- Did you know the Northfield Leo Club, a community-based club, was organized in 2002 under the direction of Lion Alice Nasby?
- Over the years, many meanings for the initials PDG, past district governors, have been noted such as "power done gone" or permanent dinner guest". PDG Tom Ferleman noted in his July 2002 newsletter, "The Cutting Edge" that Positive District Guidance will be provided by a Positively Dynamic Group". What a great way to look at the wealth of information and experience available from this group!
- On August 5, 2002, Jungle Days was hosted by the Prior Lake Lions at Creeks Bend Golf Course in New Prague. "The Cutting Edge" newsletter reported that 112 Lion golfers and guests participated in the best ball event. First place went to the Lions team from Kiester who turned in a low score of 61 strokes. The Victoria Lions, who scored 62, won second and third place was awarded to the St. Peter Lions who shot a 63.
 - o 2020 was to be the last year for Jungle Days due to declining interest and number of golfers. Due to COVID, the event was cancelled. After 40 years (1979 – 2019), and many, many great stories from the participants, 5M2 Jungle Days became history!

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

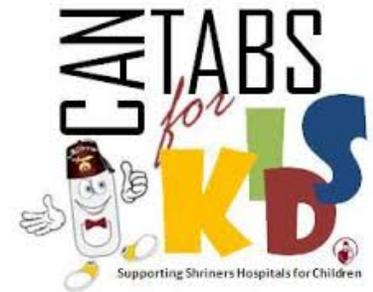


Keeping families close™

Lions of District 5M2

Pop a Top and Save the Tab

(A project of the Environmental & Service Committees)



Who: All Lions Clubs in 5M2

What: Collect Aluminum Can Tabs

Why: To benefit Ronald McDonald House
And Shriners Hospitals

When: Now to 2021 Mid-Winter Convention

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

More information will be sent to all club presidents in September

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

LION'S DAY AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN 10-20-2020

LOCATION	# OF PACKING SESSIONS	TOTAL # VOLUNTEERS	# OF LEOS (%)	# OF BOXES PACKED	TOTAL # MEALS	# OF KIDS FED FOR A YR.	COST OF FOOD
CHANHASSEN	3	25	14 (56%)	60	12,960	36	\$3,110.40
COON RAPIDS	4	113	76 (67%)	183	39,528	108	\$9,486.72
EAGAN	2	45	28 (62%)	80	17,280	47	\$4,147.20
TOTALS	9	183	118 (65%)	323	69,768	191	\$16,744.32

Each bag of food feeds 6 kids. There are 36 bags packed into each box. 6 X 36 = 216 meals.

323 boxes x 216 meals = 69,768 meals.

69,768 meals divided by 365 days in a year = # of kids fed for a year. 69,768 divided by 365 = 191 kids fed for a year.

323 boxes X \$51.84 (cost per box) = Total cost of food. 323 X \$51.84 = \$16,744.32.

AMOUNT OF DONATIONS FROM ALL 3 LOCATIONS = \$16,2: \$13,038 WITH MORE DONATIONS STILL COMING IN!! THIS AMOUNT IS FROM DONATIONS WHICH STARTED MARCH 1, 2020 THRU OCTOBER 20, 2020.

CLUBS WHO VOLUNTEERED AT CHANHASSEN WERE: BLOOMINGTON, EDEN PRAIRIE, HAMBURG, HOPKINS & NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA.

CLUBS WHO VOLUNTEERED AT COON RAPIDS WERE: BLAINE CENTRAL, COON RAPIDS, FRIDLEY, MINNEAPOLIS RIVERVIEW, MONTROSE, MOUNDVIEW, NEXT GENERATION/DT MINNEAPOLIS & OSSEO. ALSO, ANDOVER LEOS AND COON RAPIDS LEOS.

CLUBS WHO VOLUNTEERED AT EAGAN WERE: BURNSVILLE, EAGAN, INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, LAKE ELMO, MAPLEWOOD NORTH, NORTH ST. PAUL, ST. PAUL EAST PARKS, ST. PAUL MIDWAY & VADNAIS HEIGHTS.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED & DONATED & MADE THIS A GREAT DAY FOR THE STARVING CHILDREN OF THE WORLD!!

LIONS BILL & MARCIA GUTHRIE, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE 2020 LION'S DAY AT FMSC

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Northfield Loses Long Time Lion



Marvin Grundhoefer, age 93 of Northfield, went to be with the Lord with his family by his side on Thursday morning, October 15, 2020, at Reflections on the Three Links Campus.

Marvin Landy Grundhoefer was born August 19, 1927, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Landy and Stacia

(Hennen) Grundhoefer. He was raised in Saint Paul where he attended St James School, Cretin High School, St. Thomas College and St. Paul College of Law (now Hamline Mitchell).

Lion Marv was a member of the Northfield Lions for over 65 years. He was an active Lion right up until COVID hit, is a past President, was our Club pianist, was the Northfield Lions Club's only Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a past Zone Lion of the Year, two-time Mayor of Northfield, and on and on. I don't think we ever get many Lions with this length of service, or with the diverse wealth of service demonstrated by Lion Marv.

Lion Brian Rykhus, Northfield President

NAMI Newsworthy

(North American Membership Initiative)

With the news of the Covid-19 in the news every day, it is easy to let this pandemic take front and center of our lives. I respect how each of us try to deal with it in our own circumstances. I find great inspiration from the Lion Clubs within our district that have thought outside the box to put a new spin on service projects or fundraisers, while at the same time staying within Covid-19 safety regulations. This is not an easy task! However, clubs are out there fundraising with raffles/silent auctions or curbside pick-up chicken dinners pork chop dinners, turkey commercial dinners, virtually diabetes rallies, selling flower baskets and other ingenious ways to bring in donations. There is a lot of creative thought flowing through 5M2!

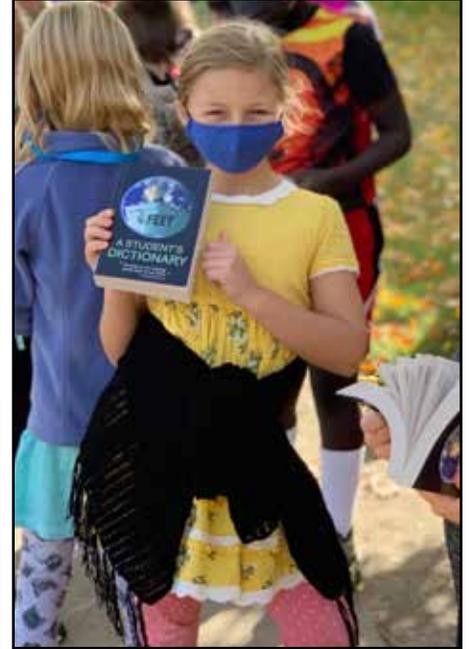
Service projects are still taking place such as the Peace Poster Contest, Dictionary Project, Ditch Clean Up, District-wide Pop Top Collection or Trunk or Treat, just to name a few. With projects going on, it is easy to market your club. To date there have been 17 clubs that inducted a new member. That is fantastic. Keep thinking outside the box and remember to ask someone to join!

Application to become a NAMI club is located on Page 21. We need all of you to continue making 5M2 the best District in the Multiple.

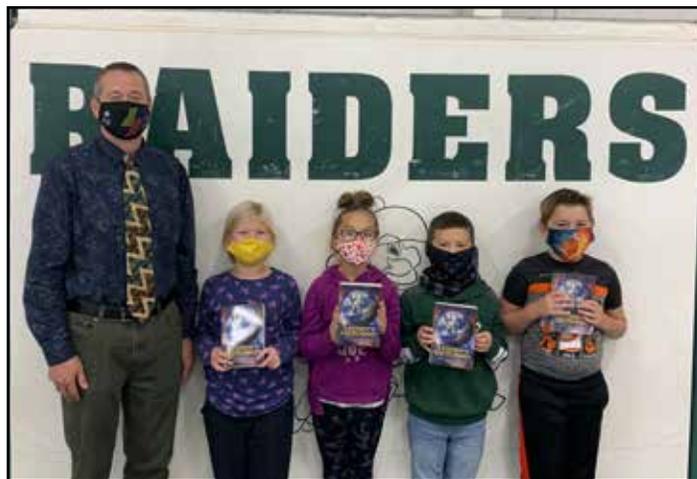
Lion Joan Blank, NAMI Champion

Jordaness Lions

In an effort to support literacy in Jordan, the Jordaness Lions take part in the Dictionary Project each year. This year, the club handed out over 137 dictionaries to Jordan's third grade students!



Hamburg Lions



Principal & Hamburg Lion, Todd Bentz, presented the 4 3rd graders at Emanuel Lutheran School their dictionaries from the Lions.

Hamburg Lions participated in the Multiple District Service Project at Feed My Starving Children. Pictured are: Lions Diana, Richie & Shirley Kroells & Janice Mackenthun.



Minnesota Lake Lions

Picture from Oct 14, 2020. DG Anna visited our club. Lion Vern Bremer presented her with one of our clubs wooden toy cars that he makes for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.



Minnesota Lake Lions Pumpkin Patch. The club invited the K-4 kids at the Maple Rive East Elementary to come to our patch and pick out a pumpkin. We had small pumpkins and some large pumpkins (over 100 lbs). Pumpkins were also given to the two daycare providers in the area for their kids.



NYA West Carver Lions



ABOVE: The NYA West Carver Lions hosted National Night Out in Norwood Young America on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020.

RIGHT: NYA West Carver Lions and NYA Lions hand out dictionaries to third graders at Central Elementary and St John's Lutheran School NYA.



Waterville Lions - Honoring Veterans during COVID times

The idea for the Waterville Veterans Memorial started with a suggestion to the Waterville Lions Club as a new project. It was met with overwhelming support from the Club members. Even though the tickets were already printed for our 50/50 raffle we decided that our Lions Club share would be donated to the project.

After a small group of Lions members got together we decided to move the project outside of the Waterville Lions Club and start a Waterville Veterans Memorial as its own 501(c) (3) so that donations to the Memorial would be totally tax deductible. After a very generous donation from the Waterville Lions Club we were able to break ground around the 1st of July, 2019. The weather here in Waterville in the summer of 2019 was really wet. In fact the lawn at my home was under water six times with one of the times lasting over 30 days. Thus the weather hampered our completion of the Memorial.

It was amazing to realize the community response for the project. We not only had the generous donation from the Lions Club but also one from the Sakata Area Foundation and donations from ten other business and community members including the City of Waterville and the US flag pole was donated by the Waterville Fire Department.

In financially planning for the Memorial it was hard to project how many engraved paver requests we would receive. It has been great to see that response also as we already have about double of what I had projected.

We planned our dedication on September 12th which in the State of Minnesota due to COVID19 was limited to 250 people social distancing outside. It drizzled a little in the morning but then we had great weather for it. I had rsvps for about 125 but saw numerous people that came but didn't respond. I'm guessing around 200. It was interesting how well people social distanced. Some rode up in their mobility scooters, golf carts or trikes and parked on the street. Others stood across the street as they could hear the presentations with the PA system. We also, with permission from the City Council, closed the street to the north. The honor guard set up on the basketball court to the south of the Memorial which was about the right distance for the gun salute and taps. The LeSueur County Veterans Service Officer, Mark Roemhildt, did the dedication and the veterans address was done by CW5 Howard Lundin who served 39 years in uniform and 2 other years. He served in Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. He also served twice in Washington DC. He was born and raised in Waterville and went to school here. He could tell the personal stories of his classmates that went to Vietnam. He served in Korea during the Vietman War.

It was a terrific turnout. The dedication was better than my wildest dreams of doing that kind of presentation with the COVID 19 guidelines. I have to say that I could not have found a better way to honor our local veterans amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Waterville Lion Margie Jacobson



**Waterville
Veterans
Memorial**

John Jr Watzek
US Navy GM3
WWII 1942-1945

James D Watzek
US Navy GMMC
WWII 1944-1967 Korea

Ronald J Watzek
HM1 USN FMF USMC
1968-1979 Vietnam

Sgt Jon J Jacobson
US Marine Corps
Aug 1994-Nov 1998

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Watertown Leo Club

October 24, 2020



Feed My Starving Children



Our Mission:
To connect, empower and transform kids with Type 1 Diabetes.

Strike Out Type 1 Diabetes

Date of Event: Sunday, November 15, 2020
Location of Fundraiser: Victory Bowl, Mankato (however, event has **GONE VIRTUAL** due to COVID-19)
Funds raised go to: *Scholarships – to help pay for kids to go to Camp
*Camp Sweet Life – to keep the cost of camp down

Camp Sweet Life was started back in 2010 by two local medical professionals in the Mankato Area and the mission is to connect, empower, and transform kids and families stricken by Type 1 Diabetes. Each year, campers connect at Camp Sweet Life's camp in August and CSI Connects, Camp Sweet Life family activities, held in Southern MN through-out the year.

This is a fundraiser where you can do your part to support a camper and/or support Camp Sweet Life by:

- 1. Make a donation to support a specific camper or Camp Sweet Life (checks/credit cards/Paypal)**
Checks – Made payable to Camp Sweet Life
Mail to: 26486 Sioux Trail, Madison Lake MN 56063
Credit Card – Online through secure link via Camp Sweet Life website: <https://campsweetlife.org/home/donate/>
Paypal: Campsweetlife@campsweetlife.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CampSweetLife/>
- 2. Pledge per Strike** – Strike Out Type 1 Diabetes is a bowling fundraiser based on how many strikes are thrown in a 1-hour time period. You pledge money per strike, then a skilled Mankato Area bowler has 1 hour to bowl as many strikes as this bowler can on November 15th. Example, you pledge \$1 per strike and your bowler bowls 30 strikes in 1 hour = \$30 donation to Camp Sweet Life. Remember, your bowler is a SKILLED Mankato Area bowler and may bowl on average 60 – 300 strikes in 1 hour! You will be contacted after your bowler bowls on November 15th and asked to make payment based on your pledge. Pledges can be made up to the time your bowler bowls.
- 3. Sponsor a Camper** – it is not too late (must know by October 28, 2020 if you would like to Sponsor a Camper) Sponsor fee is \$150.00; which covers the cost of the event, sponsor/camper t-shirts, press, radio, social media, and post press acknowledgement.
How does a camper get 2021 camp paid for?
Get enough pledges to raise \$800.00 get 1/3 of your camp fee paid for!
Get enough pledges to raise \$1,250.00 get 2/3 of your camp fee paid for!
Get enough pledges to raise \$1,800.00 get your full camp fee paid for!

Questions, or to make an Individual Pledge, or Sponsor a Camper: please contact Rene' Maes Jr, Camp Sweet Life -- 507-995-6910 cell or Rene.Maes@campsweetlife.org or Tim Emmers -- 507-399-3577 cell or Tim@mansweetlife.org

Thanks for your support of Camp Sweet Life!

Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. | 26486 Sioux Trail, Madison Lake MN 56063
Email: robin.jordan@campsweetlife.org | Website: campsweetlife.org
Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



TURKEY COMMERCIAL LUNCH

Bread
Mashed Potatoes
Turkey
Gravy
Cranberries
Ice Cream Cup

COST
\$10 each

DRIVE UP / TAKE HOME
ENJOY!

WHEN: Sunday, November 1, 2020

WHERE: Courtland Community Center
300 Railroad Street
Courtland, MN

TIME: 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
OR UNTIL GONE!

NO NEED TO LEAVE YOUR CAR!
Drive Up / Pay / Take Home
Reserve Meals by calling or texting
Lion Dawn @ 507-382-2758

SPONSORED BY
THE COURTLAND LIONS

(Profits will go towards local projects.)

SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD SHELVE

Bring an item or items of canned goods to help those less fortunate.



BRING unwanted eyeglasses and/or hearing aids. These will be refurbished and given to those in need.





Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please click the link below and review the document for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

http://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/er?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=LGL_EN_990N%20Tax%20Reminder%20US_Email_2020&utm_medium=email&s=94443966&lid=8209&elqTrackId=685BB6C-BE9E10D06B8A2FADA45CB37CE&elq=cd202e7800fb40f1b3f3faf05e6345cd&elqaid=16134&elqat=1

Kindest regards,

Legal Division

Lions Clubs International



District 5M2

Get Your Lion On

NAMI (North American Membership Initiative)

Club Name _____

Date _____

The North American Membership Initiative has been discussed with our Lions club and we agree to participate in the 5M2 NAMI Program.

President _____

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

Mail/Email Completed forms to:
PDG Joan Blank – 5M2 NAMI Champion
44995 490th Street
Nicollet, MN 56074
lionjoanblank@gmail.com



Save the Date Midwinter "Mask-erade"

February 12-14, 2021

**New Event & Lodging Location for 5M2 Convention:
Mayo Event Center . 1 Civic Center Plaza . Mankato, MN 56001
Hilton Garden Inn . 20 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001**



More details to come in
5M2 Special Edition Newsletter