



# 5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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## Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser  
District Governor

It's a FANTABULOUS time to be a LION!!! I know you may be thinking I have drunk too much coffee today... probably. I have witnessed clubs adapting and embracing new ideas. "Thinking outside of the Box" really brings on new meaning during this

time of not knowing what the day might bring. Clubs are getting creative with serving their communities, fundraising and grudgingly adapting to virtual meetings. We are gaining new members, have found new ways to safely connect and still are able to HAVE FUN!!!

I personally want to thank the clubs who have had me pop on by for a club visit. I have done visits in parks and was able to enjoy the Faribault Lions via a Zoom Meeting. Many of my fellow District Governors have not had the pleasure of doing these things.

We had our first ever DG Happy Hour formally known as the Club President/Secretary meeting. I shared our District Goals and 1VDG Glenn and 2VDG Kathleen explained more about the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) and what that means for our district and what we hope to accomplish with. We talked about the status of our clubs and tossed around some ideas. Overall, I think it was a positive experience and I appreciate you for taking the time to join me. Zone meetings are right around the corner-ALL members are encouraged to attend! Your Zone Chairs will be getting the word out to you on whether or not it is going to be virtual or an in-person event.

I have been asked a lot about our District Convention. As of this newsletter we are still planning on having it-BUT, that can all change-Stay Tuned. It will be held at the Mankato Civic Center. We have been communicating with them on how to do it safely during COVID. They have all the safety protocols in place. It would be done very differently than it has been done in the past. Alas, Lions are huggers...we are not going to be policing but we will be strongly discouraging that kind of greeting. There will be masks, hand sanitizers and distancing. And of course, there will be DANCING. There will not be Hospitality Rooms. But we think we have enough room for Program Chairs to have their Display Tables and possibly a Silent Auction? More to come...

And I would like to acknowledge the work of our NAMI Team. We meet monthly to brainstorm ideas to help clubs out. We have had "Special Presentations" from Lions with-

in the United States on specific topics about Club Branches, Cyber Clubs, Specialty Clubs etc. We have people working to give our website a more customized approach. We have pulled in members from different clubs to help a struggling club out. We have people reaching out and introducing a different way to reenergize their clubs and hopefully generate some new members. And for those of you that have read all the way to the bottom of my article...I will give you some exciting news.... OUR DISTRICT IS EXPECTING!!!! That's right-there is a new club forming.... But it's a SECRET-SHHHHH. Our Charter Paperwork has not been sent in yet. Hopefully be next month's article I can officially share the name of the Club.

Stay Healthy and BEE Kind...



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## Did You Know?



**Lion Glenn Kaufmann**  
1st Vice District Governor

Hi Lions. Lion Lisa and I had a chance to hang out with a few of our nieces and nephews a few weeks ago. Since we have no kids of our own, we try to share a few stories/jokes/myths of our ancestors. We also try to pass along some of the hard-earned lessons we learned along the way. They will have

to learn them for themselves, but we try to leave a small imprint with them. Someday down the road, maybe they will remember the conversation and get a little chuckle. Everyone wants the next generation to succeed.

It's the same in our clubs. Who will carry your club's banner in 2050? Not to be overly dramatic, but if we aren't looking for the next generation of Lions to come in behind us, who will?

- Did you know recruiting young Lions can:
- Ensure your club will exist in 40 years
- Increase hands to do more service
- Gain fresh ideas
- Bring in new energy and diverse skills
- Promote membership that reflects the community



I often hear fellow Lions stress to me we should be concentrating on keeping the Lions we have in place and worry less about Millennials. My answer is, why does it have to be one or the other? Our clubs have the capacity to work to keep our current Lions engaged AND look to the future with new, younger members. Did you know folks under 40 are just as likely to volunteer as their more "mature" counterparts?

While it does happen, very rare is the day where a potential Lion reaches out to us. We have to go looking for great Lions. LCI suggests trying the following approaches to recruiting younger members:

- Ask current members to recruit within their family. Children and grandchildren are a great source for membership.

- Visit local colleges and universities. Students are a good resource for your club and many educational institutions require volunteer hours for graduation.
- Attend a local Leo club and find out if Alpha Leo's graduating high school or Omega Leo's turning 30 are interested in becoming a Lion.
- Call or email area businesses and ask if you can post flyers or set up a booth in their lunchroom for a day.
- Partner with a youth group or secondary school to implement a joint service project. Many participants will soon reach the age of legal majority. This will give your club contact with future prospective members.
- Encourage the young adults you are recruiting to invite their spouse, friends and family members to attend a meeting. Young adults enjoy doing activities in a group and will feel more comfortable if they bring others along with them.
- Consider avoiding your vest when recruiting. Wearing a Lions polo shirt or a plain casual shirt, khaki pants, dress shoes and a Lions pin is most often the best way to dress.



Follow-up is essential whether a young adult initially accepts or declines an invitation to join Lions. Young adults may be hesitant at first, especially if they are not familiar with LCI and don't know anyone in your club. Give them time. Even if a young adult is interested, they are not likely to accept your invitation before they do research or discuss joining with friends and family.

For additional information on the [Young Adult Recruiting Guide: Who Will Carry Your Club's Banner in 2050](#), look for it on lionsclubs.org.

## From My Garden...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
2nd Vice District Governor  
Where has this year gone?*

I swear (do not tell my Mom) it was March last week and April is MIA in my mind.

Now it is the beginning of October, the garden is almost done producing its bounty and I have been married to Mister wonderful for 16 years.

Once again, I have been in the garden thinking (dangerous past time, I know).

Here is what I came up with; We have new Lions joining our clubs and we have seasoned Lions that have been Lions for many years. And if any of you are like me, I forget stuff as time passes.

In my ponderings I ask myself (and yes, I answer) how can new Lions and seasoned Lions learn more about Lions and get the answers they may have. So, as I pick another Jalapeno, AREKA!!! Lions University pops into my head.

For me Lions University has been a great wealth of Lions information and learning. The side benefit is you can earn your Lions Bachelors, Master and Doctorate Degrees in the process of learning about Lions.

And wait! There's MORE, you can even learn more by attending a US/Canada Forum.

I attended my 1st US/Canada Forum in 2019 in Spokane

Washington. I had a blast; I received my bachelor's degree. Attended multiple seminars a day. The very best part is I was able to meet up with my Lions friends and met new ones.

Sadly, this year the in-person US/Canada Forum was cancelled. I was so looking forward to the Mint Julips', Bourbon, seminars, new friends' old friends, the whole US/Canada Forum experience. BUT wait! There is next year in Des Moines, IA (ROAD TRIP!!!).

How can you get in on this great experience, you ask? Just log on to [lionsuniversity.org](https://lionsuniversity.org), scroll down to Register.

Enter your Name, create a username, enter your email address, create a password, and enter or you can contact me, and I can walk you thru it.

Easy Peasy lemon squeeze, you are now on your way to learning more about LIONS without leaving your home!!!

Until November

Safe Harvest & Happy Halloween





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2 Lions,

By the time you read this article, we will officially be in the Fall season. Leaves and Sumac are turning. Orchards selling tasty apples and treats, the Twins making a run in the play-offs, and don't forget Pumpkin Pie Blizzards at Dairy Queen!

This is usually the time many clubs go back to regularly scheduled meetings. Plans for important service projects, pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers kick into high gear. This Fall we are trying to figure out how to safely do these things and also be aware of new needs in our communities that Lions can meet.

LCIF is working around the world to support clubs in these evolving times. Check out this link to see how our dollars are supporting Lions' service.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>

As I've written and said often over the past years, LCIF welcomes personal donations from Lions or non-Lions. Here's a new idea I just heard about.

### **Credit card donation: A win, win!**

Many people have credit cards that when used earn points. You can make a donation to LCIF using your credit card. You win by earning your points and also by being able to pay the credit card off over time or at the end of the month. LCIF and Lions around the world win by receiving your donation immediately. You can make your donation by going to the LCIF webpage using the link above and click on the button that says "Donate".



## 40 Ideas to Recruit New Lions

1. Ask someone. Ask One!
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise on Facebook/Twitter
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. Honor 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



# LION'S DAY



AT

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020**

Districts 5M2, 5M5, 5M6 and 5M7 will join together at the 3 FMSC facilities in the Twin Cities Metro area. Our Mission is to pack food for the malnourished children of the World! The approach is simple: we hand-pack meals specifically formulated for undernourished children. FMSC meals are donated to partners worldwide and distributed every day in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs to deliver hope!!

This packing experience will be a little different because of COVID-19. ALL volunteers will be required to wear masks for the duration of your session. All volunteers will have their temperature checked and go through a verbal symptom screening upon arrival. Please read the changes on the home page at: [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org) Also, please watch "What to expect when packing at FMSC – 2020". This is on: <https://youtu.be/PQ0zdFruo0s>

Donations of any amount would be VERY much appreciated!! Because FMSC has had to rely on more costly alternative packing methods during the pandemic, the need for funding is greater than ever. You can bring your personal donation AND/OR your Club donation to one of the sites on the day of the event OR you can mail it ahead of time to Feed My Starving Children, 401 93<sup>RD</sup> Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Be sure to indicate in the MEMO area – LION'S DAY 2020.

Promote this in your community as part of the Lions Clubs International Global Service Framework.

Co-Chairman of the Event and District 5M7 Chairs: Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, email us at: [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) or call us at: 763-786-8072

**THANK YOU!! WE SERVE!!**



## LION'S DAY AT FMSC – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

### ALL PREVIOUSLY EXISTING RESERVATIONS WERE CANCELED ON AUGUST 12!!

Sign up now to be a part of the 2020 LION'S DAY at FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN!! [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)  
Click on Volunteer at the top of the page. Scroll down the page to Looking for a Specific Group? Type in LION'S DAY. Click on Search Groups. Choose the location from the list below and the time slot that you would like to volunteer. Click on Join. Either Log In (if you already have an account with FMSC or Create an Account). To create an Account, all you need to do is put in your name, address, phone number, email and a password. Once you are into the Join Group, just answer the questions and there will be a confirmation that you need to do and you are registered. If you need any help with this OR want us to sign you up, please feel free to contact us – Co-Chairman of LION'S DAY – Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, #763-786-8072, [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)

CHANHASSEN – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhasen, 55317

Lion's contact person – GST (5M2) Lion Darlene Mondor – [mondordarlene8@gmail.com](mailto:mondordarlene8@gmail.com)

GST (5M5) Lion Bernie Braegelmann – [Bernxie@aol.com](mailto:Bernxie@aol.com)

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – 70

COON RAPIDS – 401 – 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, 55433

Lion's contact person – (5M7) Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie – [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - 50

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 50

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - 50

EAGAN – 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite #136, Eagan, 55121

Lion's contact person – DG Lion Gina Detviler – [gmdetviler@lions5m-6.org](mailto:gmdetviler@lions5m-6.org)

Shift times and # of reserved spots - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - 75

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 75

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – 75

WE SERVE!! TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS!!



## ***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](mailto:dkellylion@gmail.com)*



# OCTOBER IS VISION AWARENESS MONTH



## OCTOBER 8 WORLD SIGHT DAY!

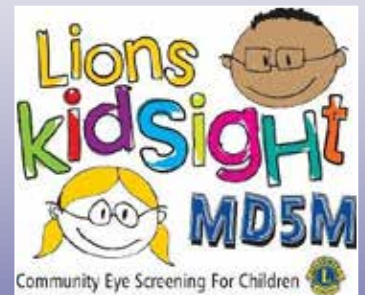


### MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

Due to COVID-19 and the safety for all, we have decided to cancel Thanksgiving for Vision and the MLVF Eye Ball.

*Thanksgiving for Vision* **EYEBall**

Even though things are limited in the world currently... the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and Lions Gift of Sight are up and running. MLVF Directors are available to visit your clubs (virtual or in person) to give you an update on all that is happening.



## Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



With six months of the Covid behind us and several more months to come, it is leaving the hearing Foundation with little activity. The trustees will meet on October 10, 2020 in St. Cloud to further discuss the 2021 D

Feet Walk and other items. The Arboretum is reserved as are some of the other parts that need to be reserved. June 5, 2021 is the date of the D Feet Walk. Planning will go forward as this is our major fundraiser. There will be a plan B if there is a need to cancel at the Arboretum.

Dr. Paparella ENT clinic has closed. It was on the same floor as the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic. M Fairview Health over sees the Lions Children's Clinic and has agreed to take over the lease on the Paparella Clinic space. The Hearing Foundations commitment to the Lions Children's Clinic has been fulfilled with the project coming in under budget by \$56,000. The Board of Trustees voted to leave the \$56,000 with the clinic to go toward further expansion and growth of the clinic. M Fairview has not committed to allowing the Lions Children's Clinic to expand into the former Paparella Clinic space. More to come on this as decisions are made for the use of the second floor of the building.

We are available for Club visits. We want to come to talk about the Hearing Foundation. Feel free to contact us.

### Trustees:

Lion Marvin Grimm 1-952-448-9465  
Lion Vern Breamer 1-507-525-3850

## MD5M PHOTO CONTEST

July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

**"PETS AND CRITTERS"**

### RULES:

- Original work of a Lion or Leo Member
- Submit name, phone number, district, name of the subject, and area where photo was taken
- Only one entry per member
- Photos must not include people
- Submit photo by email in digital format and resolution of 300dpi
- Send photo to: [rosepuckett313@gmail.com](mailto:rosepuckett313@gmail.com)
- Entry will imply consent to use for promotional activities
- Winners determined by committee

First Place \$100.00

Second Place \$75.00

Third Place \$50.00



**LET'S GET CLICKIN!**



### PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

The following is found in the 5M2 Protocol Manual (see the 5M2 website):

"Protocol is an official expression of good manners. The courtesy we show each other in our everyday lives affects our attitudes, our efforts, and in turn, how we view ourselves as human beings."

Good to remember during this difficult time! Follow guidelines, wear your mask, and keep yourself and others safe!!

Kindness definitely matters!!

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs

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

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to: [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

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

## ***Tidbits from the Past***

(taken from past district newsletters)

- Did you know that Lions Clubs International was the first worldwide service organization to admit women members. Since July, 1987, every Lions club has the right to invite women into full membership.
- Did you know that with the addition of the Budapest, Hungary Lions club in February 1989, Lions Clubs International was the first service club organization in the world to have clubs in an eastern bloc country. The club was sponsored by the Helsinki Lions Club in Finland. Two additional countries were also added to the areas of Lionism:
  - Pozman Lions Club in Poland, chartered May 22, 1989 and,
  - Tollinn Lions Club in Estonia, chartered May 31, 1989
- Did you know that in 1984, Lion Orville Trettin (now PDG Orville) and his wife Elvera (PDG Elvera) started Lions 5M2 International Youth Camp (aka Camp Spicer and MD5M Youth Exchange) in Spicer, MN.

More to come next month –

PDG Nancy Mathwig, District 5M2 Historian

## **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](mailto:pkkoenen@gmail.com))



### *"Peace Through Service"*

Has your club ordered their Peace Poster Contest kit yet from LCI? You have time up until October 1<sup>st</sup> to get the order in. This year, not knowing what the school year will look like in many of our District 5M2 schools, clubs may have to get creative in how to promote the Peace Poster Contest to local youth. Even if your local school has decided on distance learning- the teachers still have contact with the students and can you get the word out about the contest.

Now, more than ever, our youth need a chance to express themselves through art and what better way than to create a poster about achieving "Peace Through Service". The earlier that you can reach out to the students the better, as the local clubs need to submit the entries to me by November 15.

If you are looking for ideas on how to promote the Peace Poster project or your club will be new to sponsoring this project and need help, please contact me. The Peace Poster Contest has been around since the 1980's and we are not going to let Covid-19 stop us now!!

PDG Diana Kroells  
Peace Poster Chairperson  
[dianakroells@gmail.com](mailto:dianakroells@gmail.com)  
952-467-2211



### *"Peace Through Service"*

Lion Debra Wasserman  
Lions Clubs International Essay Contest,  
MD5M Chair

The LCI Essay Contest began in 2010 as a companion to the Peace Poster contest. It is directed to students who are blind or visually impaired giving them the opportunity to write on the same theme as students participating in the artistic Peace Poster contest.

The Peace Poster contest and the Essay contest give

students the chance to share their ideas and perspectives, and we adults the opportunity to learn about their view of the world and its future. The more students who are able to participate in the contests, the better for us locally and the world in general.

Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired receive information about the contest but reaching others who may know students is the goal of this article. If you know a student or a school district person, please share this information. Peace Poster kits contain information you can use and share with those who might know a student who would be interested in participating in the contest.

I am also available to answer any questions and share information that would help you, your club, or those working with students.

liondebra@charter.net  
507-332-2792 (Home)  
612-718-8330 (Cell)

## Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

### Victoria Lions

The 22nd annual Victoria golf tournament was a great success in spite of the Covid 19 problems.

What we want to convey is a big THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Golf Tournament the most successful ever.

We raised nearly \$14,000 that can be used to support our charitable giving mission that is so important to our community. As you know, several of our important fund-raising activities had to be canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic impact. The success of this golf tournament helps get us back on track, helping those who need our help.

We thank all of our sponsors who helped make this event possible and helped raise funds for the many causes we support.

The day was wonderful and the golfers plentiful. We thank 104 golfers for showing their support and showing their best and sometimes their worst swings.

And as always, the many Victoria Lions who volunteered

their time to make it happen.

As part of this year's tournament our foundation held its first ever raffle. It was a 50-50 raffle, where 50% of the total tickets sold goes to the winning ticket and 50% to the foundation. We sold 580 \$10 tickets for a total \$5800. The winner of the raffle was Tom Abts who graciously donated his \$2900 winners share to the Lions Foundation of Victoria. Talk about a generous act.

With October comes the Victoria Lions "almost world famous" annual pork chop dinner. This year the dinner is scheduled for Friday October 23.

We will have a pickup at St. Victoria Church in Victoria from 4:30 until 7:30. The cost is \$10 for 1 chop or \$12 for 2 chops. Both come with "fixins" and dessert. What a deal.

If you are so inclined you can enjoy your chops and an adult beverage in the Lions Pavilion which just across the street from the church.

Join us for good food and Lions pride as we serve it our community.

### NYA West Carver Lions

The NYA West Carver Lions club sold the flower baskets this year. These are normally used at Stiftungsfest as decorations throughout the park. Due to COVID-19 this year and the celebration being cancelled, we kept our order and decided to sell them to the public.



### Zone 1 News

*Lion Jan Sebesta, Zone 1 Chair*

Zone 1 seems to be bouncing back from the Covid intervention. From the reports I am receiving, fund raisers are being held in a "Drive Thru" fashion. While social distancing was a daunting concept at first, Lions have risen to the occasion to adjust with meetings and community activities. Donations to Community Libraries, Food Shelves, Senior Living facilities and City Summer programs have been continuing throughout our 10 clubs in Zone 1. Plato even had their Golf Tournament. Peace Poster supplies are going to schools, and Write Off info too. Zone mtg with our District Governor, Anna, is set up for September 13 on Zoom. We will miss the food, friends and fun together, but it will give us all the much needed info to keep us on task to carry our Clubs through this challenging year. We are all in this together, everyone matters, we Serve!!!

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### Amboy Lions



The Amboy Lions had much District support at their recent Brat and Bake Sale.







## Hamburg Lions



### Drive-Up Chicken Dinner

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4 pm to 7 pm**

or until we run out

**Hamburg Bi-Centennial Park**

614 Park Ave

Menu: ½ rotisserie chicken, potato salad, corn,  
dinner roll, cake, milk or water

**\$10.00**



## Mankato Area Lions Diabetes Virtual Rally

*Alone it is hard to perform great feats of strength,  
but together, we have great strength of feet!*



**Benefiting Camp Sweet Life and the  
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation**

**When: Saturday, October 10, 2020**

**Time: 8:45 AM – ZOOM Link Opens**

**Zoom.us - Meeting ID: 550 110 7565, Passcode: 5WFYFJ**

**9:00 AM - Virtual Speaker, Jean Lundquist**

**9:30 AM - Virtual Walk**

*Due to COVID 19 and its effects on individuals with diabetes, research is needed now more than ever. Consider forming your own Family Team, Work Team, Organization Team, or just a FUN Team to help with this worthy cause.*

**Team Registration: Rene Maes, 507-995-6910**

*Donations: Make checks payable to Mankato Sunrise Lions Club, MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Life (a 501(c)(3) organization), or Camp Sweet Life (a 501(c)(3) organization). Mail to PO Box 2175 Mankato, MN 56002.*

*MATCHING FUNDS: Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF DIA17102/5M2) will match Camp Sweet Life donations up to \$50,000.*

*See the Mankato Sunrise Lions Facebook page for more information.*

COME SINK YOUR CHOPS  
INTO OUR CHOPS!!



Victoria Lions

## PORK CHOP DINNER!



Friday, October 23rd  
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Grrrrreat Chops!  
Grrrrreat Fixings!  
Grrrrreat Dessert!**

*Put the date on your calendar now.*

**Watch for details.**

# TRUNK & TREAT

**Saturday, October 24, 2020  
Courtland Community Center  
Start on the South Side & Finish on the North Side**

**Come & GO**

**From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**0 to 9 years old**

**Costumes are Optional**

**(Masks, Please!)**

**Bring Your Camera!**



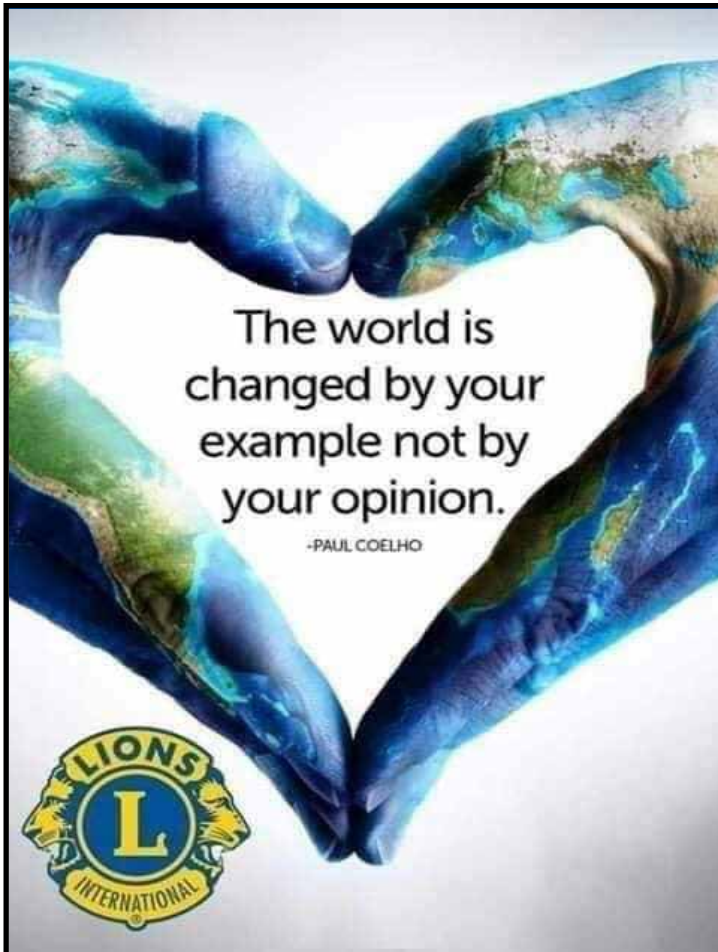
➤ The Courtland Lions have been thinking hard about how to bring some fun into our lives and the lives of our children. With Halloween just a week away, we thought a Trunk & Treat would be just the thing to start off this fun season. We will social distance the vehicles and wear masks and gloves.

➤ Please bring a food item for the Food Shelf to help others in need.

➤ If the weather is bad, we will set up inside the Community Center – entering on the South and leaving on the North.



**Sponsored by  
The Courtland Lions  
And  
Local Businesses**



**Join us for**

# Trick and treats on the Trail

The Cologne Leos are hosting a kid friendly, non-scary Halloween event. Children will enjoy a Trick or Treat trail with stations sponsored by local groups, clubs and companies.

**October 31, 2020**

**2pm to 4pm**

**Cologne Lions Park**

We will be collecting food for the local food shelf and having a bake sale with proceeds going to families in need during the holiday season.



**TURKEY COMMERCIAL LUNCH**

- Bread
- Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey
- Gravy
- Cranberries
- Ice Cream Cup

COST  
\$10 each

DRIVE UP / TAKE HOME  
ENJOY!

**ON SALE NOW!**  
ONLY 500 Cash Tickets Sold!  
8 Winners Drawn

ONLY 1,200 Gun Raffle Tickets Sold!  
10 Winners Drawn

**SILENT AUCTION IS NOW LIVE!**

**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

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(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.

# YULETIDE

**Cologne Lions Club Octoberfest Raffle & Silent Auction!**

*Virtual Event & Drawings Held: Saturday, October 24, 2020 starting at 7 p.m.*

Support the Cologne Lions club by purchasing a raffle ticket or silent auction item & join us for our virtual event!

**VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION IS LIVE!**  
Visit: <https://dc.betterworld.org/raffles/octoberfest-2020>

Interested in purchasing a \$30 cash and/or \$10 gun raffle ticket?  
Contact: [info.colognelions@gmail.com](mailto:info.colognelions@gmail.com)

(8) Cash prizes: 1-\$1,000, 2-\$250, 5-\$50  
(10) Gun prizes: visit [colognelions.com/octoberfest](http://colognelions.com/octoberfest) for list



## *“Get Your Lion On”*

Clubs of 5M2,

We are excited to introduce to you a new program called **NAMI (North American Membership Initiative)** being rolled out for 2020-21 year. The 5M2 Leadership Team has already started and when July 1<sup>st</sup> rolls around, we will be ready to hit the ground running. Basically, NAMI is a coordinated effort between the Global Membership team, Global Service Team, Global Leadership Team and the 5M2 Leadership Team (District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Zone Chairs and club Lions).

There are four areas that we will be concentrating on:

- 1. Rejuvenate District 5M2 with New Clubs**
- 2. Revitalize Clubs with New Members**
- 3. Re-motivate Members with New Fellowships and Exciting Service**
- 4. Support District and Club Leaders**

We are adding a new position to the district, the NAMI champion, who is PDG Joan Blank who will coordinate the efforts of all the district teams. It has been almost 40 years since we have seen a positive growth in North America. It is time to turn this around and show the world that Lions are still as important to our communities in North America as it has ever been.

Here is what we are asking you as a club to do. We would like your Leadership Team to “opt in” by signing the attached form stating you will incorporate the NAMI Initiative into your club. District goals are:

1. Each club to end the 2020-21 year with a plus membership. In July we will send you a report stating where you ended the 2019-2020 year in membership, and we want to see at least a growth of plus one member.
2. Encourage your members to step up into a leadership role in your club or district. Remember that each of us has our own personality and that Lions need to be able to do it their way. Getting new members involved as soon as possible makes them feel like they are part of the club. (Contact your GLT Coordinator or Zone Chair for Help)

As we get into the new Lions year, we will have more information for you to work with. We look forward to sharing your success stories with the District.

DG Anna Wickenhauser  
*“Get Your Lion On”*

PDG Joan Blank  
*NAMI Champion*





**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  
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Nicollet, MN 56074  
lionjoanblank@gmail.com