



5M-2 Lions' News



July 2025

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"Sprinkle Service with Kindness"



*Sherma Cross
District Governor*

As I write this article tonight, my heart beats a little faster-not from fear (well maybe a little), but from a deep sense of purpose and anticipation for the year ahead. The opportunity to serve as your next District Governor (DG) is not just an honor, but a milestone in my Lions journey, it is also a solemn commitment to continue our shared

mission: to serve others selflessly and lead with heart. I am driven by vision to strengthen our clubs, empower our district and contribute to a better world. Together, we can carry forward the legacy of service that defines us, making our communities stronger and more united. We live in a troubled world and as Lions, we are known for our dedication and impact, but it is our kindness, our smiles, our listening ears, our inclusive hearts that leave a lasting imprint on those we serve.

I have chosen a donut with sprinkles as my DG pin. It has been a very long tradition in our family that donuts are more than a treat-but a tradition at our resort. So, what does a donut symbolize? The round shape is unity and community, the sweetness is a reminder that service, when done with heart, leaves a lasting impression on others, and every sprinkle represents a moment of kindness. And every moment of kindness is a way we make the world a little sweeter.

Lion Bob and I will be traveling to Orlando on July 12th, with my final day of DG training on the 13th. We will end the evening with graduation and a celebration dinner. On Monday, July 14th, the Parade of Nations takes place. See next month's article for details of the International Convention.

One of my goals is to offer training that is requested by the membership. We've already heard that several clubs are interested in learning how to make an e-Clubhouse website so we will be doing that in the fall. I encourage any Lion to sign up for RLLI training and ELLI training when they are offered. Our district does a wonderful job of preparing Lions for leadership roles, so embrace the opportunities that 5M-2 offers. Let me know if you have any suggestion for training as others probably have the same need.

I'm looking forward to working with 1VDG Chuck Toltzman and 2nd VDG Deb Koehnen throughout this coming year. We again will be dividing up the club visits with DG doing 60%, 1VDG Chuck doing 30% and 2nd VDG Deb doing 10%.

As I take this step into leadership, I want to pause and thank the special people who have stood beside me, guided me and cheered me on. To Lion Bob who always encourages me, believes I'm happiest when I'm helping others, has eaten lots of frozen pizza for suppers and checks on me when I am in my cave (office) thanks honey. To my mentors in Lionism - PID Debra and PDG Steve Wasserman, PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg, PDG Christy Trutnau and IPDG Lisa Kaufmann, thank you for answering all my questions and helping me prepare for this year. To my fellow Lions and club members-your spirit of service and dedication to the "WE SERVE" mission, your friendship, and commitment inspire me each and every day.

I would not be here without each of you. This journey isn't mine alone-it belongs to all of us. Let's keep sprinkling the world with kindness, one act of service at a time.

Enjoy your 4th of July!

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DG-Kindness on the Go...

- ☐ July 12-18 International Convention
- ☐ July 19-20 Hearing Foundation
- ☐ July 26 COG meeting
- ☐ August 10 Cabinet Meeting

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Submit newsletter articles to: 5M-2newslettereditor@gmail.com.



We Serve

Happy July, Lions...



Chuck Toltzman
1st Vice District Governor

July is the start of the new Lions calendar. Clubs will need to have their officers into the Lions Portal by the end of June. If you don't have them in, please get them in. This is how International and the multiple along with the district communicates with all the clubs. Your secretaries get all

kinds of correspondence, and they should be passing it along to the members of the club.

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me to be your 1st Vice District Governor for the year. But with that, my job is to make sure every club gets their officers in so that we can communicate with the club. I will be contacting any club that does not have this done by the first of July.

Lion Linda and I, will be making the trip to Florida for the International Convention between the 13th and the 19th of July. We are both looking forward to going to the convention. It looks like it will be a great time. We are looking forward to making new friends and visiting with

old friends. Now if only the weather will cooperate and not be so hot and humid. Minnesotans are not ready for that kind of weather.

I am looking forward to this next year with District Governor Shermayne and 2nd Vice District Governor Deb. You have a great leadership team in place. Along with all your help we are going to get the job of the district done. And we are going to have fun doing it. Welcome to all the new cabinet members that have agreed to serve on the cabinet, and to all the returning cabinet members that have agreed to stay. Thank you to all the Lions who have stepped forward to serve in their clubs and on service projects. The Lions would not be as large and great and wonderful without you. "We Serve"

I will continue to give a little Lions history again this year. I hope you don't mind, let me know if you do.

In 1957: Leo clubs are formed to launch youth programs.

In 1965: Lions built Melvin Jones International Memorial in Fort Thomas, Arizona.

I am here to help you, help others.

Welcome

New Lions Club Members

Albert Lea:

Angie Hanson

Chaska:

Grecia Lozano

Cologne:

Karen Guentzel
Patrick Guentzel
Deb Wallick

Hutchinson:

Joan Halter

New Market-Elko-Webster:

Heather Seurer

Plato:

Annett Parpart

Shakopee:

Dylan Pass

Silver Lake:

Ted Gehring

Victoria:

Donnie Balliet
Mark Miller
Mark Montang
Charles Peglow
Len Olson
Mark Redshaw

Waconia:

Bryce Dominick
Travis Frank

Waconia Dandylions:

Mia Matousek
Lauren Williamn-Kirsch

Winthrop:

Gary Kaufmann
Sherri Kaufmann



Hello Lions of 5M-2!



*Deb Koehnen
2nd Vice District Governor*

As I write my first post for the 5M-2 Newsletter I want to start by thanking all who lent support. This started with the district leadership team reaching out to see if I'd be open to the 3-year commitment as 2VDG, 1VDG, and DG and extended through to the nomination speeches at the 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention.

I received many cards of congratulations and encouragement following the convention.

A little about me, I've been a Lion since 2004 chartering with the Mayer-Watertown DandyLions. In 2017 that club disbanded and many of us transferred to the Watertown Lions. My husband Scott was inducted as a new Lion and the Mid-Winter Convention. We have two children, and five grandchildren.

As 2VDG I will do some club visits as determined by the District Governor team of DG Shermayne, 1VDG Chuck and myself. I will be part of the district leadership team, continue as the chairperson of the 5M-2 Write Off competition, and district administrator assisting clubs with the Lions Portal and the Constant Contact (email system).

One of the things I'm most excited about is the Shakopee Miracle Field being completed – Shakopee Lions applied for a LCIF grant which they received making possible a field where individuals with wheelchairs, walkers, or sensory sensitivities will be able to play. This is scheduled to open Fall of 2025.

I will have visited the Hamburg club for officer installation by the time this goes to print, and Chanhassen the end of July. I had an initiation of sort when asked to wear the 5M snowman suit for the D-Feet walk held at the Arboretum on June 7th. I enjoyed the little hugs, knuckles, and high-fives from the kids there for the walk.

WELCOME

LE SUEUR COUNTY CSL LIONS CLUB

5M-2 Lions

Camp Sweet Life Lions Club was formed on June 4, 2025. This club will focus on children with Type 1 diabetes and supporting Camp Sweet Life.

Charter Members:

Ashley Bedard
Rochelle Emmers
Tim Emmers
Sonja Highum
Nick Kilgren
Kelly Kirar
Jennifer Kylo
Rob Larson
Tara Little-Scholl
Cheryl Loughmiller

Anna Reedy
Mary Smitt
Jesse Sondreal
Lincoln Sonderal
Libbie Tuthill



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



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LCIF

We would like to thank everyone for your support of OUR Foundation. In the August newsletter we will share with you the final tally of our LCIF Goals. A fun hint;) 5M-2 is Fantabulous!!!

Another fun tip-since 2001 Lions Clubs International Foundation has supported Special Olympics.

Through the Opening Eyes program, Lions volunteers help Special Olympic athletes get free vision screenings, new glasses, and follow up care. For many athletes, it's the first time they've had proper eye care.

Next June MD5M will be a Bronze partner of the Opening Eyes program. We have also pledged to be a sponsor of the Family Night. And because our Multiple is so Fantastic each one of the 3050 athletes will get "A Ball for All" (Aballforall.com)

Please check out this website for more information about the Special Olympics Games. www.2026specialolympic-susagames.org

Where does LCIF come into the picture?

LCIF will designate a special grant for the \$350K. This will be a pass through grant, NOT a Matching Grant. These

donations will count for MJF/PMJF credit and your LCIF Coordinator's Goals. The only thing it will NOT count for is your District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG).

VERY IMPORTANT

For any clubs or individual donors that mail their donation into LCIF. Please **MARK ON YOUR CHECK and ON THE FORM** that it is designated to **SPECIAL OLYMPICS, MN.**

Online donations: When you get the receipt from LCIF call into Donor Services or email Donor Services with your receipt and tell them you would like it put in SPECIAL OLYMPICS MN.

Recurring donations: You must contact Donor Services via phone @ (630) 203-3836 and tell them you want to designate your donations to SPECIAL OLYMPICS MN. Remember to change your recurring contribution back to wherever you want it to go after we have met our \$350k Goal.

Contact us if there are any questions

Lion Rose: rties001@gmail.com

Lion Anna: lionannaw@gmail.com



2029 Lions International Convention fundraiser

Brought to you by the Host Committee for the 2029 Minneapolis International Convention

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

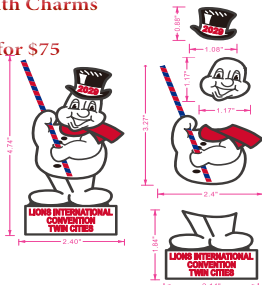
\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms

Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



Reach out to PDG Rick Wagener to purchase patches or pins.

April & May Membership Challenge Winner \$100 Visa Gift Card

Lion Lizzy Bybee

Waterville Lions Club

Thank you to the 5M-2 Lions who sponsored a new member:

Joan Anderson, Albert Lea Lakeview
Robert Baughman (2), Cologne
Lizzy Bybee (4), Waterville
Mike Chilan, NEW
Cheryl Farber, Green Isle
Steve Fredrickson, Victoria
Rachael Frovarp (2), Waconia Dandylions
Guy Grindberg, Victoria
Cody Honl, Waconia
Scott Ingram (2), Victoria
Keven Johnson, Victoria
Daniel Jorgensen, Chaska
Glenn Kaufmann, Chanhassen
Lisa Kaufmann, Chanhassen
Danielle Klaustermeier, Arlington
Jaci Kopet, St. Peter
Darlene Lilienthal, Plato
Dave Pass, Shakopee
Bobby Paulson, Hutchinson
Charles Peglow, Victoria
Ken Rossow, St. Peter
Martin Teall (2), Victoria
Jason Wagener, Waconia
Jeffrey Williams, Victoria

July Monthly GMT Resources Global Membership Team (GMT)

Mission 1.5

Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before! What are you doing to make sure your community knows your meeting dates / locations. Attached here are easy to use "We are Lions Meetings Posters". Resources like these are located on the Lions International website. Each month we will add some of the resources for you to see and hopefully use!

Goals and Action Plans:

Each club is asked to set membership goals for Lions year 25-26. It is important for each club to set membership goals, develop an action plan for each of those goals, and communicate those goals to all members in the club. Membership growth is not solely the responsibility of the membership chair, rather a collective effort for all members in the club. If your club doesn't have a membership team, ask to be part of the team! More members = more service in your community.

Included here is a Membership Action Plan template for your club to use. As a membership team, create membership goals and then create a plan on how you are going to achieve your goals! It is critical that you SHARE your plan with all members of your club. Continue to monitor and adjust your plan as we move through Lions Year 25-26! Good luck!

Lions Portal: Adding / Deleting / Editing Membership

Club secretaries enter membership into the Lions Portal. All Lions have access to Lions Portal. If you do not know your login, or if your club needs help walking through the membership process, please reach out to your District Membership Coordinator or District Administrator for help! It is best to stay current with your membership entries in the Lions Portal.

Use Social Media to Showcase Your Club!

It is important that Lions International is not, our own best kept secret! We need to continue to share the good we are doing. Lions is often associated with local Lion's Park or as the group that collects eyeglasses. While these are part of us, we need to make sure that we are sharing ALL the good we do! One of the most effective ways to spread the word is through social media!! Facebook is an easy way to showcase the good works of your club! If your club does not have a Facebook page, please reach out for direction on who can help.

- Today, the use of social media has become a daily activity.
- Social media enables its users to stay in contact by making communication easier
- Sharing pictures, videos and exchanging messages are just one click away!

We are asking that all clubs, make it your goal to increase your visibility this year!

Each month, GMT will send resources to assist your clubs with membership. We look forward to a great year building our district membership!

Thank you for all you do!

District 5M GMT Chair

As mentioned in our last update, we are in the process of upgrading our Kidsight cameras. Our current cameras are over eight years old, and due to technological advancements, we can no longer obtain extended warranties for them.

At our recent Zoom meeting, we had the opportunity to see a demonstration of the new cameras by a representative from Plus Optix. The presentation was highly informative, and all our questions were thoroughly addressed. To ensure our program remains efficient, we may need additional funding from Parade of Green next year to purchase new cameras for our district. Investing in updated technology will allow us to continue providing high-quality screenings for children.

Expanding School Screenings

Kidsight has seen great success with several clubs gaining access to schools, leading to an increase in screenings. It's important to remember that a screening is not a diagnosis—it simply identifies potential vision issues and recommends further evaluation by parents. To streamline the process, we recommend working with school nurses to include the blanket consent form in the packet of forms that parents complete at the beginning of the school year, giving the parents an opportunity to Opt out if they choose.

Additionally, we now recommend screening students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, as vision changes often occur during puberty. Some clubs have also started participating in spring kindergarten roundups, which is another great opportunity to ensure children receive vision screenings. Once schools see how efficient our process is, they will likely invite us to do even more.

Kidsight's International Growth

Our Canadian counterparts in the Multiple District are doing an excellent job with screenings, and we are excited to see Kidsight expanding internationally. The success of our program continues to grow, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers.



Club Training & Reporting

To improve training, we are shifting to a club-specific training model for Kidsight. This approach will provide personalized instruction on camera use and reporting procedures. Reports are essential, as they document screenings and referrals, ensuring that children who need further evaluation receive the necessary follow-up.

Recognizing Outstanding Clubs & Volunteers

We are incredibly grateful for the Lions clubs and volunteers who have made Kidsight a success. Some of the standout clubs include:

- Gibbon, Green Isle, Arlington, Lake Crystal, Glencoe, Le Center, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Faribault, Northfield, Norwood Young America West Carver, and Prior Lake.

Summer Screenings & State Fair Participation

Don't forget—we have a tent available for summer screenings at Lion Harry's house.

We will also be conducting screenings at the Minnesota State Fair again this year. The location change, we will be in the Education Building, we still plan to provide tickets for our volunteers.

Sign Up for the State Fair

To volunteer, visit: Minnesota State Fair Volunteer Sign-Up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC-2FA7F58-56251349-state#/>

If you have any issues signing up, please reach out for assistance.

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Lion Carrol Oraskovich; cro1547@yahoo.com 952-212-2674

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-51742227-2025#/>



2025 State Fair Booth Volunteering

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors.

www.signupgenius.com

**MINNESOTA
STATE FAIR**

Empowering Growth: The Role of the GLT District Coordinator in Advancing MISSION 1.5

Lisa Kaufmann, IPDG & GLT

Beginning with the new Lions year I will be fulfilling the role of Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator. Wanted to start the year by providing an overview of what the GLT does.

In the dynamic landscape of Lions Clubs International, the success of MISSION 1.5 relies heavily on the strength and vision of our district and club leadership. At the heart of this mission stands the GLT, a Lion who can help shape the future of our organization.

A Catalyst for Growth and Stability

As GLT, I want to be a catalyst. My efforts along with the District Governor Team and cabinet members have the ability to directly impact the implementation and success of MISSION 1.5 by ensuring our district remains strong, stable, and strategically aligned with our global goals. The GLT is the driving force behind the development of quality leadership, which is the cornerstone of sustainable membership growth.

Bridging Vision and Action

The GLT is uniquely positioned at the intersection of strategy and execution. I will serve as a conduit between District 5M-2 clubs and our multiple district coordinators, ensuring the distinct needs of each club are heard, understood, and addressed. This collaborative approach fosters unity while respecting the diversity of each club's culture and challenges.

Want to Hear From You

Throughout the next year there will be opportunities to participate in leadership training and activities. This will be at both the district and multiple district levels, some via Zoom and some in person. Topics may include, Lions 101, working in the portal, how to grow membership, officer training, etc. My ask is what would you find valuable and informative? Send me your requests and ideas to: lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com.

Leadership is not without its challenges. But as a GLT, I will be equipped with the tools, knowledge, and resilience to identify solutions and overcome obstacles. Whether it's navigating club dynamics, addressing leadership gaps, or inspiring engagement, the ability to lead with clarity and compassion makes a measurable difference. Working together we will have a great year! Watch the newsletter, 5M-2 Facebook page and email for opportunities to participate.



Year to Date: 6/23/2025

Membership Metrics

2,331

Total Membership

181

Drop Members in FY

257

Members Added in FY

76

Net Growth in FY

3.26%

Net Growth in FY%

2024-2025 Mission 1.5 Goals

205 New Members
Goal Met

4 Net Growth
1 New Club - Goal Met

District 5M-2 has welcomed **214** new Lions. Lions who have been reinstated or have transferred to our district do not count toward the Mission 1.5 goals.



2025 Theme: "Together As One"

The Peace Poster kits for 2025 became available on January 15th. The kit cost is \$11.95 (plus postage) or new this year, there is a Digital Peace Poster Kit available for \$11.95 (no postage). The kit contains all of the material (except the paper) you will need to sponsor a contest in your school or organized youth group. One kit is needed for each entry submitted to the district chairpersons. Please consider giving the youth in your area an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Please put the Peace Poster Contest on your meeting agendas early in 2025. We would be happy to attend your club meeting and tell you how you can participate.

If you have questions on how to order a kit, contact use or order from: Lionsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1 or just google Lions International Peace Poster Kit

Lion Diana Kroells & Lion Trish Gieseke
Peace Poster Co Chairpersons
dianakroells@gmail.com trish.gieseke@gmail.com

2026 MD5M Convention

April 24-26, 2026

Minnetonka Beach Party

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

12201 Ridgedale Drive

Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Hosted by District 5M-5



Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN



April 24-26, 2026
106th - MD5M Multiple Convention
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
2026 MD5M Registration Form



☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
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Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ City: _____
 Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____ Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____
 Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____
 Club: _____ Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
 December 31, 2025
 \$185 US - \$266 CDN _____

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
 March 31, 2026
 \$195 US - \$280 CDN _____

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social	\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____	\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____
Saturday Lunch	\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____	\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____
Saturday Banquet	\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____	\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____
Sunday Brunch	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____	\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

Please specify dietary needs: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Other: _____

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rhonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

-OR- you may pay by Venmo to: @Rhonna-Hed Then Email your registrations to: rhed@summitfire.com

Please provide an email address or phone # if you'd like to receive a confirmation _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

Room rates are \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 9, 2026.

[Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com

Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

The 2025 D FEET WALK is history. Once again the MN Landscape Arboretum provided a great place for the day. June 7th proved to be a beautiful day. The weather was beautiful and a fun day was had by all. This is the major fundraiser for the Hearing Foundation and we'd like to thank all the Lions that volunteered to help. It takes lots of help with putting up tents, registration, making and serving food and overseeing all the children's projects. And a huge thank you to the donors and the walk participants.

Here are just some of the pictures of this fun day. We'll also post pictures on facebook.

Trustees: PDG Kathleen Bleckberg and Lion Wanda Breimhorst



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Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Lonsdale Lions



Lions 5M-2 District Governor Lion Lisa Kaufmann standing with 2023-24 Lions District 5M-2 Zone 5 Lion-of-the-Year Lonsdale Lion Barb Peterson with Lions 5M-2 District Governor Elect Shermayne Cross on Lion Barb's left.

The Lonsdale Lions who attended the 5M-2 District Zone 5 dinner & meeting at St. Patrick's Tavern to support Lion Barb Peterson, selected as the 2023-24 Zone 5 Lion-of-the-Year. From L to R: Lonsdale Lions President Lion Alan Fitterer, Secretary Lion Kari Miller, Lion Barb Peterson, Lions Micki & Scotty Ziskovsky, & Lions Bonnie & Ron Simon.



The Lonsdale Lions Club was one of three 5M-2 District Zone 5 Lions Clubs who received the 2023-24 Club of Excellence Award. Pictured (L to R) are Lions 5M-2 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Chuck Toltzman, 5M-2 District Governor Lion Lisa Kaufmann, Veseli Area Lions Club President Lion Jenny Malecha, Prior Lake Lions Club President Lion Kris Ziskovsky, Lonsdale Lions Club President Lion Alan Fitterer, & 5M-2 District Governor Elect Shermayne Cross. N.E.W. Lions Club President Lion Mike Erickson is sitting in the foreground.



Brownton Lions

The Brownton Lions held their June meeting .

Jackie Pohlmer made this beautiful diamond art picture & presented it to Jeff & Paula Schons. Jeff served 19 years & Paula served 17 years as our gambling manager & assistant. Our new gambling manager will be Jackie Pohlmer & assistant will be Kristina Howe. Thanks for all your service in gambling!!



Received thank you's from 4 of our lions scholarship recipients Max Hansch, Alexis Kube, Ethan Berge, & Kaden Wendlandt .

Discussed our Waffle Breakfast coming up July 26th from 7:30 - 9:30 am.

June 25th Fox 9 is coming to town for the Town Ball day in Brownton. The Brownton Lions has pledged money to update our ball field for the upcoming state tournament.

Scheduled our annual corn feed for August 11th from 4 to 7 pm.

Carver Lions



Carver Lions members attended the Carver Black Sox town team baseball game on Father's Day. It was Lions day at the game because we made a \$40k dollar donation to the team to help improve the field and drainage of water. Members are right to left: Pres. Dean Nelson, Lion Geri Renner, Lion Bob Duitsman, Lion Linda Kerber, Lion Bill Buckingham, Lion Kim Duitsman, Lion Thad Lawrynck, and Lion Tim Craig. This is one of many Lions donations to the Carver town team.

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**What are your clubs doing for Membership Recruitment?
Share the NEWS!!**

Waconia Lions

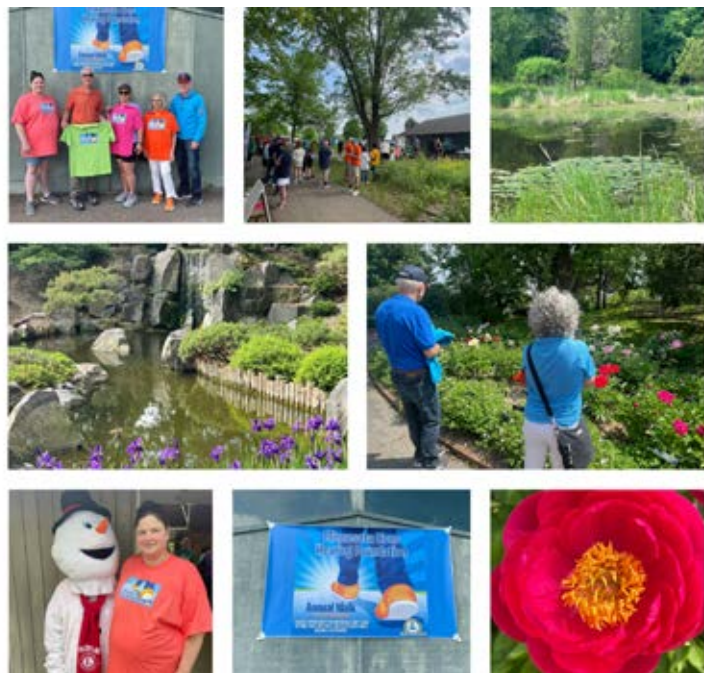
The Waconia Lions club sold concessions for three days at the Waconia Rodeo on May 30, 31, and June 1st. We

received some help from the Waconia Dandy Lions Club as well.



Le Sueur Lions

On Saturday, June 7th, the Le Sueur Lions Club participated in the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation's Defeat Hearing Loss walk.



On June 9th, the Le Sueur Lions Club hosted our annual golf tournament at the Le Sueur Country Club. Although the weather was chilly, we were thrilled to see 26 teams with 104 golfers participate in the event. We are extremely thankful for our numerous sponsors without whose support



Congratulations to Robin Wilke who has been named Grand Marshal for Le Sueur Giant Days. Robin has been an active member of the Le Sueur Lions since 2018 and has served as treasurer since 2019.



port our golf tournament would not be possible. We had a great turnout, and everyone seemed to have a fantastic time. Josh Selbrade was the putting contest winner, and we would like to congratulate him on his impressive skills.



More Le Sueur Lions



Mayer New Germany Lions Busy Spring

Special guest at the Lions spring bingo

Everyone had fun at the annual spring bingo event, including guest star: Dolly Parton!

We don't remember who gave us the stand-up but she truly was the star of the show. Bingo players were invited to sign up to win the privilege to take her home with them after bingo.

Mayer-New Germany Lions give an annual scholarship to a Senior at Mayer Lutheran High School who is going into a trade school. Zoe Zajicek is the 2025 \$1000 winner. CONGRATULATIONS Zoe as you start your career education.



Included in the photo op with Dolly: Lions Nick, Susan, Paulette, Jesse, Laura, Dan and Mark. "Future Lions" Bryson and Asher help out at many of the Mayer New Germany events.

Mayer New Germany Lions has joined Adopt-a-Highway



Mayer New Germany Lions has adopted county road 30 from state highway 25 in Mayer up to Union Avenue. As a part of the Carver County Adopt-A-Highway program, which began in 2020, the Lions will pick up litter twice per year for a three-year period.

The program supplies safety vests, trash bags

and safety training materials along with recognition signs at both ends of the adopted road segment.

When you see our "Lions at Work" signs along our adopted road segment this fall give a honk and we'll be sure to send you a wave!

And also....

The Mayer-New Germany Lions sponsored their annual Red Cross Blood Drive on May 21st. 32 area residents donated blood and blood products, Lions Susan Anderson and Paul Pelletier served as greeters and checked in the pre-registered and walk in donors, served them snacks and gave the Red Cross thank you gifts so that the Red Cross staff can focus on the blood donors and donations.

Amboy Lions



Amboy Lions have been busy in 2025. We sponsored basketball half time shoot outs at six Maple River basketball games. We had our 4th Alumni Basketball tournament in April. We helped with ring toss game at the Lura Lake Association with their kid fair. and we gave 2 scholarships to Maple River seniors. We had our annual bake sale and also grilled hot dogs and brats during the Amboy garage sales in May. Our most recent fundraising event was working at Kilty's Brat/ Hotdog stand on June 13 and 14 in Mapleton.

We are planning for our fall Amboy celebration on September 6. We will be serving taco in a bag and this year we will sponsor a golf ball drop. We



will be selling golf balls for \$1.00. On September 6, we will do the drop and the golf ball that makes it into the hole will win half the pot. Our goal is to sell 500 golf balls. We are also planning a drive by Pork Chop on a Stick. It is great day to be a Lion.

Hamburg Lions

2nd VDGE Deb Koehnen installed the 2025-2026 officers for the Hamburg Lions. President - Chris Lund; Treasurer - Elisa Litfin (not pictured); Secretary - Stacie Franck; 1st VP - Bob Gregonis, 2nd VP - Mike Litfin; Directors - Joel

Franck, Kim Schneider, Tammy Anderson, and Duane Kroells; Tail Twister - Richie Kroells; and Lion Tamer - Dan Oelfke.



Chanhassen Lions



Chanhassen
Lions

Annual Senior
Center Picnic

NYA West Carver Lions



The NYA West Carver Lions inducted their new officers and directors at our June 24th meeting.

Also a picture of our booth at the NYA Spring Artisan Fair.



West Carver Lions Clothing Drive

Donate your used clothing and linens and help us raise funds for Community projects. The NYA West Carver Lions is partnering with the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota.

Clothing and linen donations can be dropped off at:

Please call (952)212-2674 for drop off location.

July 1 – July 14

9am – 7pm

(No donations accepted after July 14)

Accepted items: Clothing, hats, gloves, scarves, ties, purses, belts, shoes, bed and bath linens, table clothes, and other cloth materials.



Waterville Lions Club

Drive Thru

PANCAKE

and Sausage Breakfast



Serving the Third Sunday of each Month

2025 Dates

8:00 AM til 11:30 AM

May 18th
June 15th
July 20th
August 17th

The Village in
Waterville
205 N 1st St
Waterville MN



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THE LAFAYETTE AREA LIONS INVITE YOU TO

Dad's All-You-Can Eat

BELGIAN WAFFLES

Breakfast

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

AT THE LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT
800 Main Avenue, Lafayette

Free-Will Donation!

Serving Waffles, Sausage, Flavored Syrups, Strawberries, and Beverages
Take-Outs Available



In celebration of Lafayette's 125th Anniversary, there will also be a worship service at the Memorial Park at 9:00 am and a Parade at 2:00 pm.



WASECA LIONS CLUB

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

JULY 24, 2025
Waseca Lakeside Club

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$100/ GOLFER INCLUDES GOLF, CART, LUNCH AND APPS

12PM SHOTGUN START

REGISTER BY JULY 15

For questions & registration details contact:
wasecalionsclub3079@gmail.com




BROWNTON LIONS

Dad's Belgian Waffles

Saturday, July 26th

7:30AM – 10:30AM

Brownton Community Center

310 2nd St N

Adults

\$12.00

Kids 10 and Under

\$5.00

Adult tickets purchased in advance will receive \$2.00 off!

Purchase your Tickets in advance

at HP Insurance, Security Bank in Brownton, or from any Brownton Lion Member.

Fresh Belgian Waffles

Waffle Toppings

Sausage

Milk, Coffee, Juice, Water

The Chanhassen Lions Club Foundation Presents

35TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Money raised benefits the community and organizations we support.

**4 AUGUST 2025 || AT DEER RUN GOLF CLUB
VICTORIA, MN**

\$150 PER PERON

11:00 Registration/1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Lunch, Social, Prizes & Buffet Dinner

Mixed & Ladies Teams Encouraged

Prizes For:
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Longest Putt

Sign-Up



www.givebutter.com/bVB8A4

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Alden Lions Club will be bringing

POWERHOUSE



to the **Golden Bubble**

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

Watch for further information

PROJECT NEW HOPE



Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans



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**2025-2026
MINNESOTA
RETREATS**

2025 OCTOBER 3-5
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
2025 DECEMBER 5-7
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN
2026 MAY 1-3
Camp Shtek near Slayton, MN
2026 JUNE 5-7
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN