



# 5M-2 Lions' News



September 2024

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*Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor*

Lion Glenn and I are currently on a Viking Cruise of Norway. If you have not been, Norway is a beautiful country and the views of the ocean, and mountains never gets old. One of the things I enjoy is experiencing different traditions and culture. While in Longyearbyen, we took an

excursion to experience a day in the life of a Viking. It was interesting to learn how myths were started. For instance, Viking men would dye their hair to make it lighter. This is what gave way to the myth Norwegians are blonde, in reality there are no more blondes in Norway than anywhere else. Vikings had other occupations as the pillaging was done during the warmer months. Many of them were farmers, raised livestock or were tradesmen. In some ways Vikings were misunderstood.

As I learned about the Vikings, it reminded me of our Lions clubs. Are we misunderstood? There are jokes about Lions and their pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners. In reality, there is so much more we do than raise money eating. What are you doing to get the message out about what your club is doing to enrich your community? Are you utilizing the tools at your disposal to share all the good things you are doing? Does your club have a Facebook page? Below is a list of ideas on how to share what you are doing:

- Newspapers
  - Press announcements
  - Advertise your upcoming events
  - Ask reporters to cover your events
- Community Magazines
- Posters in grocery stores and other businesses
- Radio announcements
- Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.
- Post live videos on Facebook
- Post pictures from the events you are holding
- Next Door APP
- TV – will the local station cover the work you are doing or events you are holding?

## ***Are Lions Misunderstood?***

- YouTube
  - Post videos of your club in action
  - Share stories – why did you become a Lion?
- Partner with other organizations in your community
- Lions Club International has marketing resources available on the website, check it out!

When you have the opportunity wear your Lions pin or an article of Lions clothing. It will open the way to a conversation and to share what we are all about. On our cruise we are meeting people from all over the world. It is surprising to me how many people have no idea what Lions is or what we do. I have had multiple opportunities to educate on Lions. During the conversation, the other person may realize Lions are active in their community. Take the initiative and show your Lions pride!

As the song of Kiss goes, take what you are doing and Shout it Out Loud!



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**We Serve**



# MISSION 1.5



**Lion Shermayne Cross**  
1st Vice District Governor

It is hard to believe that a few short months ago the grass was brown, and our yard was full of bare spots from the drought the past two summers. Now, we are mowing twice a week and constantly weeding especially in my landscape rock garden. Tonight was a perfect night to be out weeding the Creeping

Charlie until I unearthed a colony of biting ants, and they let me know I was not welcome near their home. Are our Lions clubs like the ants: unwelcoming, no fun, not open to new ideas, etc. or like the Creeping Charlie: adaptable, vibrant, and able to spread joy everywhere. (Well at least my lawn had some green in it last year!) Do we share the message that "We Serve" in our communities while having fun, being inclusive, listening, and open to everyone's ideas and suggestions?

I had the privilege of attending the Mission 1.5 Summit in Chicago the first weekend in August with 5M-2 Global Extension Team member (GET) PDG Rick Wagener and CA1 Global Action Team member PDG Anna Wickenhauser. You ask "What is the purpose of the GET? The GET is an offshoot of the Global Membership Team that is focused on starting new clubs within our district.

DG Lisa's goal is to start at least one new club this year that would add twenty new Lions to the Pride. During one of the small group discussions Lion Rick and I were charged with identifying ten towns/cities within the district that we thought would be prime to organize a Lions club. Not an easy task with over thirty towns on our initial list. Our criteria included: population, previous Lions club, other service organizations and any prior consideration/interest about Lions. One of the ten has recently shown an interest and we have an informational meeting set with them at the end of August. Hurray!!! Others towns will be contacted as we go forward and hopefully they too will have an interest in starting a new Lions Club.

For the past forty years, the US has not seen a positive growth in memberships as other nations. For the month of July, the US had a net gain of one, while the Orient and Southern Asia combined saw a gain of 13,187 members. Mission 1.5 was put in place to reverse this trend and to increase the membership to 1.5 million by 2027. DG Lisa's goal set by LCI for the 2024-25 fiscal year is to increase membership by 205 new Lions. We are seeing positive growth with 44 new members including 4 re-instated Lions. Our drops were twenty-eight with a net gain of sixteen. Way to go Lions of 5M-2!! Keep up the GREAT Work!!

Until next time... "Be Kind, Help Others, Have FUN, Make a Difference in Your Community."

## DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

### September 2024

5 - 8 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum (Louisville, KY)

9th Courtland DG Visit

10th Belle Plaine DG Visit

11th Victoria DG Visit

16th Faribault DG Visit

17th Le Center DG Visit

18th Mayer Car Show

20-22 Northern Pride Lions Forum

23rd Plato DG Visit

28th Chanhassen Lions Oktoberfest



## Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Mark your calendars for this year's Eye Ball, October 27, 2024 (see flier on page 22) and Thanksgiving for Vision, October 27, 2024.

We are reaching out to our fellow Lions Clubs to donate an item and/or basket to the silent auction for **Thanksgiving for Vision**. We are also looking for donations of a bottle of Wine or funds for us to purchase a bottle for our Wine Cork Pull for our **EyeBall Fundraiser**.

Please contact your MLVF Trustees Wendy Goldsmith at [drwendy@goldsmithseye.com](mailto:drwendy@goldsmithseye.com) or Hilary Wickenhauser at [hwick97@gmail.com](mailto:hwick97@gmail.com) to make arrangements to pick up your donations. Thanks for the support!!

## Hello Fellow Lions!



*Chuck Toltzman  
2nd Vice District Governor*

Hello Lions. As I write this newsletter, it is back to school for students both elementary and high school, as well as college. I was thinking how wonderful it was to be going to school without worrying about all the things children must worry about today. After all, they must

learn everything I have experienced in the past forty some years, plus what I had to learn. I am glad that I do not have to learn all of that! Because a lot has happened since I left school. But whether I am thirteen, twenty-three or soon to be sixty-three I am still learning. As Second Vice, I am learning by going online to learn all the different aspects of Lions. And I am thoroughly excited. There are great and exciting times ahead.

Some of the new things I am learning, is the new portal. I know some of you are not happy about using the portal. There are some things that International is still putting into the program. So, we all must be a little patient with it.

Some of you are having problems putting in your activities. I have been able to go in and correct some of these problems that you are having. But there are some things that I cannot figure out why the club Activities Officer cannot. So, I am on the phone with support to find out what is going on. I know there are many Lions outside of our district that are having the same problems with this part of the program.

There are many clubs who do not have their Officer list entered into the portal. I would encourage you to get it in as quickly as possible as this is how Lions International communicates with the clubs. If you are having problems with putting in your officers, please let me know and I will go into the portal and help you put your officers in. There must be separate e-mail addresses for all officers, if we do not have this, we cannot communicate with that person. Like your Treasure must have a separate e-mail from your Secretary and President. By now you should have all your officers listed in the portal. I will be contacting clubs that do not have their officers in, within the next couple of weeks.

September is Childhood Cancer month. Remember that every hour two families will find out that their child has cancer. If any club is having a fundraiser for Childhood Cancer, please let me know. I would be happy to stop by and help with your fundraiser.

I still have openings for club visits. Those clubs that were

notified by District Governor Lion Lisa to invite me to your club, please contact me.

We will be starting to have our Fall Zone meetings. Please be on the lookout for dates and times for your club. I hope that I will see everyone at the Zone meetings. These meetings are exceptionally good informational meetings for your club.

Did you know that in 1930, Lion George Bonham paints a cane white with a red band to aid visually impaired, after witnessing a blind man having trouble crossing the street.

I am here to help you, help others.

"We Serve" Fair. Speaking of the State Fair the Lions are busy also at the State Fair. How about Kid's Sight at the fair or the Vision and Hearing Foundations at the fair? Have many of you signed up to work at any of these Foundations booths? Many of them have signup sheets online to sign up on. Sounds like fun. And a free ticket to the fair.

Now that we are a month into the new Lions year. How many of you as individuals or club Secretaries or Presidents having trouble getting into the new Lions Portal? I would be happy to assist you if you are having trouble. Please contact me at circlethay@gmail.com or text me at 701-269-0950, and I can try to help you. There have been several situations where people are having trouble getting logged on. Like the new secretaries or the new, old secretaries. If the club Secretary did not put the new officers in by the end of June. They would more than likely be locked out for the new year. Let me know and I will go in and enter in the secretary for the club and they can then go in and finish putting in the rest of the officers. If you need assistance in putting in activities let me know. I am urging all clubs to enter their club activities every month. This helps, so that by the end of the year you have a record of everything that you have done and then you can transfer these activities to the Club Excellence Award application at the end of the year. Sounds easy, right?

I cannot leave you without throwing in a little Lion's history. Did you know that at the 1925 International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller asks the Lion's to become the "knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness"? Or that in 1926 polar explorer and a member of the Washington DC Lion's Club, Admiral Richard E. Byrd Jr, flies over the North pole carrying the Lions flag with him? That same year he flew over the South pole also with the Lion's flag. Just thought you might want to know these fun Lion facts.

Remember. I am here, to help you, help others.

*"We Serve"*

## What is a Zone chair?

By: Lion Don "Monkey" Wickenhauser, Zone 2 Chair

In your free time, have you ever wondered what a Zone chair is? Let me tell you all about being a Zone chair. A Zone chair is the link between the clubs and the district. In order to be a Zone chair, you should have completed a term as the club president. The Zone chair serves a two-year term.

As a Zone chair we are asked to share information about programs and projects and conventions organized by the District, Multiple District and Lions International. We schedule a meeting for club presidents, secretaries and any officers of the club to meet fellow club members and discuss topics led by the Zone chair(s) and District Governor Team. This meeting is usually held in October and involves multiple zones coming together.

As a Zone chair we also schedule a fall zone meeting and a spring zone meeting. We work with the District Governor Team and Global Action Team. This provides an opportunity for club leaders to share and interact. Provide learning opportunities for the club leadership and cele-

brates club success. The spring meeting includes awarding the Zone Lion of the Year.

As a Zone chair we encourage clubs to report service activities.

Take notes of any trouble or issues that a club may have and find the answers for them. Communication is the key to being successful.

As a Zone chair we are the eyes and ears of the District Governor to help make all clubs stronger. If your Zone chair can be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to contact them. We would welcome the opportunity to visit your club.

### 2024-2025 Zone Chairs:

Zone 1: Bobby Paulson

Zone 2: Monkey Wickenhauser

Zone 3: Denny Hewitt

Zone 4: Perry Melcrone

Zone 5: Kris Ziskovsky

Zone 6: Rose Ann Valdez

Zone 7: Margie Jacobson

Zone 8: Ebenezer Howe III

## Year to Date: 8/21/2024

### Membership Metrics

2,271

Total Membership

31

Drop Members in FY

47

Members Added in FY

16

Net Growth in FY

0.70%

Net Growth in FY%

### 2024-2025 Goals

205 Members Added

4 Net Growth

1 New Club



MISSION1.5

## TECHNOLOGY TIPS & TRICKS

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. CT



PCC Matt Huggenvik will be hosting. Topics will include Zoom, Lions Portal and technology tools.

The zoom link can be found on both the MD5M and 5M-2 Facebook pages. Click on the Zoom link to join.



# 5M-2 Disaster Relief



## Lions of MD5M,

*District 5M-2 is currently facing unprecedented devastation caused by heavy rains and flooding. Massive flooding is now impacting nearly half of Minnesota. More than 20 river gauges across the Upper Midwest have hit major flood stage, with more rain expected in flood-soaked areas. It is imperative for Lions to take the lead in supporting fellow Lions and the communities we serve during this challenging time.*

*We are looking for help to all those that have suffered great loss and destruction due to the flooding.*

*Water levels on the Minnesota, Mississippi and Crow rivers are expected to see their highest levels in at least a decade.*



*5M-2 District Governor Lisa and her Disaster Relief Team have devised a plan to assist Lions Clubs in 5M-2 as they navigate through this unfamiliar territory.*

*Our district is exploring avenues and will be seeking a grant from LCIF. Unfortunately it's times like these, that we Lions realize the importance and need for LCIF and why it's necessary for all of us to support our Foundation. Where there's a need, LCIF is there!*

*The Lions of 5M-2 will also need donations to supplement the LCIF grants, as they have greater flexibility and less restrictions, and can be used to fill in the gaps left by the LCIF funds.*

*Stay tuned for updates from the Disaster Relief Team on ways you can contribute financially and with your skills.*

*Remember, you are not alone in this endeavor. Your Lions family stands united with you. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

*On Behalf of the Leadership Team of 5M-2*



*Any questions please email Lion Rose @ [rthies001@gmail.com](mailto:rthies001@gmail.com).*

*Mail to:*

*Attn: District 5M-2 - Disaster Relief*

*Cornerstone State Bank*

*P O Box 128*

*Green Isle, MN 55338-0128*

*Venmo is @District5M2*

## Lions Clubs International Common Acronyms

1VDG	First Vice District Governor	Next year's District Governor
2VDG	Second Vice District Governor	District Governor in two years
1VP	First Vice President	Next year's club president
2VP	Second Vice President	Club President in two years
CC	Council Chair	Chairs the Council of Governors for a Multiple District
COG	Council of Governors	Sitting District Governors of the Multiple District
DG	District Governor	Head of the District
DGE	District Governor Elect	The 1st VDG coming into the new year
GAT	Global Action Team	Club president/District CC over GST, GLT, GMT
GLT	Global Leadership Team	Charged with leadership training
GMA	Global Membership Approach	Formerly NAMI (North America Membership)
GMT	Global Membership Team	Charged with membership training
GST	Global Service Team	Charged with service training
ID	International Director	Ambassadors for the International President (IP)
IP	International President	Head of Lions Clubs International (LCI)
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair	
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor	
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	Head of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
LCI	Lions Clubs International	greatest volunteer organization ever
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation	The charitable arm of LCI
MD	Multiple District	We are MD5M
MMR	Monthly Membership Report	Club secretaries use for membership change
PCC	Past Council Chair	A Lion's favorite word is "Past"
PDG	Past District Governor	
PID	Past International Director	
PIP	Past International President	Usually has international assignments
PP	Past President	LCIF Coordinator
ZC	Zone Chair	Liaison between clubs in the zone and the DG

## Definitions

District	Group of Zones. Zone 2 is in District 5M-2.
Multiple District	Group of districts. District 5M-2 is part of MD5M, which includes MN, Manitoba, and NW Ontario.
Zone	A grouping of 7 – 8 Clubs in a District managed by a Zone Chair.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM



### **RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)**

November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



**RLLI** participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

### **ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)**

March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



**ELLI** is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

#### **You qualify for trainings if you:**

Are a current member in good standing  
Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.  
Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas  
Like having FUN!!!!

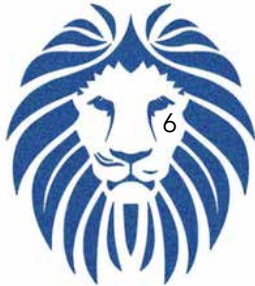
#### **Participants are required to:**

Attend all sessions of the three-day institute.  
You may commute to trainings if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.  
Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of training weekends

**Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register**



# NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM



**FRI. SEP. 20 – SAT. SEP. 21**

**BEST WESTERN PLUS KELLY INN  
100 4TH AVE S, ST CLOUD, MN 56301**



**Learning, Networking, and Inspiration**

**Keynote Speakers**

**Past International President Lion Brian Sheehan  
& Lion Lori Sheehan**

**All Lions are invited to attend!**

## **\$105 registration**

includes: Friday appetizers,  
Saturday Continental  
Breakfast, Saturday luncheon  
Deli Buffet & Saturday evening  
banquet.

## **\$139 Hotel Rate**

### FORUM REGISTRATION



**13 different topic  
seminars**

**4 Panel  
Discussions**

**Kid Sight  
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<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>





## Northern Pride Lions Forum

**September 20th – 21st, 2024**

**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn**

**100 4th Ave. South, St Cloud, MN USA**

### **2024 Registration Form**



**Your District & Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lions Membership #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration form also available at  
<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

**Special Dietary Needs:**

Vegetarian, Gluten Free,

(circle ones that apply)

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

### **Registration Fee \$105.00 (US\$ or CDN\$)**

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, your choice of up to 6 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers:  
(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

#### **SIGN UP ONLINE @**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-leadership-forum-2024-registration-871516237527?aff=oddtcreator>

**Pay with credit card in US\$ or CDN\$ follow the online screen instructions to register.**

If you would like to send a USD check or money order:

Make it payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Forum**

Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$139.00 USD per night (+ taxes)

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606



**BOOK NOW**

This block is called ***“Northern Pride Lions Forum”***



**BOOK NOW**

Cancellations prior to September 14th, 2024, will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

For more Information Email the Northern Pride Lions Forum at: [npllfmd5m@gmail.com](mailto:npllfmd5m@gmail.com)

<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>



# Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

## Saturday, September 14, 2024

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

**The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will  
once again be the Presenting Sponsors.**



[candocanines.org/woofaroo](https://candocanines.org/woofaroo)





## Lions Clubs International – Word-of-Mouth matters!

Lions can use one of the easiest forms of marketing to make a big impact in promoting their Lions club and the things it does in their community. This type of marketing is word of mouth. You may already be using this kind of marketing, and you may not realize it.



You've probably told a friend about a favorite restaurant, emailed a work colleague about your latest shortcut to the office, or shared something on Facebook about a great new product you've discovered. These casual chats are what makes word-of-mouth marketing a potent opportunity for your Lions club.

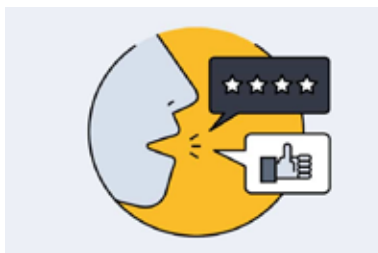


Here are just a few ways that word-of-mouth marketing can be utilized by you and your fellow Lions:

- Wear something everyday to identify you as a Lion. When you meet someone and they ask about your pin or apparel, it allows you to have a conversation about the Lions.
- Mention your upcoming Lions club event or project with people you meet in your daily travels. Shop keepers, physicians, hair stylists, and other places you patronize might be interested in supporting your activity after hearing your story.
- Post something about your Lions club and its activities on your social media site, in your annual family holiday letters, or when you are catching up with family and friends. Speaking about the Lions to people you are comfortable with will help you become more comfortable in sharing your story with new people you meet.

A couple of tips regarding your use of word-of-mouth marketing:

- Prepare an 'Elevator Speech' for when someone asks you about Lions. This speech should be no longer than 15 to 30 seconds in length. Have it hit the highlights about who the Lions are and what they do. You should have your Lions club work together on this 'Elevator Speech' and everyone in your club should have it at the ready. You just never know when the opportunity will arise to talk to someone about your service to your community as a Lion.
- Make sure to keep your social media channels full of current photos and stories about your latest Lions events. Showing people how much fun you are having may encourage your site visitors to ask you for more information about what you are doing, and maybe ask you on how they can become a part of the next activity.



Make sure to incorporate word-of-mouth marketing into your Lions clubs' marketing strategy. You may find it surprisingly effective in getting your message across to your family, friends, and people you meet each day!





On behalf of Camp Sweet Life - Thanks to the Lions!  
Camp held at Camp Courage, Maple Lake, MN  
Camp Sweet Life - providing diabetes camp since 2010!

2024 Camp summary: 100 overnight campers;

10 Day Campers

Staff:

26 Counselors (age 18 and above)

13 Counselor In Training (age 16/17)

36 Medical staff provided 24/7 care!

Special thanks to all the Lions Clubs and Lions volunteers  
that helped at camp 2024!





## ***"Lions Clubs coming together for Service in our Communities"***

The Jordan, Belle Plaine, and Green Isle communities are hosting the 2024 State Amateur Baseball tournament for 3 consistent weekends, August 16 - September 2nd. The Jordan, Jordaness, Belle Plaine, and Green Isle Lions clubs are all involved in various volunteer activities throughout the tournament. The 4 clubs also came together on an Ad in the tournament book.



Leader Dog is busy adjusting their programs to best serve their clients. Such as in the dining facilities adding Braille and large print to identify items on a shelf. Storing items in uniform packaging of same shape to identify product such as identifying similar products such as cereals that is stored in same shape containers, but then placing a tactile gem on container such as a square to indicate Special K, a star to indicate Raisin Bran. By using a PEN friend, a visually impaired person can identify the item by a voice recording. Also, for the Deaf Clients having the availability of alarm clock that connects to a mattress and box spring to initiate a vibration system that would indicate an alarm such as someone at the door. The device has a small section that removes from the device and the deaf client can clip to one's clothing to alert the client when he or she is not in bed. A deaf client can also have a video relay system to alert them of a phone call. A communication assistant who is a qualified American Sign language interpreter can allow the client to receive phone calls that are quicker than email or text messaging. This allows communication between two individuals whom may be deaf or hard of hearing. Medical technology is also addressing these visually or hearing-impaired clients with Blood Pressure monitors that speak or present bold results, Blood Glucose monitors that do the similar. Technology is recognizing the importance of producing products to assist all even the ones with a disability.

Suppose you have just gotten a new puppy. One of the most important commands you can teach that puppy is how to stay. The command to stay is so important in many situations, such as getting out of a vehicle, through a doorway or gate. Stationing the puppy out of the kitchen during meal preparation or to keep the dog safe from a spill or broken item such as glass. Always be consistent, with commands. Begin in low-distraction areas. Please consider training your puppy or dog this important safety command. If you need additional tips on how to teach a dog to stay, reach out to a trainer or veterinarian for assistance or information.

If you need to contact me for Leader Dog program a club visit, please contact Lion Loretta Klenke at 952-445-0289 or email [lmklenke@outlook.com](mailto:lmklenke@outlook.com) for more information or Lori Kurtz at [lokurtz@yahoo.com](mailto:lokurtz@yahoo.com).

**The Jordan Lions, Jordaness Lions,  
Belle Plaine Lions and Green Isle Lions  
are proud to serve their communities,**



**We Serve**



**Come join the fun with the Chanhassen Lions.  
We will have brats, hotdogs and pretzels.  
There will also be a silent auction.**



## 2024-2025 Theme: Peace Without Limits

The Peace Poster project gives youth an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. We have seen many wonderful posters in 5M2 in previous years. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. I hope that your club has chosen to participate this year. It is not too late to order a Peace Poster kit which is available through October 1. You can order your kits from this website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster> or simply Google- Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

If you are a club participating for the first time, and (or)  
If your club's chairperson(s) would like any help get-

ting started, please reach out to us and we will walk you through the steps necessary so that you will have a successful year sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in your area.

Thank you for giving the youth in your area an opportunity to showcase their talent. First, second & third place winners receive a nice monetary reward at the District level and the first place winner will advance to the Multiple District level. For any additional information, please contact one of us.

Lion Diana Kroells: [dianakroells@gmail.com](mailto:dianakroells@gmail.com)

Lion Tricia Gieseke: [trish.gieseke@gmail.com](mailto:trish.gieseke@gmail.com)  
Peace Poster Co-Chairpersons

## HOW I BECAME A LION

by ZONE 1 Chair Lion Bobby Paulson

On July 5, 2016 I was honored to be sworn into the Lions Clubs International as a member of the Hutchinson Lions Club. There starts my Lions Journey..... But did it?

In Feb of 2009 my life changed forever as my little 4 year old daughter was diagnosed with type one diabetes. As a young father that knew absolutely nothing about this autoimmune disease, my first thought was that of buying her a chocolate milk and that I had broke my child. After months and months of reading and learning I found that was NOT the case. As we were preparing not only our daughter but our selves for her big kindergarten appearance , we were told that we need two Glucagon shots, one for at home and one for at school. So off to the local pharmacy, upon arrival I received one of the biggest sticker shocks I remember. How could it cost THAT much to simply keep my child alive?

As we were living paycheck to paycheck , I explained that I would have to return at a later date to pick up these items. My wife and I were heart broke and frustrated as we were talked about things to sell, who we could borrow from etc. About an hour later we received a call from the pharmacy that an anonymous donation was made that covered most of the bill. With tears in our eyes we returned to the pharmacy and begged for them to tell us the who and how, but the were steadfast in there silence. My wife and I never forgot that random act of kindness. How complete strangers helped us not knowing anything about us. In 2014 my wife and I along with our family started the Down with Diabetes Alliance as a group to help others as they needed. We raised money and we were there to be sounding boards or help make decision, or to get like minded people together.

I was asked by a friend to come and talk to the local Lions

club and explain what our group did and why. It was a beautiful June day and the meeting was an out door meeting. I explained to a bunch of yellow vested, service minded, community activists about our group ( which sounded remarkably like the Lions clubs) as I was telling my story I saw a woman smile as she raised her hand. I asked her what her question was and she said it was more of a comment. She explained that years ago the Hutchinson Lioness club was our anonymous hero donors! With tears in my eyes I asked her if I could hug her. I asked immediately where do I sign up?

Since then my wife Lion Beth , my mom and dad, Lion Bob and Lion Joan, have joined the Hutchinson Lions, My sister and Brother in law Lion Lori and Lion Randy have joined the Eagen Lions Club.

So the Line of when I was sworn in and the exact moment that I BECAME a lion may be blurred a little but all I know for sure is I AM A LION!

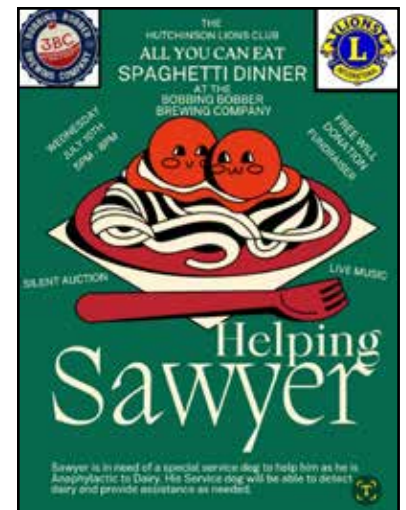




## **Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities**

### **Hutchinson Lions**

On July 10th the Hutchinson Lions Club held a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser for a local 2-year-old boy that has a sever dairy allergy. the Youth and his family are in need of a service dog. With the help of the local community, We were able to raise over \$3000.00 to put towards the service dog.



### **Lester Prairie Lions**

The Lester Prairie Lions Club members are very active in helping to put the Prairie Days community celebration in Lester Prairie. We volunteer to work many shifts at the ticket booth and support the event financially. Of course, Libby the Lion makes a parade appearance - on the back of Lion President Riley Carlson's truck.



Lester Prairie Lions Club also participated in National Night Out. The Lester Prairie Lions Club in conjunction with the Lester Prairie Police Department served a delicious free meal.





## Lonsdale Lions

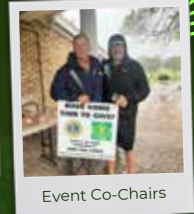
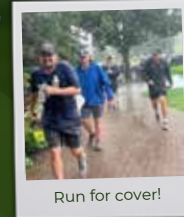
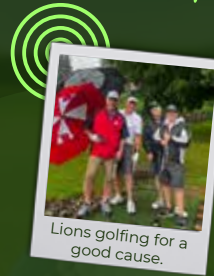
The Lonsdale Lions Club got together to celebrate summer holding their annual picnic in the backyard of Micki & Scotty Ziskovsky on June 30th. Many of the spouses & Lions' widows also attended. Tasty T-bones & plump chicken breasts



were grilled by Lion Al Sevcik for all. Lions present were (front row, L to R) Kari Miller, Peg Walsh, Bonnie Simon, Al Sevcik, Barb Peterson (peeking through), Micki & Scotty Ziskovsky; President Alan Fitterer, Dale Furrer, Fritz Duban, Ron Simon, Don Sticha, Mayor Tim Rud, Mike Sevcik, & Jim Mahler. It was a GREAT time had by all!

## CHANHASSEN LIONS

### Golf Tournament



Golfing on a rainy day raising money is still more fun than working. Although it was not a perfect day weather wise, the club raised over \$7,500 to support programs within the community. Thank you to all who came out to support the Chanhasen Lions.

## Carver Lions

It's the end of our fiscal year which can only mean one thing - time to give away some money! Members of the Carver Lions presented the big check to three of the many non-profit organizations we support throughout the year.



## Veseli Lions

The Veseli Area Lions had a Great time at our night to unite event on August 6.





## Jordan Lions

Jordan Lions working the Scott County Fair during the last weekend of July. We also volunteered to sell beer tickets at the Lakefront Music Festival in mid-July. Here are half

of the Jordan Lions crew waiting for the customers to start coming in.



## Le Center, Lonsdale & Montgomery Lions

The 3 Lions Clubs of Tri-City United School District -- Le Center, Lonsdale, & Montgomery -- met at Lonsdale Lions Park today to present 2 \$1000 checks to 2 Lonsdale Titan families with a young Titan with childhood cancer. The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc offers up to a \$500 matching grant to Lions Clubs who raise at least \$500. Lonsdale Lions President Alan Fitterer came up

with the idea of having all 3 TCU Lions Clubs give equally to come up with \$500 for each family which then was matched with grant from the Foundation for each. The Lions Clubs of TCU wish the very best for Gage Hoy & Jacob Bongers!!! This was a great service project to show the "UNITED" in TCU!



(Hoy Family): Standing by or sitting on bench L to R: Mother Marissa Hoy, Titan Lonsdale 5th grader Harper Hoy, Titan Montgomery 7th grader Gage Hoy, Dad Ash Hoy; Back row L to R: Montgomery Lions Treasurer/Secretary Lion Walt Miller, Lonsdale Lions President Alan Fitterer, Le Center Lion Travis Christensen, 5M2 Lions 2nd Vice District Governor & MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation rep Lion Chuck Toltzman, & Le Center Lions President Lion Rupert Factor



(Bongers Family): Standing by or sitting on bench L to R: Mother Larissa Bongers, Titan Lonsdale 6th grader Jacob Bongers, Titan Lonsdale 4th grader Kailey Bongers, Dad Paul Bongers (Titan Montgomery 8th grader Martin Bongers was unavailable for the picture); Back row L to R: Montgomery Lions Treasurer/Secretary Lion Walt Miller, Lonsdale Lions President Alan Fitterer, Le Center Lion Travis Christensen, 5M2 Lions 2nd Vice District Governor & MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation rep Lion Chuck Toltzman, & Le Center Lions President Lion Rupert Factor



## Le Sueur Lions



## Welcome

### New Lions Club Members

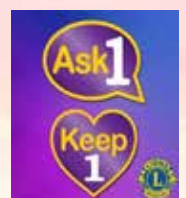
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Anthony Daub

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Patty Sinykin

**Nicollet:**  
Brandt Vinkemeier

**Victoria:**  
Craig Anderson  
Troy Anderson  
Rob Ansem  
David Buss  
Jared Eastman  
Chad Guillory  
Cory Larson  
John Manuel  
Todder Moning  
Laura Moore  
Jason Nebben

**Waconia Dandylions:**  
Leah Neal



## Waconia Dandy Lions

This past Monday evening we had our end of the year summer celebration at Parley Lake Winery. We had a great dinner catered by Mackenthun's Waconia. We inducted our new members, discussed our successes, and brainstormed new fundraising ideas for this coming year.

For 2023/24 year we raised a total of \$22,950.84! We gave back to the community a total of \$21,487!!!

We were able to donate a large portion to Southern Valley Alliance, Camp Sweet Life, and sponsored Toffee a Leader dog for the Blind. We were able to work alongside many other local organizations.

Thank you to all who supported these efforts to help make our community a better place to live, work, and thrive.

A big shout out to Nicole Monson Siddons for your leadership as our president, and welcome Jana Skrtic as she takes over as our new 2024/25 president.



**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**Flannel Fall  
Crawl is October  
12th this year!!**



## Brownton Lions

Brownton Lions fall ditch walk. Thanks to Security Bank & Trust & some of our club members for helping out. Brats we cooked by Kevin Nordby & lunch was served after the walk.

We helped out at McLeod County Fair as attendance clickers.

Had our annual Corn Feed that served 225 people.

Coming up in Sept is our Lions picnic for family & anyone who is interested in becoming a Brownton Lion.

Working on our Halloween party. Getting all our prizes bought for the kids. Always fun to see the kids come in their costumes!!





## Jordaness Lions

**Project Smile:** The Jordaness Lions club partnered with the UMN Carver-Scott Extension Master Gardeners for a service project that brought smiles to many faces! The Master Gardeners tend the teaching gardens at the Scott County fairgrounds, and they invited the club to assist them with their Build Your Own Bouquet - Share A Bouquet workshop. Club members provided donated vases and containers; assisted with cutting and arranging flowers; and forged positive relationships with community participants. Thanks to an additional partnership with Jordan Community Education and Recreation, residents from a local senior living facility were bussed to the garden to take part in the event. In total, approximately 20 participants attended and created bouquets.



The following day, members of the Jordaness club gathered at the teaching garden to cut additional flowers, being mindful to leave enough for the pollinators that frequent the grounds. These flowers were then assembled into 40 beautiful bouquets at the regular club membership meeting. The bouquets were delivered to the senior living facilities around Jordan, where the club hopes they spread sunshine and smiles. This service project was the perfect combination of community service, community partnership and environmental awareness!



LE SUEUR LIONS  
FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN  
BREAKFAST  
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024  
8AM- NOON

**PANCAKES  
& PLANES!**

DELICIOUS PANCAKES,  
SAUSAGES, AND BEVERAGES.

- PILOTS (FREE)
- ADULTS \$10.00
- 12 & UNDER \$5.00
- PRESCHOOL & YOUNGER (FREE)

LE SUEUR, MN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (12Y),  
780 ELMWOOD AVENUE LE SUEUR, MN

PROCEEDS SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROJECTS  
SPONSORED THROUGH THE LE SUEUR LIONS CLUB

THE VESELI AREA LIONS  
PRESENT  
THE 4th ANNUAL

**CZECH-FEST**

Saturday, September 14th  
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**PIVO-MUZIKA-JÍDLO**  
(BEER) (MUSIC) (FOOD)

JAWS Band with Eddie Shimota ~ 1-5pm  
St Paul Czech & Slovak Folk Dancers ~ 3pm  
Pork, Dumplings and Gravy with Kraut  
Vomacka, Zelnicky and more  
Czech vendors

Backyard of Brewster's Bar & Grill  
9856 50th St W - Veseli, MN

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## Green Isle Lions Roast Beef Dinner



Serving Roast Beef, Real Mashed Potatoes, Corn,  
Cole Slaw, Dinner Rolls, Dessert and Beverages

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH  
GREEN ISLE FIRE HALL  
10:00AM TO 12:30PM

ADULTS: \$15.00 CHILDREN 8 & UNDER FREE  
TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE  
PROCEEDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

THE ALDEN LIONS CLUB ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

PRESENTS



507 COUNTRY



**Saturday, September 21, 2024**  
**7:00pm**

FOOD AVAILABLE | CASH BAR | DANCING | DOORS OPEN AT 5:30

**The Golden Bubble**

11575 MN 22 | Wells, Minnesota

**Tickets: \$15**

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!!**

Available from:

Alden Lions Members | Alden Security Bank | at the Door



*Elvis is coming to  
Green Isle*

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING  
FILLED WITH FUN, FOOD &  
MUSIC

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

Former Green Isle Community  
School

Social Hour 5:30 pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Show 7:00 pm

BYOB  
Beer, Wine & Set Ups  
For Sale

\$40.00 for Dinner and Show

*Pre-Sale Tickets Only*

Tickets Available at  
CornerStone State Bank  
Green Isle

Memories of  
Elvis:  
A Tribute Show  
by Chris Olson

*As seen at Breezy Point  
Resort*

Sponsored by the  
Green Isle Lions  
Proceeds will be used for Community  
Projects



**22 GAMES FOR JUST \$12!**

**COLOGNE LIONS**

**FALL BINGO**

**Friday, October 4, 2024**

**5:00 p.m. - Food Service 6:30 p.m. - Bingo Begins**  
**Food . Purse Raffle . Meat Raffles . Cash Bar**

Play the 23rd game FREE when you bring a minimum of 5  
non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food shelf.  
Combination of meat and cash prizes. Game 23 - \$500 jackpot.

Cologne Community Center,  
1211 Village Pkwy., Cologne, MN 55322

Visit [Facebook.com/CologneLions](https://www.facebook.com/CologneLions) or  
[colognelions.com](https://www.colognelions.com) for event updates.





Mankato Area Lions

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diabetes Rally



Where: WOW! Zone Mankato, MN

When: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Time: 8:45am – 11:00am

Together in 2023 we raised just over \$25,000!

We can do more with your continued help! Thanks!

2024 Sunrise Lions Diabetes Rally Co-Chairs:

Carol Brady – 507-381-1381 carolbradyjewelry@gmail.com and

Pat Thompson – 507-381-1165 Patfirstucc@gmail.com

More info on forming a Diabetes Rally Walk teams:

Contact: Rene' Maes Jr – 507-995-6910

Rene.maes@campsweetlife.org

Gregg Giersdorf - 507-720-1050

Gagiersdorf@gmail.com

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



# Silver Lake Lions Club



## Fall Brunch

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Serving 8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Silver Lake Auditorium Silver Lake, MN

### Menu

Eggs

Sausage Links

Toast

Coffee

Pancakes

Fruit Cups

Milk

### FREE WILL--DONATION

Bring an item (s) for the McLeod County Food Shelf.

*Come out and enjoy a good Breakfast.*

*Proceeds support the*

*Silver Lake Lions Football Program.*

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

MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

# EYEBall

October 27, 2023 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Featuring

## The Jammers

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebbialke@gmail.com

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

6155 Earle Brown Dr,

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Can your club donate wine for our wine cork pull?  
Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebbialke@gmail.com

## Midwinter

### Convention Corner

### Reserve Your Hotel Room!

Preparations are underway!

Friday night opening ceremony will have some of the same and some new twists.

Please take pictures of our club in action. If you post on Facebook please use #lionsrock. Pictures will be used as part of the club march.

Country Inn & Suites  
Mankato, MN

