



# 5m2 Lions' News



September 2021

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## Aim High To Serve!

Lion Glenn Kaufmann  
District Governor

Hi Lions. The Vikings are getting their season started and it looks like they will have fans in the stands this year. Watching the games in person is great, it is one thing I missed last year. The sounds. The energy. Razzing any and all cheeseheads.

Another thing I'm looking forward to seeing again are the Veterans in uniform helping display a 45,000 square foot flag for all to see before the hometown crowd. The Veterans at the games remind me of their loyalty and dedication. Isn't this what our clubs are looking for more of? Did you know there are over 80 Veterans Clubs around our district (American Legions and VFWs) and just over 28,000 military veterans living in 5M2? If you want your county's specific statistics, just let me know or contact your County Veteran Service Officer. Lions Clubs International provides opportunities for leadership, personal fulfillment, and relationship building through community and global service activities. This may ease the transition to civilian life and connect individuals who share similar life experiences. Of course, we don't know all of the Veterans in our community, but a good place to start is with your local American Legion or VFW. Could someone from your club do a presentation at a Legion or VFW meeting to share what your Lions Club is all about.

### IT'S NOT STEALING MEMBERS



You can set the Legion and VFW clubs at ease; you're not stealing their members. It's easy to belong to both clubs, each has a different focus area and ways to get involved in the community.

LCI's 'Involve a Veteran' pilot program ended June 30, 2021, but there is no reason to reduce the search for potential members in this population. When a service member retires, many of them are looking for ways to serve the new community they settle down in. Sometimes the community they grew up in, sometimes in an unfamiliar community. Your Lions Club can offer them the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with the city you call home. The Veterans in your town are looking for new and rewarding ways to be involved, I was when I retired from the Air Force in 2007 and found my way to the Chanhassen Lions Club. We can all go find them! Just think, if we could reach just 1% of the veterans living in 5M2, that's 280 new Lions to help serve our communities.



Another way your club can stay involved with the military Veteran community is by promoting and supporting PROJECT NEW HOPE. Project New Hope offers new hope to veterans and their families through weekend retreats. Project New Hope is driven by the mission: To provide Veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service. There are eight locations in Minnesota that have year-round, fully-accessible locations (Sandstone, Bemidji, Clearwater Lake, McGregor, Birch Island Lake, Clitherall, Stewartville, and Sandstone). Two upcoming retreats Veterans can access are Ironwood Springs in Stewartville 8-10 October and Inspiration Point in Clitherall 3-5 December. For more information about Project New Hope, go to <http://www.projectnewhope.net>, or contact Lion Darlene Wondra.

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### Did You Know?



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
1st Vice District Governor*

With the garden in full harvest mode. Back in May I didn't think I would get much of a crop. Well, I was very much mistaken. It's has taken watering something every day. Being more diligent in weeding. But the hard work is paying off.

The first part of August was so much fun. We had our first cabinet meeting of the year. District Governor Glenn has the goals set for the year and the Global Action Teams are working hard to implement new ways to grow membership, clubs. Leaders and service projects for the clubs and district. Brain storming is the best way to come up with some great ideas. It was fun to see new face and old friends in person.

On Monday August 16th 5M2 welcomed it's 66th club into the district the Waconia Dandy Lions are 37+ members strong and growing. IPDG Anna installed new officers and inducted charter members. Welcome to the family Waconia DandyLions!!!!

The Zone meetings are starting, I am looking forward to

hearing what all the clubs have been up to and what they have planned for the upcoming year. These Zone meetings are a great way to meet other Lions outside of your own club and to learn or steal ideas for your own club.

A few clubs are celebrating milestone anniversaries. Faribault and Northfield will be celebrating 100 years of service and the Waconia and Sauk Center will be celebrating 75+ years of service.

There is still time to register for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute. If you want to know more about Lions and learn about leadership in your personal and professional life. RLLI is well worth your time to attend. Best part you will meet some great people and make new friends. For more information and registration form got to MD5M website lionsmd5m.org/ then resources and the RLLI. This is held October 21-24, 2021, in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Another great way to learn about Lions and make new friends and meet fun people is the USA/Canada Forum. It will be in Des Moines IA on September 9-12th of September. This is the closest it will be to us in a long time. So, take the opportunity to attend.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at some point in the upcoming year. Let's hear that LIONS ROAR!!!!




**USA/Canada  
LIONS  
LEADERSHIP FORUM**



**CULTIVATING  
LEADERS**

**DES MOINES, IOWA September 9-11, 2021**

## Hello Lions...



*Lion Christy Trutnau  
2nd Vice District Governor*

I am ending my second month as your 2nd Vice District Governor and I have already learned so much, I am looking forward to the many more months of zone meetings, trainings and meeting new lions! Which brings me to this month's Leadership topic: What is the Guiding Lion Program?

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or have priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned a two- year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or establishing club president. Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at one time. Even if you are an experience Guiding Lion you will benefit from taking the Certified Guiding Lion course because it provides the most comprehensive overview available of the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion. Completing the course will certify you as a Guiding Lion, but you do not need to be certified to be assigned to a club as a Guiding Lion, but you do however have to have been a club president to qualify for a club assignment. Taking the Certified Guiding Lion Course will help you: Understand your role as a Guiding Lion; Help you develop a plan to guide the club to become self-sufficient and strong;

provide tools to help the club officers manage their club and establish a track development over the course of your term.

For several years I have wanted to complete the Guiding Lions training but never had the opportunity until PDG Anna Wickenhauser asked me if I was interested in taking the training. Of course, anyone who knows me, knows that I jumped at that chance!! I completed the training the in October 2020. Lion Rose Thies and I were approached shortly after that by PDG Anna Wickenhauser to be Guiding Lions to the new Waconia Dandyions Club, of course we said yes!!! It has been a great honor and privilege to be Guiding Lions for the first Specialty Club in district 5M2! On Monday August 16th, 2021, this awesome new club celebrated their charter night and oh what a great celebration that was! We welcomed 37 new members to 5M2! The Waconia Dandyions bring fun and fresh ideas to our district. Please everyone welcome the Waconia Dandyions!

If any club needs help entering their club officers, members or logging your club's attendance into LCI please me know, I would be happy to help!

You can contact me at: 952-261-8581- phone

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## Why Should You Attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

There are many reasons to attend RLLI for a Lion. One of the most important is the networking opportunity. You have a chance to meet Lions from all over our Multiple District. You can share challenges as well as solutions. Hear new ideas on growing membership, keeping members, new service projects and fundraisers, and that is just in the networking segment.

RLLI offers courses in life skills and Lion skills.

For example:

Diversity, Lions Fundamentals, Local Issues and Opportunities, Motivating Club Members, Personal Mission Statement, Public Speaking, Setting and Reaching Club Goals, Time Management and Working in Teams.

These are areas that are of value whether you are a Lion working on a project, a project chairperson, club president or officer or a future club or district leader.

The \$150 dollar fee for RLLI includes the cost of materials and four meals. Room costs of \$85 per night not including taxes and fees as well as additional meals are not included. You will receive a \$75.00 rebate from the Multiple District and possibly additional funds from your district to help make attendance affordable.

At this time RLLI is only offered every other year. Please consider taking advantage of this great opportunity to meet other Lions and enhance your Lion skills.

If you have any questions please contact you District GLT coordinator or email me at: dkellylion@gmail.com

Lion Dennis W Kelly III; MD5M GLT Coordinator





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Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow Lions,

Words from our 2021-2022 International President Douglas Alexander

A great partner will always bring out the best in you. And for more than 50 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been empowering Lions to serve at our best. Now, in our final year of Campaign 100, we have an incredible opportunity to give back and help ensure that Lions at home, and around the world, have the support they need for years to come.

I have personally seen the impact that LCIF makes through my club and in my community. Your donation to Campaign 100 is more than a contribution to your foundation—it is a gift from your heart to your community. It is a promise to continue to fight hunger, prevent diabetes, protect the environment and help the people around you live healthy and hope-filled lives. Because that is why we serve. And together with LCIF and Campaign 100, we can deliver that promise and a better future for all.



PDG Nancy Mathwig has donated to LCIF. You can use the wine glass she gifted 2018 MidWinter Convention attendees to collect the \$2 per week DG Glenn is asking Lions to donate to LCIF.

If you have questions about making a donation or anything else LCIF related please call or email me at:

507-332-2792 Home

612-718-8330 Cell

[Liondebra@charter.net](mailto:Liondebra@charter.net)



For more information about your Foundation, go to [www.LionsClubs.org](http://www.LionsClubs.org) and click on "LCIF" in the menu on the upper right corner of the page. To make a donation online, click on the big yellow button that says "Donate"



## JOIN THE 5M2 DG's BREAK OUT SERVICE PROJECT CHALLENGE

Is your club ready to break out and get back to business?

All clubs that complete the following get entered into a drawing for a free meal prepared by the District Leadership:

1. Plan a service project for your club
2. Complete the service project in the first Lions Quarter (Now – September)
3. Report the service project in My Lion (DG Team can help with this)

*\*\*This is a great time to look at your calendar to plan great projects for all year\*\**



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



CHILDHOOD CANCER

# Working Together to Lick the Fears

July 14, 2021



"He came out of his shell," says Andrea, speaking of when her 8-year-old son, Jaxson, received Autism Assist Dog Natalie from Can Do Canines in late 2020. Jaxson, who has a combination of diagnoses in addition to autism, including anxiety, used to struggle to be by himself. Andrea explains that not only was Jaxson afraid of leaving their Prior Lake house, he couldn't even go into a different room of the home, including the bathroom, without someone else.

Natalie's loving and calm presence has changed that. Andrea says, "He seems a lot less worried about being alone." She illustrates, "Once Jax recognized that Natalie was going to stay with him and be his dog, I just saw the day his heart opened up to her. He was just petting her and looking at her with these little googly eyes and he said, 'Mom, my heart is so happy right now with Natalie.' To hear him say that and to hear him welcome that into his heart and mind and into his routine and into his life, it's a really big deal. It's not an easy thing for Jax to do. It was really amazing."

The feeling is mutual, as Andrea explains that Natalie "100% knows that he's her boy." And boy does she show it. Incredibly affectionate, Natalie's sweet temperament can defuse escalating situations quickly. Andrea notes that Natalie has the uncanny "ability to bring Jax down a notch." She can sense when Jax needs a healthy distraction and approaches him to offer a wet kiss.

Jax isn't the only beneficiary of her loving personality though. "She has such a calm demeanor that she helps the whole family to take a step back sometimes and say 'chill out, no big deal,'" shares Andrea. "You can tell she's one of those dogs that's adaptable to every situation. She just wags her tail and says 'okay, whatever you want to do.'"

One way that Natalie especially helped was with online schooling. Before Natalie, Jax found sitting through a Zoom session confusing and difficult. With Natalie next to him and ready to nuzzle at a moment's notice, he actively participated in classes, both responding to questions and offering his own insights and information.

## Giving Him a Shot of Courage

For Andrea, though, one particular experience stands out for how Natalie has affected Jax. During a doctor's appointment—something Jax particularly finds traumatic—he had to receive a shot. Normally, this would entail two or three nurses helping Andrea to restrain Jax. However, as Jax sensed his anxiety spiraling, he lay down on the floor next to Natalie. As Andrea describes, "She started licking his face, and they snuggled on the floor for five to ten minutes. All of sudden, Jax stood up, and lifted up his sleeve, and held out his arm so the nurse could give him a shot. And he just stood there and did it and he was so brave. He never would have been able to overcome that anxiety on his own like that. I didn't say anything. I didn't do anything. I just had to sit there and give them the time that they needed, and he just did it." Recalling that this event happened only about two weeks after Natalie had entered their lives, she says, "I knew Natalie would make positive changes in our life, but I was not expecting that dramatic of a difference."

## Changing the Game for Good

Andrea, on behalf of their whole family, channels that awe into gratitude when thinking about those who have played a part in helping Natalie become the dog she is today. "There aren't enough words that we can say," says, Andrea. "I know how hard it must have been for all of those people to say good-bye to her and to let us have her. It's a real game changer, and it's something that we won't ever forget."

Chances are, everyone who has been a part of Natalie's life has received one of her famous kisses, but it's Jaxson who is lapping up her attention now.

## Thank you to all those who made this partnership possible:

Great Start Home:

Puppy Raiser: Larry & Angie LaBathe

Special Thanks: Ken & Holly Schultz

You: Thank you for your donations!



# Can Do Woofaroo Scheduled for September 18

## *Annual Fundraiser Walk and Festival to Benefit Those Needing Assistance Dogs*

**NEW HOPE, MINN**, August 5, 2021 – Can Do Canines invites the public and their well-behaved pet dogs to take part in the Can Do Woofaroo on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The event will take place at the Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Dr, New Hope, Minn, 55428) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a one-mile walk beginning at 11 a.m. The Can Do Woofaroo celebrates the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them.

Individuals can register at [www.candowoofaroo.org](http://www.candowoofaroo.org) on their own or as part of a team, and everyone is encouraged to collect pledges and donations toward this fundraiser. The proceeds make it possible for Can Do Canines to match assistance dogs with people with disabilities, free of charge. Event coordinator Melissa Herman says, "We are so appreciative of the participants who will raise funds for this life-changing mission. Our work in forming essential partnerships between these special dogs and deserving individuals is dependent on the generosity of our donors."

KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos will serve as Master of Ceremonies for this outdoor event, which will include a one-mile fundraising walk, live music, a dog costume contest, an assistance dog demonstration, dog-centric vendors, tours of the Can Do Canines campus and more. Fundraising prizes will be awarded to those who raise certain dollar amounts, as well as to the top individual fundraiser and top fundraising team.

More details can be found at [www.candowoofaroo.org](http://www.candowoofaroo.org).

Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. Since 1989, Can Do Canines has provided more than 700 assistance dogs to people with disabilities, all free of charge. Our fully trained dogs, often adopted from local animal shelters, are provided to our clients who live with disabilities that involve mobility challenges, hearing loss or deafness, seizure disorders, diabetes complicated by hypoglycemia unawareness, or children with autism.



## Childhood Cancer



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, take this opportunity to reach out to a family whose child is going through cancer treatment, or read more on childhood cancer. Each year more than 15,000 children and young adults are diagnosed with cancer, that's about 42 every day, nearly 2000 children under the age of 19 die each year, making cancer the leading killer of children by disease.



This month I thought I'd tell you about the colors and their meaning on our childhood cancer pins. First the Golden Ribbon is the universal symbol of childhood cancer, the lion's logo shows the lion's support of this great cause. The five children holding hands represent the five most common cancers in children.

Orange -- Leukemia, this represents 30% of all cancers in children

Grey -- Brain and spinal cord tumors represent 26% of the cancers in children

Purple -- Neuroblastoma- represents about 6% of all childhood cancers, this cancer will develop in the fetus and presents itself in infants and young children before 10 years old

Burgundy -- Wilms Tumor ( Nephroblastma) represents about 5% of all cancers found in children, this tumor will be found in one or both of the kidneys

Lime Green -- Lymphomas ( including both Hodgkins and Non-hodgkin) represents less than 5% of all cancers

Don't forget to check out our website at [mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org](http://mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org), this site is new so check it out. We would be honored to come visit your club and give you a little presentation on childhood cancer, contact us at:

Lion Gerald Ziskovsky at [gzturtle@gmail.com](mailto:gzturtle@gmail.com)

Lion Chuck Toltzman at [circlethay@gmail.com](mailto:circlethay@gmail.com)

## "RESTORE THE ROAR"

Amazing service projects and fundraisers have been taking place in 5M2! This past year was hard on everyone and each club in 5M2 struggled with how to move forward. If you feel your club could use some help in revitalizing your club with new members or remotivating members with new fellowship opportunities and exciting service projects or feel extra training is needed in any area, 5M2 has a great team approach called the "GMA" Global Membership Approach. The GMA Team is here for your club! We are positioned to share ideas and resources that can help your club thrive. If you would like more information to "Restore the Roar" in your club, please reach out to any team member listed below. We are also looking for any Lion that would be interested in serving on this fun and collaborative Global Membership Approach team!



Team Players are: DG Glenn Kaufmann, 1VDG Kathleen Bleckeberg, 2VDG Christy Trutnau, Lions Anna Wickenhauser, Brian Thies, Darlene Mondor, Mary Spille and Joan Blank. Also on board are all the Zone Chairs: Lion Emmy Koch, Dave Lura, Rose Thies, Todd Schansberg, Denise Wondra, Bill Vandersluis, Don Novack and Shermayne Cross. If you would like to know more or need any help, please contact Lion Joan Blank at [lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com).



Mn Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.

## Believe Award

## Application

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Donation \$1,000.00, given in memory of a deceased Lion or non-Lion.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Award - Accumulated gifts over time resulting in a \$1,000.00 donation.

Mail or Email Application to:

Lion Tom McCarthy  
 23535 735<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Dassel, Mn. 55325  
[tpmcc0526@yahoo.com](mailto:tpmcc0526@yahoo.com)

Mail Award to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



CSL Connects invites you to join us at **Camp Courage for a FREE one-day event (Rain or Shine)!**

See your camp buddies and staff, and network as parents/grandparents/caregivers!

- DATE:** Friday, August 6, 2021
- TIME:** 10am – 7pm; registration to begin at 9am (Lunch, Dinner and Snacks will be provided)
- WHERE:** Camp Courage - 8046 83<sup>rd</sup> St NW, Maple Lake MN 55358
- AGES:** 5 – 15
- Cost/Registration:** Free will donation; however you must pre-register. **Registration closes 7/23/21**

Thanks to the generosity of Lion's Clubs of MN and the Lion's Club International Foundation, we are pleased to be able to offer this free one-day camp experience to you this year, although a bit different than a normal camp experience. Parent(s) and/or camper's caregiver(s) will need to attend with camper, as camp will not have medical staff onsite.

Normal camp activities will be offered, such as, ziplining/ropes course, tubing, kayaking, beach volleyball, fishing, boating, archery, and beach fun! In the event of rain, we have the indoor pool and gym activities to keep us busy!

Please register online for this free event at: [Camp Sweet Life Event Registration](#). Please be sure to make note of any dietary considerations. Registration closes 7/23/21

Please email [info@campsweetlife.org](mailto:info@campsweetlife.org) for more information and/or questions.



On Friday, August 6th, 2021 Camp Sweet Life held a one day experience at Camp Courage (Maple Lake).

Our featured Speaker was Lion Anna Wickenhauser! A great day of fun, food, education for kids and parents with Type 1 Diabetes. 122 kids and adults and a staff of 10 were present at our 2021 one day event!

Leader Dog for the Blind thanks all the clubs who have supported their endeavors. Below you will see two letters to Leader Dog published in there June 2021 issue of Update. Two different prospective. One from a mother grateful for her son's ability to travel due to a Leader Dog. The other is story from a Leader Dog puppy raiser and how the puppy has changed her life. Leader Dog is looking for puppy raisers currently. Your club can also sponsor a puppy for \$500 dollars. This \$500 donation is a separate donation from any other funds donated. The Prior Lake Club has sponsored puppies in honor of a recent deceased member of our club. Please contact your District chairs for Leader Dog for any info, Lion Loreta Klenke at [lm.klenke@outlook.com](mailto:lm.klenke@outlook.com) or phone 952-445-0289 or Emmy Koch [emmy/koch@hotmail.com](mailto:emmy/koch@hotmail.com) or phone 320-864-6309.



### LETTERS TO LEADER DOG



My son, Christopher, of Las Vegas, Nevada was approved for cane training and a guide dog. Leader Dogs for the Blind has changed my son's life by giving him back his freedom, the ability to do things he had been leery about before Leader Dog Misty came into his life, such as walking to the store or library, and flying. Chris came home for the first time in 16 years for Thanksgiving two holidays ago—all because of LD Misty and Leader Dog. He flew to North Carolina with the confidence of knowing this beautiful and faithful animal would keep him safe and secure. They will be coming back this summer for a month at which time he will be with family and friends. I had the chance to see what Misty can and does do for my son. I know Chris is beyond grateful for her as am I. God bless all of you for what have done for Chris and those that you help each and everyday.



Laura (Macy's puppy raiser),Macy and I continue to enrich one another's lives, as we work and play together, ever since Macy was issued to me, October 20, 2010. I owe the person I am today entirely to Macy's devotion. Everywhere I go, Macy is admired and adored by everyone we encounter. We have been living in a beautiful, peaceful apartment in an independent living community of seniors, some of whom have disabilities. This primarily residential neighborhood has so many sidewalks for us to navigate.Macy's tail is constantly wagging as we travel to our favorite coffee shops, restaurants and stores. If I even say the word "harness," Macy races joyously to the door. Macy's health and energy level is very youthful and she keeps me active, energetic, and enables me to contribute much of my time as a volunteer at a local crisis intervention center and at a children's grief healing center. Since you raised Macy for me, and gave her up so she could be my guide and companion, I wanted to share how much happiness she brings. My utmost gratitude and best wishes to you,Nan D and Leader Dog Macy

## Diabetes Service Project Ideas for Lions

Following is a list of diabetes service project ideas taken from the LCI list of service projects for the Five Global Service Areas. Some are very easy to do requiring minimal effort and manpower. An added bonus is that any of these projects should qualify your club for DG Glenn's Service Challenge! Encourage your club to perform one of these or an original diabetes service project that your club develops. If you perform a service project please provide a summary of your project to your MN Lions Diabetes Trustees - Lion Bobby Paulson and Lion Brian Rykhus. Thanks for living the Lions motto "We Serve".

- Have group take Diabetes at Risk Test
- Start a walking group.
- Canoe or kayak down a local river. Get a great workout paddling down the river (exercise to help prevent diabetes and/or keep it in check). Have a diabetes-friendly lunch and pick up any litter along the way. (Also counts as an Environment project.)
- Do a diabetes health fair with free testing for Type 2 diabetes, free services and screenings, activities, and giveaways during November (Diabetes Awareness Month). Fruit and vegetable baskets for adults – giveaway or prizes during Diabetes Awareness Month's health fair.
- Serve diabetic-friendly meals at Lions meetings and/or events during November and have a speaker talk about preventing and/or managing diabetes.
- Do a STRIDES Walk for diabetes awareness. Prior to the STRIDES Walk (and working with the local city/town), place more permanent benches on walking trails and along the sidewalks to encourage walking and more active lifestyles.
- Raise money by doing a fun event at golf-driving range. Kids, adults, and families get a specific number of golf balls, healthy lunch, and can participate in other fun activities (bouncy houses). This crosses over into diabetes-prevention by having people of all ages being outside and active.
- Collect non-perishable food that is healthy for low-income people with diabetes (this also crosses over to be a hunger project): canned spinach, brown rice, whole-grain pasta, quinoa, millet, canned salmon, sardines, albacore (white) tuna in water, herring, no-salt kidney beans, no-salt pinto beans, no-salt black beans, walnuts, pecans, macadamia nuts, almonds, mandarin oranges in water, canned sweet potatoes, extra-virgin olive oil, and chia seeds.
- Do a testing clinic for diabetic retinopathy (which causes blindness) and test blood glucose or A1C levels. If people test positive for these problems, they will receive a referral to their doctor. The Lions also will mail them a link to get a free kit if they have Type 1 Diabetes: <https://www.jdrf.org/t1d-resources/newly-diagnosed/>. For those with Type 2 Diabetes, the Lions would create their own kit that they can mail based on what's in the JDRF kits.
- Offer foot exams to test for diabetes. Diabetes can slow circulation in the feet and legs and cause people to lose feeling there. The American Diabetes Association says everyone should get an annual foot exam.
- Put donation labels (Donated by the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club with the month and year) in books about diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2), healthy eating, and exercise/fitness that are donated to a local school and/or public libraries. (Check with libraries first to see what books they want to acquire.)
- Place diabetes kits in every classroom and bus in our schools. Kit details are available from your GST Coordinator.

### **" We Are All Connected "**

What a wonderful theme for this year's Peace Poster Contest. I cannot wait to see how our youth depict this in their drawings. Last year 18 clubs participated in the Peace Poster Contest. There were challenges getting into the schools to do presentations because of the pandemic but I hope this year we can at least double the number of clubs who participate in the wonderful project for your youth. Getting the Peace Poster information into the schools should be easier this year. Many communities have more than 1 school so don't forget the parochial schools, charter schools and yes even the home schooled youth in addition to the public schools. Now, more than ever, our youth need to express themselves through art.

Remember if you want to sponsor more than one Peace Poster, you must purchase a kit for each entry to the District. Why?? There is a special sticker that goes on the back of each poster submitted to the District and this is included in each Peace Poster kit. It is time to get those kits ordered so that when school begins you can get the information to the youth. Some already ordered the kits and gave the information to the students so they could work on them over the summer which is fantastic. Deadline to submit posters to me is November 15th.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the Peace Poster project. I am also available to come to your meeting to promote the project.

PDG Diana Kroells; District Peace Poster Chairperson



Greetings Lions,

We have extended the deadline to register for RLLI to September 19th.

We are also lifting the prohibition of 1st and 2nd VDGs attending.

If you have not attended RLLI in the past please consider attending this session.

All applications must be submitted to the District Governor.

After September 19th the District Governor will notify the Lions from their District of their acceptance. At that time the accepted Lion will need to send a check for \$150 to the District Governor.

I am also attaching a narrative as to why you should attend RLLI. (See page 3)

Please circulate this information as well as the extended deadline as broadly as possible.

Thanks and have a great day.

Lion Dennis

Dennis W. Kelly III, PDG

MD5M Global Leadership Team Coordinator

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***5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline:  
15th 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 Service? Get Me the NEWS!!**

# W A N T E D

## 2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

October 21-24, 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 August 31, 2021.*

*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)*

**MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

**MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021**

NAME: _____		DATE JOINED LIONS: _____	
ADDRESS: _____ _____			
E-Mail ADDRESS: _____		TELEPHONE NO: _____	
CLUB NAME: _____		MEMBER NUMBER: _____	
CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____			
OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____ _____			

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute. your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration and check to MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



So much exciting news from the **Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation!**

First of all, we want to **THANK** all those who participated in our annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk, either **by donating** and or **by participating** in their own **local walks**. Because it was *virtual* for the most part, we had hopes we could raise enough to meet our obligations to the projects we support. YAY! We raised over **\$129,000!** We had more than **30** clubs in our multiple that gave **\$1,000** or more.



We would not be able to fulfill our mission without YOUR help. Our purpose is to promote the advancement of research, education and promotion concerned with hearing health.



THANKS SO VERY MUCH!

### Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Waconia DandyLions



The Waconia DandyLions officially became members of the Lions Club International, the world's largest humanitarian organization, on Monday, August 16, 2021. They're truly living up to their namesake and "Growing Like A Weed" with 38 members and counting. They look forward to continuing to serve the local community by focusing on women, family and children's health and wellness needs. Congratulations to the new club!



DandyLion President Brooke Tahedl accepting the bell from Waconia Lions Past Present Bob Dressen.

### Carver Lions Make Donations

Carver Lions made 4 \$10k donations to the following organizations: Beacon Families Moving Forward, Launch Ministries, Bountiful Food Shelf, and Auburn Homes and Services. Photos below show two of the presentations.



Brittany Waulters of the Bountiful food shelf with Carver Lions President Dean Nelson.



Donation to Auburn Homes. Pictured are Mike Senden (left) CEO, Carver President Dean Nelson, and Bob Kuhlman (right) Administrator for Auburn Homes.

### Victoria Lions

The Victoria Lions are looking forward to another great year. We had another successful golf tournament at Deer Run on August 30th.

We will be doing our fall road cleanup on September 18. Our annual Cross-country meet will be run at Gale Woods Farm on October 6. Our annual Pork chop dinner is scheduled for October 15 at Lions Pavilion in Victoria.

### Lonsdale Lions

Lonsdale Lions took part in the annual Lonsdale Community Days Grand Parade on August 14th & passed out \$250 in candy to kiddos, adults, & senior citizens along the 10 block parade route which resulted in smiles all around!

Lion Al Sevcik assists getting the Tractor Pedal Pull back for the next kiddo as fellow Lions, including Lonsdale

Mayor & Lion Tim Rud (in the white shorts), are looking on as the Lonsdale Ambassadors pose with an age group of 1st-3rd place competitors. This annually sponsored event by the Lonsdale Lions always draws a huge group of kiddos to compete as their parents & grandparents watch with anticipation!



### Hamburg Lions at National Night Out



Hamburg Lions made 6 children happy at National Night by giving away 2 bikes, 3 scooters and 3 helmets. Pictured are 4 of the winners.

Hamburg Lions also served root beer floats at National Night Out.

### Jordaness Lions

Jordaness Lions accepted the Service Project Challenge from Dist. Governor Glenn...

Our service project: "Senior Summer Smile"

We planted succulents, made home-made cards, and added a little treat that we delivered to the residents in the 5 senior living buildings in Jordan. Our goal was to simply let the residents know they are being thought of and hopefully bring them a smile on a hot summer day.



*We Serve...*

*through Diversity*

**5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline:  
15th 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 Fund Raising? Get Me the NEWS!!**



**New Date!**

**Mary's 50 (again) Birthday Zumbathon®**

9:00-10:30am  
 Saturday, September 11, 2021  
 Lake Crystal Recreation Center  
 621 W. Nathan St.  
 Lake Crystal, MN

Buy a ticket from Mankato Area Lions members or

Save a spot by email [Mankatolions@gmail.com](mailto:Mankatolions@gmail.com)  
 Include name and contact number

**Limited tickets to encourage social distancing**  
 \$15/person advance (cash or check)  
 \$20 walk-in day of event

*Proceeds to Project New Hope*



**Waterville Lions**

**Drive Thru Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

(Serving the Third Sunday of each Month)

**2021 Dates**

- May 16th**
- June 20th**
- July 18th**
- August 15th**
- September 19th**



**The Village in Waterville**

**205 N 1st St  
 Waterville MN 56096**

**Goodwill donation appreciated**

**New Auburn Lions 13th Annual Roast Beef Dinner**

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Drive-By Pick-Up at**

**New Auburn City Hall**

**10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



**Serving: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Roll, & Dessert**

**All Meals \$12**



**All proceeds go towards Community Projects including assisting a local family dealing with a child with cancer.**

CHANHASSEN BREWING COMPANY

**Löwenherz Oktoberfest**

SEPTEMBER 24TH - 25TH, 2021

THE CHANHASSEN LIONS CLUB

**Live Music Schedule**

<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Saturday:</b>
12:00 - 2:30 - Acoustic	12:00 - 1:30 - Acoustic
3:00 - 4:30 - Bavarian Boys	2:00 - 3:30 - Bavarian Boys
5:00 - 7:00 - The Tuxedo Band	5:00 - 7:00 - Triggerfish
8:00 - 11:00 - Pandora's Other Box	8:00 - 11:00 - White Iron Band

**Come enjoy games, contests, food, drinks, music, and a silent auction!**

12p.m. - 12a.m.

\$10 in advance  
 \$12 at the door

Scan to purchase tickets!

All ages welcome! 12 and under are free.

Proceeds benefit the Chanhasseen Lions Club

# Silver Lake Lions Club



## Fall Brunch

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Serving 8:30 am to 12:00 noon**

Silver Lake Auditorium Silver Lake, MN

### Menu

Eggs		Pancakes
Sausage Links		Fruit Cups
Toast	Coffee	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.**

## Save the Date!

**Saturday October 23, 2021**

*Faribault Lions*

*Northfield Lions*



*Anniversary*

*1921 ~ 2021*

MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION



October 29, 2021 7:00pm-9:30pm

*Featuring*

## Ben Marti Jazz Group

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

*\$30 per person • \$50 per couple*

*Cash or Check*

*Semi Formal/Business Attire*

5M2 Contact Lion Wendy Goldsmith [drwendy@goldsmitheye.com](mailto:drwendy@goldsmitheye.com)  
for tickets or for wine donations

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?**

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2022 Lions 5M2 Midwinter Convention

**Date:**  
February 11-13, 2022

**Location:**  
Mayo Event Center, Mankato

**Convention Hotels:**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
AmericInn by Wyndahm  
Registration Information to follow



### "AIM HIGH TO SERVE"

5M2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR GLENN KAUFMANN