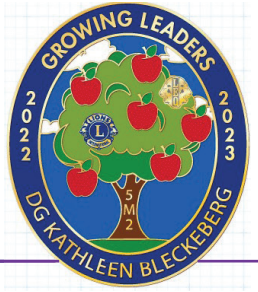




# 5M-2 Lions' News



April 2023

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## Growing Leaders

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
District Governor

April! New beginnings and fresh tilled soil await. I have most of my seeds bought now it's just waiting for the ground to be ready to till.

Spring Zone meetings started, there are only three yet to be held then my farewell tour will done.

In this article I want to talk about Obligations of Chartered Clubs and Membership Dues.

### Obligations of Chartered Clubs

- a. To hold regularly scheduled meetings or events.
- b. Except as otherwise provide herein, to collect from each member minimum annual dues to cover international and district (single, sub- and multiple) dues and such other expenses as are necessary for club administration,
- c. To encourage and motivate regular participation in club activities.
- d. To conduct activities for the advancement of the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community and for the promotion of international understanding.
- e. To report monthly to the International Office such information as may be called for by the board of directors of the association.
- f. To report to the International Office the financial condition of the club upon request.
- g. To elect officers. Annual, not later than April 15th whose terms of office shall commence on July 1 following their election.
- h. To uphold, preserve and enhance the image of The International Association of Lions Clubs.
- i. To abide by the policies and requirements as determined, from time to time, by the International Board of Directors.
- j. To further the Lions Clubs International Purposes and Lions Code of Ethics.
- k. To resolve all disputes arising at the club level according to the Club Dispute Resolution Procedure set out, from time to time, in the Policy of the International Board of Directors.

### Membership Dues

Membership dues are annual and billed twice a year. They are based on the club membership reports entered as of June 30 and December 31.

New member dues are billed the first of the month in which the person becomes a member. The total amount billed for a new member will appear on the monthly club statement along with the member's name, number and join date. The total amount includes:

- Entrance fee established by International Board of Directors.
- Prorated dues in accordance with months remaining in billing period.
- Reinstatement of Transfer Member
  - o Any former Lion who later applies for reinstatement or transfer is considered a new member if his/her prior membership is greater than twelve months. The club will be billed accordingly.

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## Giving Thanks



*Lion Christy Trutnau  
District Governor Elect*

Welcome to April, hopefully the weather is starting to get warmer, and the snow is finally over!!!

I attended DGE training in Roseville, MN from Wednesday, March 1st – March 3rd, 2023. This training was exceptional. On Tuesday we toured Can Do Canines, which I had never been to before. It was great learning more about this Lions program and seeing the facility. I even talked with a friend who is interested in getting a mobile assist dog for his daughter. They had heard about Can Do Canines, but when he questioned me about this more, he was very excited to start the process. Unfortunately for us he lives in District 5M5 but told him where there is a need there is a Lion and to reach out if needed.



We then went on to tour the MN Lions Hearing Foundation, they showed us plans for the new Temporal Bone Lab, this new lab will be state-of-the-art and will be good for research. We were served lunch by the foundations. We then moved over to tour and learn more about the MN Diabetes Foundation. It was an experience.

The last place we toured was Lions Gift of Sight. We saw a demonstration removing a cornea from a donor. After the tours were over, we went back to the hotel for a banquet put on by the MN Lions Hearing Foundation and MN Lions Vision Foundation; both speakers were great. After the program we were gifted personalized leather portfolios. That was very generous of the foundations to gift this to us, I am very honored.



The remaining two days (Thursday and Friday) were training days to get us prepared to become District Governors in July. The training, like I mentioned was exceptional. It truly felt like my fellow DGE's, and I were starting to work as a TEAM! On Saturday we attended the Council of Governors meeting, where we were invited to sit at the "big" table next to the sitting DGs. This experience was fun and intimidating as in a few short months it will become a reality. Our group was tasked with picking the Council Chair for next year, we came up with the questions and interviewed all the candidates. It was a fun experience. Our group choose DG Rob Wiener from District 5M4.



The Spring Zone meetings are in full swing, and it has been an honor to select and present the Zone Lion of Year. There was several entries for some zones making the decision hard to decided as every Lion is deserving of this award. Thank you; thank you Lions for all your do for your clubs, your district and for the community you serve. Without all of you we would not be here today!!!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter!

If I can help you or your club in any way, please reach out to me.

You can contact me at:  
952-261-8581- phone  
Christy1135@gmail.com

In Lionism – DGE Lion Christy Trutnau



### Spring Zone Meetings

Zone 2 - NYA, April 11

Zone 4 - Jordan, April 13

Zone 7 - Amboy, April 19

Remember to bring a spring-cleaning item (see pg. 18). You can also bring a pair of socks which will be taken to the MD5M Convention to donate to Ukraine.

## April Showers Bring May Flowers



*Lisa Kaufmann  
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

This is my favorite time of year as winter moves into spring. Living where we do, we all know April may bring one last snowfall, but I am keeping a positive attitude. As we begin to see the transition of snow melting, grass and trees become greener and people having an extra

skip in their step, the questions that comes to mind are, has your club transformed? Are your members engaged? Are you attracting new members? Tradition is important and can provide consistency so keep doing the projects our clubs have success with, but ask yourself this question, is there an opportunity to add new ones? Encourage yourselves to be open to new ideas, embrace change and your club will be successful.

Change can be in small ways; one option is to conduct a club survey and create a plan to address the feedback. Lions Club International has numerous resources and tools available to assist with conducting a member survey. It is important to act based on the feedback received, communicate action being taken and remain open to additional feedback. Embrace new ideas and encourage each member of the club to participate in an activity. Communication can occur in many different ways, it could be a phone call, text, or email. Younger members have family commitments and may not be able to attend club meetings, but they are just a text away to keep updated on club activities.

Is your club still a well-kept secret?

Use social media to promote what you are doing in your community. Do you have a contact within local publications, newspapers, community magazines or with other types of news outlets? Wear your club gear while doing community service, free advertising at its best. There are several Facebook groups you can join that focus on Lions. Checkout the following: Lions Club Members: Public Image, Graphics and Idea Hub, Global Lions Forum, Lions Global Membership Approach, Lions MD5M Snowman, Lions Club International and Lions Club Help and Support Group. These are all great groups to share ideas and ready to go pictures are available for posting on your club's Facebook page. Does your club or district have a social media chair? There might be multiple individuals who can assist in managing a Facebook page. Take pictures at your club activities and post them. Does your club need assistance in setting up social media? Reach out to our district leaders for help, we are here for you.



As I think about spring, I am grateful for April showers bringing May flowers, with a bit of care the flowers will flourish. Likewise, with attention your club will flourish, and your members will have a little extra skip in their step.

P.S. Do you know what May Flowers bring? First person who emails me with the correct answer will get a surprise in the mail. Email: lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com

### Growing Leaders...Continued from page 1

#### ☐ Dropped Members

- Full credit is automatically issued when dropped members are reported during July and January following the respective semi-annual dues billing provided the monthly membership drops are reported to headquarters by July 31 and January 31 of respective semi-annual periods. Credit for dropped members is not issued any other months of the year.

#### ☐ Confirmation of Membership Changes.

- Clubs are billed for new charter fees on the first of the month following the date of which the members were reported. The billing is issued a prorated basis for the remaining months of the current semi-annual dues period.

#### ☐ Charter Members

- Clubs are billed for charter members from the first of the month following the date on which the members were reported. The billing is on a prorated basis for months remaining in current membership dues period.



*DG Kathleen and husband Lion John at Mid-Winter Convention.*

Happy Easter

DG Kathleen Bleckeberg



# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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Woo Hoo-Happy Spring,

As I am sitting here struggling what to write, I wondered how many people even read my article? So, if you do, please shoot me an email at [lionannaw@gmail.com](mailto:lionannaw@gmail.com) and your name and club will be entered into a Fabulous Drawing. The winner will be in next month's article.

As of the end of February our district has reached \$30,763.50 of our goal. LCIF sets a goal for every district, ours is \$56,738.00. Will we make the LCIF Goal? That depends on the members of 5M-2. When I see on the news natural disasters, wars, people experiencing housing and food insecurities, etc. I am proud of the fact that LCIF is issuing grants to help. We may not always be recognized for it but know that behind-the-scenes LCIF is working for us so that we can help others. So, I am asking...again. If you can make an individual pledge or a 1-time donation, go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>.

Lion Anna

District 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

952-913-1467

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## **MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION**

Dear Lions and Leo's of MD5M

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to the MD5M Multiple Convention this coming May.

When more Lions and Leo's come to the convention, amazing things happen. We connect with old friends and make new ones. It is a chance to celebrate our accomplishments. We learn from each other and reenergize ourselves as Lions. We identify new goals and new ways to serve, which renews our sense of purpose and helps focus our attention on the challenges ahead.

Lions Clubs International depends on each member and every district for our association to fulfill our mission of service. Because it takes all of us, working together, to make a difference in our communities. Together We Can achieve a greater good than ever before. And with Lions like you leading the way, together we will.

I am known to have lots of fun at conventions. Bring members from your club who have never been to one before so they can see the fun that can be had as we learn how to make our clubs better. Thank you for your hard work and dedication you have done thus far this year. Together we will make the impossible possible. Lori and I really hope we see you there. Make your reservation today and let's all have a great time together!!

Make it a great day,

*Brian E. Sheehan*

Brian E. Sheehan

2022-2023 International President and your guest speaker at Convention

*International President Lion Brian*

# LCIF Pledge Form

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

## PLEDGE INFORMATION

I pledge a **total contribution** of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to LCIF.

My first payment, US\$ \_\_\_\_\_, will be made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Pledges of US\$25,000+ are payable over five years; pledges of US\$5,000+ are payable over three years. If no payment frequency is selected, LCIF assumes equal annual installments based on pledge amount.

## PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

**Monthly**

My monthly payment  
is to be US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Annually**

My preferred annual payment  
is US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other**

I will make \_\_\_\_\_ equal  
payments of US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

**Check**  **Wire Transfer**  **Credit Card\*/PayPal**

\*Donate securely at [lionsclubs.org/donate](https://lionsclubs.org/donate) or provide:

VISA  MC  AMEX  Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

## DONOR INFORMATION

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information:

Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please keep my personal and donation information anonymous. I understand my club/district (if any) may receive recognition for my donation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Day/Year \_\_\_\_\_



# 103rd Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

May 5-7, 2023

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

## HIGHLIGHTS

IP Brian & Lion Lori Sheehan  
Live, in-person and not flat!

Mark Lindquist  
Motivational Speaker

Ukraine Service Project

Sheehan Foundation Penguin  
Sock Walk

Starkey Hearing Session

John Harrington  
1980 Olympic Miracle on Ice



**REGISTER ONLINE**  
If you plan to pay by check, it is kindly requested you fill registration out online. Details for mailing the check are included there.



**MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION**  
SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA





Complete 1 form per attendee

**May 5-7, 2023**  
**Holiday Inn & Suites**  
**St. Cloud, MN**

www.lionsmd5m.org  
 Registration Questions? contact Dennis Heinen  
 320-491-3996  
 heinende@centracare.com  
 OR  
 Nikki Fisher, Visit Greater St. Cloud  
 320-202-6712  
 nikki@visitstcloud.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Your District Club & Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are You A... Lion  Leo  First Timer

Will you require Braille Documents at the Convention? YES  NO


**\$AMOUNT**

<b>Full Hospitality Book</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>	<b>USD</b>	includes all meals and registration fee	<input type="text"/>
<b>Registration is included in any meal chosen below:</b>				
<b>Friday Night Social</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>USD</b>		<input type="text"/>
<b>Saturday Breakfast</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>USD</b>		<input type="text"/>
<b>Saturday Lunch</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>USD</b>		<input type="text"/>
<b>Saturday Banquet</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>USD</b>		<input type="text"/>
<b>Sunday Brunch</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>USD</b>		<input type="text"/>

**CIRCLE Saturday Banquet Option**

Stuffed Chicken      Roasted Pork Shoulder      Wild Mushroom Fettuccine

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

 **Make Checks payable to Lions MD5M Convention**  
 PCC Dennis Heinen 12069 Bluegill Drive  
 Sauk Centre, MN 56378

**Cancellation fees apply - NO cancellations accepted**  
 after April 1, 2023



## ***Journey for Service*** **May 10, 11, 12, 2023**

It is nearing that time of year again to tour the country side of 5M-2 for our annual Journey for Service. This year District Governor Kathleen and companions will be traveling over 700 miles making some 63 stops meeting Lions and Leo clubs collecting money for various service projects in our District.

Please verify with me the meeting place and contact person with a phone number.

I am looking forward to another successful Journey for Service with 100% participation as my goal.

PDG Mike Vos  
Journey for Service  
mike@vosconstruction.com  
(507)381-3752



**Journey**



**FOR SERVICE**



Wednesday May 10, 2023		
Faribault	7:00 AM	Perkins
Waterville	8:20	Veterans Memorial
Waseca	8:40	McDonalds
Owatonna	9:10	741 East Main
Blooming Prairie	9:40	City Center Offices
Ellendale	10:00	Lerberg's Grocery
New Richland	10:20	Schmidt Trucking
Albert Lea	10:55	McDonalds
Albert Lea Cloverleaf	10:55	McDonalds
Albert Lea Lake View	10:55	McDonalds
Alden	11:15	Community Pride Project-By Lake
Wells	11:40	Lion's Plaza
Minnesota Lake	12:00	Breamer's House
LUNCH		
Blue Earth	1:25 PM	Statue Park
Winnepago	1:45	First Financial Bank
Amboy	2:00	Linda's Place
Lake Crystal	2:30	Kevin's IGA
Mankato	2:55	Eagle Lake City Hall
Mankato Sunrise	2:55	Eagle Lake City Hall
Eagle Lake	3:10	Eagle Lake City Hall
St Peter	3:35	River Rock Coffee Shop
Nicollet	4:10	New Sweden Mutual Ins
Courtland	4:30	
Lafayette Area	4:50	Citizens Bank
Gibbon	5:15	D's Pit Stop
Winthrop	5:30	Hahn's Café
Thursday May 11, 2023		
Sibley East Leos Jr & Sr	8:55	Sibley East
Arlington	8:55	Sibley East
Green Isle	9:10	Veterans Park
Norwood Young America	9:10	OEM
Hamburg	9:25	Park
NYA West Carver	9:40	Harbor
Plato	9:55	Plato Home Center
Glencoe	10:10	Bump's Café
New Auburn	10:35	Security Bank
Brownston	11:00	Security Bank
Stewart	11:20	City Hall
Hutchinson	11:45	725 Sunset St
Silver Lake	12:05	American Legion
LUNCH		
Lester Prairie	1:20	Greater MN Signs
Winsted	1:30	Vet's Park
Watertown	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank
Watertown Leos	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank
Mayer Area	2:15	Casey's
Chanassen	2:50	Am Legion Parking Lot
Victoria	3:05	Old National
Waconia	3:20	Security Bank
Waconia Dandy	3:25	Security Bank
Cologne	3:40	Community Center
Cologne Leos	3:40	Community Center
Carver	3:55	Gazebo Park
Chaska	4:10	Old National
Shakopee	4:25	O'Brien Public House
Shakopee Valley	4:25	O'Brien Public House
Prior Lake	5:00	Velishek Auto
Friday May 12, 2023		
Jordan	8:00 AM	McDonald's
Jordaness	8:00	McDonald's
Belle Plaine	8:20	Lange's P & H
Henderson	8:45	Road Haus
LeSueur	9:00	Pizza Ranch Parking
Le Center	9:25	Home Plate
Montgomery	9:40	Mackenthun's
New Prague	10:00	Ettlin's Café
Veseli	10:20	GoldSmith Eye Care-NP
Lonsdale	10:40	Lions Park
NEW	11:10	New Market Bank
Northfield	11:45	Lions Riverside Park
Northfield Cannon Valley	11:45	Lions Riverside Park

*You'll Love the New*  
**LIONS PORTAL**

**But, we have some important dates & club actions first - 6/15/23 is the date to remember!**

**7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date**

**Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024**

**Before 6/15/23: Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion**

**Before 6/15/23: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.**

**Before 6/15/23: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI**

- **Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL.**
- **Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!**
- **Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!**



Incoming district governors, including DG-E Christy, at the eye bank. (Our Multiple District's next leaders with MD5M Executive Secretary, Cindy Walters (left), current Council Chair, Glenn Kaufmann (right), and 5M-5 DG Jennifer Marshall (peeking out). The support of these leaders is so important to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.



## Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation News

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is pleased to share a little information about our flagship project: the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank. A partnership between Minnesota Lions club members and the University of Minnesota, Lions Gift of Sight has been helping to restore vision through transplants, research, and medical education since 1960.

What is happening at your eye bank? Well, every day is a red letter one when you work in the field of sight restoration! You can't help but be inspired when you hear comments like, "Sight was almost immediate. I thank God, the Lions organization, and my doctor for the wonderful sight I have been gifted with" and "I'll never forget it. My 2-year-old son walked up and for the first time ever in his life I saw him clearly." Lions of 5M-2, you are a part of this miraculous work.

Here are some items are on the horizon for Lions Gift of Sight:

### **Donate Life Month**

We celebrate Donate Life Month in April. This observance helps raise awareness of the great gifts of eye, organ, and tissue donation, not to mention gifts from living donors like blood and bone marrow. The eye bank will kick off the month with a Donate Life flag raising at their [Saint Paul headquarters](#) on April 3. They invite their partners—LifeSource, American Donor Services, Anatomy Bequest Program, University Enterprise Laboratories, Lions, and others—to honor donors and celebrate their selfless gifts on this day.

### **Lions Save Lives**

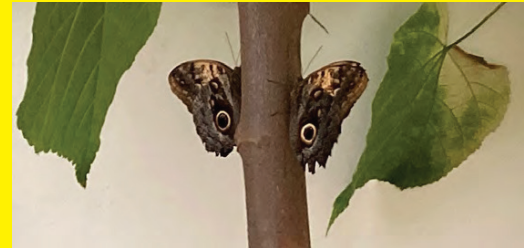
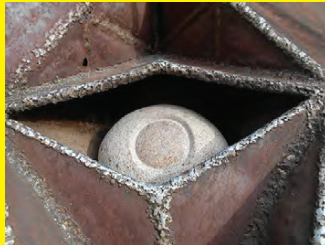
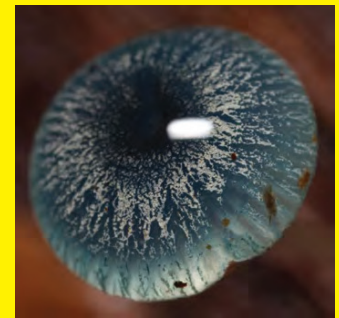
As part of the efforts to increase the number of people pledging to be eye, organ, and tissue donors, Lions Gift of Sight is running a Lions Save Lives donor registration drive. More information about this statewide effort will be shared soon. For now, just know that you are encouraged to register as a donor at [registerme.org/campaign/lions](https://registerme.org/campaign/lions).

### **Eye Donor Recognition Program**

Some give sight by contributing to the knowledge of research scientists who study diseases like macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma. Some give sight by adding to the knowledge and skills of the next generation of eye doctors. And some give sight to a specific person through a corneal transplant. Thanks to eye donors, countless individuals can or will see again. Lions Gift of Sight annually honors and recognizes eye donors, and the next [Donor Recognition Program](#) is on April 16. Please feel free to join us in Saint Paul.

Thank you to the 5M-2 Lions for all your support. More than \$15,000 was raised for the Vision Foundation at your Parade of Green, and you are a valued partner in the work to end preventable blindness for all. Together we can!

So many images, natural and manmade, remind us of the gift of sight. Once you start working at the eye bank, you start seeing eyes everywhere!



First, we would like to thank ALL the Lion's Club's in 5M-2 for their support of Kidsight. Our District has corrected vision of many children within our District. THANK YOU, Lions.

Secondly, MD5M Kidsight turned 7 years old on March 13, 2023. To date, MD5M has completed 1,768 screenings, screened 126,405 kids with 14,196 referrals. Our District can be proud of our participation in Kidsight and adding to those numbers.

Third. Registration is open to volunteer at the State Fair. 5M2 day at the fair is Thursday August 31 at the Health Building. ALL volunteers to Kidsight will receive a ticket for entry to the Minnesota State Fair. We already have one



volunteer, so to get your preferred time, register early. Free tickets will be mailed to you by snail mail. Below is the sign-up genius for registration.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-state3>

Also, thanks to all of that signed up at the convention for helping out at the State Fair. Hopefully you received the email I sent you about the sign-up. I wanted people to get the times that you would prefer. Remember that you don't have to be trained on the camera to help out at the fair.

Lions Harry and Margie

# *“Catch the Dream”*

## *...Life Without Diabetes!*

### Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

## ***STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness***

**February, March & April 2023**

**Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month**

2000 steps = 1 mile

**You Choose Your Activity**

**Be active on your own**

**Be a part of a team**

**Register at: [MNLionsDiabetes.org](http://MNLionsDiabetes.org)**

**Registration opens February 1, 2023**

**\$30 Registration Fee**

**T-Shirts available**



*Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health.*



**Net Proceeds benefits  
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.  
[MNLionsDiabetes.org](http://MNLionsDiabetes.org)**



## Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

The D Feet Walk is rapidly coming up. In addition to the Walk there are activities and entertainment for all ages. There are crafts for kids and a band as well as hot dogs for lunch. We'll be

looking for volunteers to help out with crafts, serve lunch, direct traffic etc. If your club is looking to help out please let one of the trustees: Marvin or Wanda know.

The MN Lions Hearing Foundation is hosting the Silent Auction at the MD5M Convention, May 6-8 in St. Cloud. Urgently needed are donations for the Silent Auction. Cash donations will be used to make baskets. Proceeds will be directed to the University of Minnesota for the renovation of the Temporal Bone Lab.

SAVE THE DATE---D FEET WALK --JUNE 3, 2023. At the MN Landscape Arboretum. More on this later.

Trustees: PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Wanda Briemhorst



### Written by Hearing Foundation Chair - Lion Michelle Plagman

As I have traveled this last couple of months with club visits and district conventions, I am always overwhelmed with the generosity of Lions and their clubs. We have many projects that we have supported over the years with your donations – and continue to support--to help those with hearing needs.

- A statewide **newborn hearing screening**, the first in the country to do so in 1999
- **Hearing aid loaner programs** for infants, children and adults with side effects from cancer
- **Research grants** that bring future medical solutions to fruition by providing space, equipment and money necessary to support promising ideas. Some that are in the process of researching are: *tinnitus, nerve replacement, and cochlear implants*
- **State-of-the-art updates** to previous projects, including diagnostic equipment for the *Children's Hearing and ENT clinic* and the *U of Minnesota Temporal Bone Lab*
- **Affordable Hearing Aids** project *Talk to your local Lions club for more information*
- **Portable testing device** for hearing
- **Used hearing aid collections** *Please donate by placing them in the eye glass donation boxes*
- **U of M Lions Fellowship Chair** – Hubert Lim, noted researcher and professor with the university's otolaryngology department, *who is working to cure deafness*

Thanks to all of you and your clubs who continue to support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Your work is so appreciated.

And thanks in advance for your support of the D-Feet Walk, our signature fundraiser in June. For more information, please go to our website [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org) or use our QR code.



<http://www.5mhf.org>

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



New members Andy and Sophia (youngest member at 18).



Donation to Camp Fire Minnesota.



15 year chevron to Tom.



(ABOVE) Member Dad Steve 1 getting cookies.

(ABOVE) Chanhasen Sugar Maples decorating cookies with longtime member Curt.



Ladies licking the knives.

### ZONE 6 Lion of the Year

Congratulations to LeSueur Lion Robin Wilke on being named the Zone Lion of the Year for Zone 6.

Your club is super proud of you!



### Mayer Area Lions

DG Kathleen Bleckeberg helped the Mayer Area Lions welcome our new member Lion Teresa Morse at our February meeting. Lion Alisa Johnson is Lion Teresa's sponsor and they both are a great asset to our club.



### Gibbon Lions



Lions KidSight USA is a nation-wide program bringing Lions clubs across the country together to ensure our children receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. Through modern technology we can detect vision problems early on and assist families in getting their children eye care. The Gibbon Lions offer assistance to families in making sure their child can be screened by an optometrist and receive glasses if needed. *Pictured with GFW First grade students are Lions members Richard Graupman, Dick Isakson, Sue Bentz, Jo Gatton and Sue Buerkle.*

### Waconia Lions



The Waconia Lions Club stopped by Grow and Gather, Waconia Food Shelf to help supply the demand for the upcoming Easter Season.

#### News Release:

Mankato Sunrise Lions has a new website! Please share this link with all that might be interested. Lion Rene' Maes Jr.,

[https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/mankato\\_sunrise/](https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/mankato_sunrise/)

Please pin our URL. Thanks!

Another successful Night

# Chaska Lions Club

Inducted 2 new  
members!

Heard from  
SouthWest Transit,  
Maria's Voice, Chaska  
Cubs and Utepils  
brewing company

And we hosted special guests  
Shakopee Valley Lions



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





## BLUE EARTH LIONS

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Average Jo's Bar & Grill

Dan Woodring, President

Dean Vereide, Secretary

Joe Tempel, Treasurer

## NEWSLETTER

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### Board Actions

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors met at Average Jo's along with other members of the Club at our regular membership meeting. There were 9 Board members in attendance. The minutes of the February 8, 2023 Board meeting were approved as read. The February 2023 Treasurer's report was approved. Lion Bly reported to the Club that he has been in contact with the school and the food service manager there and we are a go for the Athletic Recognition Program on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will no longer be doing a banquet, but will be doing the recognition program followed by the serving of a variety of pies as a dessert. This is what was done last year and it was well received by the school and the families of the athletes. Lion Holland said that he would be getting us the sponsor tickets as soon as the school has them printed up. We will be contacting businesses again to sponsor the athletes, just as we have always done. The Board also renewed our commitment to cleaning the ditches along US 169 north of town for another 2 years. Our Club received one request for donation and that was from the Post Prom Party Committee. It was decided to donate \$100.00 again this year. Although there was nothing decided, there was a serious discussion about restructuring the Board for our Club. Since we decided to have the first meeting of the month to be a business meeting and the second meeting of the month to be a program meeting, it was discussed that there really isn't a need for us to have members designated as "Board Members". At the business meeting all the members present are acting as "Board Members" and it only makes sense that all members present should be voting on the business items presented. It seems like a better business model would be to just have our voted upon officers (President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, & Treasurer) and designated job holders (Tail Twisters and Lion Tamer). If you have questions or concerns please bring them to our meeting next month when we hopefully will make a decision on this issue.

**Always be thinking about prospects for membership!**

## Photos from the recent Zone 3 Meeting



DISTRICT 5M2  
GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM  
PRESENTS

# SPRING CLEANING

A Fundraising Effort for  
the 5M2 Local Food  
Shelves

SPRING ZONE MEETINGS  
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
FOOD SHELVES BY BRINGING  
CLEANING ITEMS TO YOUR  
MEETING!

Most Needed Items Include:

- All-Purpose Cleaning Spray
- Paper Towels
- Disinfectant Spray & Wipes
- Bathroom & Toilet Cleaner
- Dusting & Polishing Spray
- Dish & Laundry Soap

\*other items & monetary donations also welcome!

Lions Clubs International



### Carver Lions

The Carver Lions received our Trex bench from the plastic recycling project organized by Lion Dean. We will begin collecting again this month. Our goal is to collect enough for a second bench in 2023.



We have many upcoming programs including our annual Pork Chop dinner, Easter Egg Hunt and Red Cross blood drive.



**COLOGNE LEOS** SAT. APRIL 8th

Elephant  
Joes  
Coffee  
Truck

**BUNNY TRAIL EVENT**  
Cologne Lions Park

Food will be collected for the food shelf

11AM TO 12:30PM

Event partnered with Cologne Fire Department

**Soup 'N Sandwich Lunch**

**Plus Garage Sale**

**At Plato Hall - TAKE OUT/EAT IN!**  
**Thursday & Friday, April 13th & 14th**

Garage Sale: Thursday/Friday 9-1  
Soup N Sandwich: Thursday/Friday 11-1

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**DONATIONS will benefit MN Lions Hearing Foundation**

**Free-Will Donation**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Dumpling Soup, Bottled Water/Coffee, and Dessert.

Sponsored by the Plato Lions Club



# BINGO!

**Saturday, April 15th, 2023**  
**Mayer Community Center**  
 5:30 - Food & Beverage Service 6:30 - First BINGO Game  
**15 Games for only \$15**

Play a 16th game if you donate \$5 or bring at least 4 non-perishable food items for the Friends for Life food shelf!

Food for Purchase      Cash Bar  
 Winstock  Tickets Raffle  
 Fire Pit Raffle      50/50 & Meat Raffles

# Pancake Breakfast

Chanhassen Lions Club Fundraiser

Together with the Chanhassen Brewery, we will hold our annual pancake breakfast serving Pancakes, Sausage, and Scrambled Eggs

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16th • 9 AM-12 PM**

ADULTS: \$10.00      Chanhassen Brewery  
 CHILDREN: \$5.00      951 W 78th St




<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/chanhassen/>  
[chanhassenbrewing.com](http://chanhassenbrewing.com)

## Jordaness Lions

present a night of **BINGO** PLAY 15 GAMES FOR \$30

Friday, April 21, 2023  
 Ridges at Sand Creek  
 21175 Ridges Dr. Jordan  
 Social Hour 6:00-7:00 pm  
 The FUN begins at 7:00 pm  
 Cash Prizes for every game!  
 (2)Cash 50/50 Drawings & (2) Pekarna's Meat Raffles  
 Food & drinks will be available for purchase.



Proceeds to benefit The Lions Diabetes Foundation & other community projects.

**It's all about the FUN!!!** 



## 2023 WACONIA LIONS CLUB WILD GAME FEED & SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

**Saturday April 29th, 4:00pm - 8:00PM**  
**Carver County Fairgrounds, Waconia, MN**

**Ticket to the Event: \$40** (Kids 16 and under 1/2 price)  
*Tickets include Wild Game Appetizers, Dinner, Live Music & Door Prizes*

Tickets available online or at the following locations:

- Bob's Barber Shop
- Machenthun's Fine Foods, Waconia
- Cabin Fever, Victoria
- Or call: 612-396-8709 or 612-396-1358



<https://waconialionsclub.org/wild-game-feed/>

**Over \$12,000 in Cash and Raffle Prizes!**

Raffle tickets available for purchase during the event

<b>Raffle Prizes:</b>	<b>Door Prizes:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Mountain pellet Grill</li> <li>• Winchester SX4 12 Ga Semi Auto</li> <li>• Franchi Momentum Rifle w/ Scope</li> <li>• Browning AB3 30-06</li> <li>• Lifetime Fishing License - W/ Sparring Endorsement</li> <li>• Ion ice Auger w/ 10" Blade</li> <li>• Radical FRF-15 (.223)</li> <li>• Additional Guns and Other Prizes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savage 64 22 LR</li> <li>• \$100.00 Cash</li> <li>• \$100.00 Cash</li> <li>• \$100.00 Cash</li> </ul>

• A full list of items is available upon request.

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CLUB PRESIDENTS - VICE PRESIDENTS - SECRETARIES - TREASURERS

# 5M-2 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Wednesday, 17 May

6:00PM Social

6:15-7:30 Instruction

**The Village in Waterville**

205 N 1st St, Waterville

OR

Tuesday, 23 May

6:00PM Social

6:15-7:30 Instruction

**Cologne Community Center**

1211 Village Pkwy, Cologne

## LEARN HOW TO:

- Navigate MyLCI/MyLion
- Track Admin vs. Service Funds
- Run a productive and fun meeting

## SNACKS PROVIDED

\*\*Great for new or long-term officers\*\*



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