



## District 5M-2 Cabinet Agenda

July 30, 2023

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The July Cabinet meeting was called to order by IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Christy Trutnau.

The Invocation was provided by 2VDG Shermayne Cross.

Following the invocation, IPDG Kathleen presented Lion Emmy Koch with her Melvin Jones Fellow Award plaque. The notification of the award was made at the May cabinet meeting. IPDG Kathleen also presented DG Christy with a gift.

Dinner was served.

Following dinner, the gavel was officially passed from IPDG Kathleen to DG Christy.

- ☐ DG Christy Trutnau established protocol.
- ☐ DG Christy Trutnau welcomed the cabinet and guests to the meeting.
- ☐ Roll Call Lion Pam Koenen, Secretary
  - There were 38 cabinet members and 3 guests present.
- ☐ DG Christy Trutnau introduced the guests.

### **Adoption of Agenda – additions:**

GET Report and Team Sheehan Foundation Report

### **Secretary's Report - Lion Pam Koenen, Secretary**

Motion by Koch, second by Blank to approve the report as emailed. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report - Lion Sue Vos, Treasurer (full report attached)**

Lion Sue presented the budget with a correction of Youth Exchange (should be \$4000 not \$8000 as printed).

Motion by PCC Thies, second by Brian Rykhus to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

### **Council of Governor's Report**

Information from COG- DG Christy Trutnau – two people from our multiple PCC Bert Nelson and PDG Dennis Kelly have submitted their names for candidates for M5M. Vote will be in Winnipeg. The multiple won the big for the 2029 international convention to be held in Minneapolis. LCI is encouraging Lions clubs to pair with another community service organization to coordinate a service project focused on Health, wellness, food insecurity or the environment. The service clubs are: Kiwanis, Optimists and Rotary.

### **Comments DG Christy Trutnau**

Clubs are encouraged to schedule District Governor visits as soon as possible. Either email DG Christy, or submit the visit request form on the website.

Service Reporting Update – 13% of clubs reported for July. Please encourage clubs to report service activities.



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District Governors Goals – there is a copy in the folder that Cabinet members received at registration today. Cabinet members have been encouraged to set one or two goals for the year. Please share those when presenting cabinet reports (even if reports have been submitted).

### Communications - None

### Old Business:

- ☐ **Salesforce-** DG Christy updated the cabinet that Salesforce will be launching in mid-September. Those who are on MyLion will launch automatically. Make sure individual and club data is accurate. There are training videos on MyLCI.

### New Business:

- ☐ **Approval of Bank for 2023-2024** – Motion by PDG Wickenhauser, second IPDG Bleckeberg to approve the bank for District 5M-2 Lions as Cornerstone State Bank. Motion Carried.
- ☐ **Approval of Bond for Cabinet Treasurer:** Motion by Lion Thies, second by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cross. To approve the bond for the cabinet treasurer. Lion Brian Rykhus asked if the bond covers only the treasurer or all officers. It does cover all officers. This is the same with the bond from the Multiple District. Motion carried.
- ☐ **Budget-** DG Christy
  - ☐ The preliminary budget was discussed. PCC Thies asked a question about contracted services. Lion Sue indicated that amount represents the annual audit. For 2023-2024 will be a full audit and the final budget amount will be slightly higher. Motion by PCC Thies, second by Lion Breimhorst to approve the preliminary budget. Motion carried.
  - ☐ **Dues Increase (starting 2024-2025)** – DG Christy discussed the dues increases by LCI and the Multiple District of \$7.50 increase over the next three years. Lion Sue added that our preliminary budget is not a balanced budget, it is \$11,000 in the negative. We cannot continue to operate this way. There will also likely be a dues increase to help fund the International Convention in 2029.
  - ☐ IPDG Kathleen moved to increase District dues by \$7 (total to \$15.60). The additional would go to Admin Fund. Second by Lion Ebenezer Howe. Discussion that this would almost double the dues. Would this be too much to pass on to clubs in one year. We have enough to last four years. However, if all cabinet positions spent their allocated amount, we would spend more than is in our checking. This does need to be voted on by the membership at the Mid-Winter before it passes.



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- PCC Thies moved to lay the motion on the table. Second by PDG Steve Wasserman.
  
- **Lions Lights on for Life-** DG Christy – This is not a project that is currently being funded. There is \$1455.48. Can this be moved to the general fund. It was money from PDG Rick Wegner's year – tail twisting and club visit money. PDG Rick will be contacted to learn more of his wishes.
  
- **Lions Quest-** DG Christy – There is currently over \$40,000 in the fund. The program is currently not being utilized. PCC Thies indicated that since the money was given at the Parade of Green for that program, it cannot be moved to other programs. The money has largely gone untouched since PCC Brian Thies's year. The COVID years did not help in getting the program into schools. It can be organized outside of the schools, other community youth programs can be utilized. It is used much more extensively in Canada. Lion Rose said there is a need in schools. QUEST cover social emotional learning (SEL). PID Debra suggested contacting LCI legal regarding dispersing previously designated funds – as a point of information. DG Christy will contact.
  
- **RLLI** is October 13-15 in Bemidji. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Shermayne has applications
  
- **Mission 1.5-** PDG Joan Blank drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide. Mission of IP Dr. Hill. PDG Joan has a list of resources. More information will be shared at fall zone meetings.
  
- **Call for 2VDG Candidates for 2024-2025** – Lion Chuck Toltzman has stepped forward as a candidate.

### **Zone Reports:** DG Christy Trutnau

**Zone 1** - Lion Emmy Koch – nothing to report. Goal: get a club to try a new activity.

**Zone 2 - Lion Don Wickenhauser** - Training for me is on 7-26, hopefully I learn what I am supposed to do. As far as I know everything in zone 2 is good. Goal: Visit each one of the clubs in the zone before the Mid-Winter convention and to do the reporting of service activities.

**Zone 3** - Vacant

### **Zone 4 - Lion Perry Mulcrone**

Shakopee = 2 fundraisers each year, August – national softball tournament, Shakopee Valley Lionesses – membership; Belle Plaine Carver – Bike Rodeo for Kids and Lions Defeat Hearing Loss Walk, Zones 2 and 4 will be having a joint zone meeting. Goal – to learn more about the zone and to help members understand more about what happens outside of the club.



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**Zone 5** - Lion Jennifer Malecha – no report

**Zone 6** - Lion Rose Ann Valdez – Goal – get the LeCenter Lions to participate more.

**Zone 7 - Lion Darlene Breamer**

Zone 7 clubs have been busy with various fund raisers and supporting their communities. Scholarships have been awarded to many high school seniors.

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he Amboy and Wels Lion members worked with the Minnesota Lake Lions helping them in the Lions pork burger stand during Festag. Minnesota Lake Lions were invited to the Wells Lions picnic in July. Amboy Lions were sponsoring a bus to a Minnesota Twins game. County Fairs are starting up and several of the clubs park cars at the fairgrounds.

According to my last club health assessment our Zone had 186 members. Since that report Minnesota Lake is down one member leaving them with a total of 18.

I am currently looking for a club to host the fall Zone meeting.

Submitted by Zone 7 Chair Darlene Breamer

Goal – get more of the clubs in the zone to work together and come to zone meetings. Wells, Minnesota Lake and Amboy Lions have been working together on fundraising activities and on club picnics.

**Zone 8 - Lion Ebenezer Howe III –.**

Zone 8 has a total of 229 members with no plus or minus so far. It is county fair season and clubs are involved with fund raising endeavors or assisting fair boards with the logistics in some way or another. The four clubs from Freeborn County are completing what we called FCLCC, Freeborn County Lions Clubs Collaborative, a joint effort of the clubs to raise funds for an All-Inclusive Playground for the County to be located in Albert Lea. Evaluation forthcoming on possible future collaborative efforts. Hoping the Zone Chair training gets me up to speed. Lion E. K. Howe III

**Cabinet Reports:** 2 VDG Shermayne Cross



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**Can Do Canines:** Lion Ruth Ann Marsh & Lion Denise Treu:

### PRESENTATIONS:

4/5/2023 11:45 a.m.	Waseca Lions	Lakeside Country Club, 37160 Clear Lake Dr., Waseca	Terry Voss <TVoss@unitedprairiebank.com> 507-835-818
4/10/2023 3:00 p.m.	Lake Crystal	The Lakes Bar and Grill, 151 West Humphry St., Lake Crystal (upstairs)	Dave Richards <drichards@jonesmetalinc.com> Phone: 507.625.4436   Cell: 507.340.6410
4/19/2023 3:00 p.m.	Jordan Lions (w/ Denise)	Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course just south of Jordan	Todd Schansberg <toddsc@comcast> 612-518-7947
6/1/2023 6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Mankato	WOW Zone @ 2030 Adams St., Mankato	Pam DeMarce <pam@wowzonefec.com> 612-518-7947

### ZONE MEETINGS AND CONVENTION ATTENDED:

Zone 2: April 11, 2023, attended by Denise Wondra

Zone 4: April 13, 2023

Goal – visit more clubs this year. Open House in New Hope – August 8, Whelping Center – August 22 in New Germany;

### Constitution & By Laws: PCC Brian Thies

At the International Convention a by-law was passed changing how delegates for conventions and voting are passed. I will be reviewing our constitution and by-laws for these and other changes that will need to be enacted upon at our mid-winter convention.

Goal: to review constitution & by laws for Mid-Winter Convention

### District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks & Lion Rose Thies

I would like to thank DG Christy for asking me to again conduct the Service of Remembrance along with Lion Rose Thies as co-chair.

We continue to encourage club members to inform us of any of their fellow members who have passed. It is nice to have a personal comment about what this member liked to do in Lions and what area they particularly enjoyed. I would like the info to be sent to myself or Lion Rose Thies, my co-chair. It can be sent via email



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[king70@frontiernet.net](mailto:king70@frontiernet.net) or to my address PDG Eunice Rucks 458 Meadow Lane Norwood Young America, Minnesota 55397. We would like this information by January 15, 2024. But earlier would be much better.

Goal – for everyone to get their information in early.

### **Environment: Lion Diane Hesse**

Goals: In addition to supporting established environmental projects, such as the environmental photo contest, I will be working with DG Christy and the GST on initiatives aligned to the environmental goals of International President, Dr. Patti Hill. These initiatives include developing a district-wide environmental service project, and promoting the social media hashtag: #LionsGoGreen.

**Global Extension Team (GET):** Lion Brian Rykhus and I had a phone call meeting where we brain stormed on what our plan will be for this Lions year on finding towns and cities to establish new Lions clubs. We also discussed what Lions clubs we could expand with branch clubs to start. We also reached out to IPCC Glenn Kaufmann to ask him if he still had the spreadsheet he developed while serving at 2VDG. IPCC Glenn also gave us very good tips on what work had already been done and gave us a great starting point. Looking forward to working with Lion Brian R. and the GMT Chair PCC Brain Theis to grow the district of 5M-2 for DG Christy's year and into the future.

Respectfully Submitted  
IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg  
GET Chair

Goal: work with GMA and GMT to add one club to district and add one to two members per club.

**Global Leadership Team (GLT):** IPCC Glenn Kaufmann & 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann

Successful Club Officer Training was completed in May and Zone Chair Training on 26 July. Looking at going back to traditional Club Officer/Zone Chair training for 2024-25 at a centralized location.

Waiting for the new Lions Portal to get released in the Fall to schedule training for all Lions interested in the new features.

**Global Membership Team (GMT):** PCC Brian Thies & 2VDG Shermayne Cross

Thanks to each one of you, our district ended the year with a plus three! Good job. I look forward to working with 2VDG Shermayne as we continue to grow Lions in southern Minnesota.

Goal – support DG Christy's goals.

**Global Service Team (GST):** Lion Julie Beckius & Lion Brooke Tahedl:

New year and new ideas for the district to hopefully participate in together! DG Lion Christy is encouraging the GST chairs and the Environmental chairs to coordinate to follow the Environment



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global priority outlined by this years International President Patti Hill. We will be discussing this in August and welcome ideas from any and all of the clubs in the district.

### "Buddy Bags"

This is the project idea presented initially at the Mid-Winter Convention 2023 and our district applied for and got approval for a grant. We are now preparing to go live with this district wide project to be done at fall 2023 Zone meeting. We will be coordinating with the Zone Chairs to introduce the activity during your fall meetings; the benefits will provide service within each of the Zone's communities.

Stay-tuned for more information at your Fall Zone meeting and potentially some initial information at the President/Secretary meetings too (depending on when those are scheduled).

### **Global Membership Approach (GMA) Champion:** PDG Joan Blank –

I attended the Zone Chair training presented by GLT Chair PCC Glenn Kaufmann so I could meet all the new Zone Chairs and refresh my information for their roles and duties. PCC Glenn did a very nice job of training.

After speaking with DG Christy after the meeting, we agreed that we would have joint quarterly Zoom meetings for the GAT, GET and Zone chairs. I will find a time and dates to make this work. This is my first goal.

At the Lions International Convention, President Patti Hill rolled out a new initiative called MISSION 1.5, where Lions are going to be asked to take the challenge to grow our membership. My second goal is to attend all fall meetings to promote this initiative and to hand out resource information regarding the Global Membership Approach.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Joan Blank  
GMA Champion

### **Historian:** PDG Steve Wasserman

I would like to thank District Governor Christy for appointing me to the position of District Historian for the 2023-2024 Lions Year.

My goals for the coming year include:

- Replacing and updating the trifold display of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees from District 5M-2.
- Update and expand the "Archives" page of the 5M-2 Website.

### **Journey for Service:** PDG Mike Vos

Yet another successful Journey for Service. This year with IPDG Kathleen we were able to collect donations from 100% of the clubs in 5M2 totaling \$13,500. Expenses were \$627.13.



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Donation of funds as follows. -----

Club specified checks,

LCIF----- \$1300.00

MN. Vision---\$200.00

Childhood Cancer--\$500.00

MN. Hearing---\$550.00

Project New Hope--\$300.00

Kids Sight----\$1500.00

The Balance of \$8,522.87 was divided up evenly giving the MN. lions Hearing

Foundation \$4,261.44 and LCIF 4,261.44

I would like to thank IPDG Kathleen for her enthusiasm on the journey making it most enjoyable and looking forward to next year's Journey with DG Christy.

PDG Mike Vos

Journey For Service chair

Goal – 100% participation of clubs.

**Leader Dogs:** O & M Youth Orientation ongoing. Youth Orientation and Mobility has been divided into three sessions. June and July sessions completed and successful. August session is August 6 -11 with openings currently. The youth are taught basic to advanced cane skills to prepare for readiness for receiving a guide dog in the future.

Leader Dog is also looking for host families for Breeding Moms. Free on-line orientation for those interested. Orientation held every Wednesday 6 – 7 pm.

Leader Dog will continue their association with Purina. Goal: Increase club visits and continue education through the newsletter.

Respectively submitted.

Lion Loretta Klenke & Lion Lori Kurtz

**LEO Clubs:** Lion Hilary Wickenhauser

There are currently three active Leo clubs in 5M2; Cologne, Watertown and Sibley East. I am eager to connect with Sibley East Leos, and would love the advisor's contact information if anyone is aware of it. The Cologne and Watertown Leos are both getting prepared to run youth activities and help out at their town summer festivals. If you have any questions relating to Leos or the program, please reach out to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo-Lion Hilary Wickenhauser,

5M2 District Leo Chairperson

Goal: reach out to all Lions clubs with inactive clubs to revitalize or complete termination forms.

**Liberty Day:** Lion Denny Hewitt & Lion Ebenezer K. Howe III: not active during the summer. Encourage clubs to investigate: [liberty.org](http://liberty.org). There is a supply of constitution books.

**LCIF:** PDG Anna Wickenhauser





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Goal for FY23-24 is \$61,911 and increase of \$6856. We made 104% of last years goal which was \$55,055. I believe we can blow this goal out of the water!! Chairperson Brian put on a very Dynamic Training this past weekend and encouraged us to “Think Outside the Box” when it comes to LCIF Fundraising. Some of the high points were about having a Club LCIF Officer? They have created a Club LCIF Training Guide-I have looked at the clubs that currently have one listed-So far, we have 12, including myself. I encourage you to go back to your clubs and assign someone-I will be holding fun training and maybe some FANTABULOUS prizes to go along with it.

Chairperson Brian has also created some great shirts to go along with his year as Chairperson. I am personally going to purchase them for the Zone Chairs and include them with my club LCIF Training opportunities. Individual Giving and the Legacy Program were also a hot topic at this year’s training. I am going to make more club visits and attend Zone meetings as I plan on being in the state/country more this year. I also want to share DG Christy’s Goals. These are very reasonable goals that she has set for our district.

LCIF:

- 100% of the clubs will donate to LCIF.
- To increase individual Lions contributions to LCIF by 15%
- To increase club contributions to LCIF by 10%

We are a strong district and I look forward to the challenge LCIF has given us.

I want to THANK YOU for being so supportive of your Foundation!!

PDG Anna Wickenhauser

LCIF Coordinator

### **Long Range Planning:**

We as Lion’s must continue to plan things to help our communities. Times have changed and we need to change with them. We need to reassess what our clubs are doing and what new needs our communities have. Individually we need to think of ideas that may work for our clubs. Reminder to clubs to attempt to get new members and attempt a new project. Zone meetings attendance is great place to steal other clubs’ ideas.

Respectfully submitted PDG Harry Klenke

Goal: attend one more club visit than in the past

**Midwinter Convention:** Lion Julie Beckius and Lion Elizabeth Maiers

Convention and Hotel Registrations are open and ready for you to reserve your spot and your room!!

February 9 – 11, 2024

*“Spread Your Wings”!*

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Mankato, MN

This year’s registration:

- Early Bird = \$30.00 \*must be post marked by 12/15/2023
- Regular Fee = \$40.00 \*post marked after 12/16/23 and the day-of/walk-in registrations

We will also have available the option to pay via Venmo for Saturday day-off registrations.



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New Convention Co-Chair: Lion Elizabeth Maiers who will be working alongside Lion Julie --- Excited to have Elizabeth on the planning team!!!

As reported at the May Cabinet meeting, the hotel was recently purchased and as of today, no ownership changes are impacting our confirmation and/or planning; in fact, the hotel staff is great to work with so far and always quick to respond to every question/request.

Guest/visiting ID: ID Steven Middlemiss, 5M2 from New Hampshire

Every club will be asked to bring a basket/item(s) for the raffle that helps defray convention costs.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon as details are confirmed.

Goal: attendance at 250+, representation from every club in district.

### **MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: Lion Chuck Toltzman & Lion Kris Ziskovsky**

Since the last cabinet meeting I went to Faribault Lions Club and the Lafayette Area Lions club for presentations. I want to thank each of them for inviting me to speak to their club. I also want to thank them for their donations to the MN Lions Children's Cancer Foundation. It really does help families and the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital for a cure for childhood cancer. I want to welcome Lion Kris Ziskovsky to the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation as a Trustee. It will be a great pleasure to work with Lion Kris. I know she will be a great advocate for the Childhood Cancer Foundation. The Trustee's met at the University of MN Masonic Children's Hospital for the meeting. We had the business meeting in the morning and in the afternoon, we visited the Children's Cancer Center in the hospital. Something that has not been done since before covid. What a wonderful place they have for the children and their families. Just a couple of quick numbers for this time. The Foundation has donated \$455,000 to the University of MN. That does not include the matching Grants that were given to them at the beginning. The Foundation has donated \$39,000 to Camp KACE. Also, they have donated \$13,000 back to 26 families with a child with cancer. Thank you to PDG Lion Kathleen for allowing me to sit as a Trustee on such an important foundation. And to DG Christi for allowing me to continue to sit on the Foundation.

Lion Chuck Toltzman

5M-2 MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee

Goals: Kris – one club visit Chuck – to become 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE; attend all zone meetings

### **MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Jerry Wawrzyniak & Lion Mary Mayer**

Lion Mary attended Board of Trustees meeting

Goals: more awareness to communities about Lions; make it to 5 meetings in zone; to do trustee training and achieve chair of State Fair committee

### **MN Lions Hearing Foundation: IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg & Lion Wanda Breimhorst**

Lion Wanda and I attended the Hearing Foundation training at the organology building at the U



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of M on Friday July 28, 2023. We also attend the Hearing Foundations first board meeting of the year, at the Gift of Sight building on Saturday July 29, 2023. Both events were very informative and fun. Lion Wanda is the D-feet walk chair for the U of M arboretum, I will be Lion Wanda's co-chair. We are both on the nomination committee. I am on the Finance committee.

I am looking forward to representing 5M2 and working with Lion Wanda and all the trustees on the MD5M Hearing foundation!

Respectfully submitted

IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg

I want to take this opportunity to thank PDG Marvin Grimm for his service to the Hearing Foundation the past six years. He has literally left big shoes to fill. Also, a big thank you to Evelyn Grimm. I truly appreciate all the hard work these two have done in service to the Hearing Foundation and Lions in general.

The Hearing Foundation is fortunate that PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg will be joining the Foundation as a trustee. We are looking forward to working together for the Foundation.

The MN Lions Hearing Foundation hosted the Silent auction at the MD5M Convention in St. Cloud. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals that donated baskets and items for the auction.

A very successful D Feet Walk was held June 3rd at the Arboretum. A huge shout out to all the volunteers that made this look so easy. To all the participants of the walk and all the donations we truly appreciate you making this event so successful. Plans are already underway for the 2024 DFeet Walk.

Trustee: Lion Wanda Breimhorst

PDG Kathleen – Goal: to work with Wanda on 100% contributions to parade of green – to attend club visits in 50% of the clubs in her half of the district.

### **MN Lions KidSight Foundation:**

Kidsight is starting to come back. We have quite a few days already asked for this fall already. Prior Lake schools are asking for us to do many of their kids so we will need all the district cameras on those days. Hopefully other clubs will get back into doing screenings. If people are afraid to tackle this project for your community we can help. This is a good project to get prospective members to see what Lions do for their community. Also, clubs can work together, if you don't have enough people in your club trained or able to work. Once people get to know this program they will want to help even more. We have enough people trained in our club that they are always looking for our next testing day.

Also, we have the tent so clubs can do outdoor screenings. So, you will need to contact Lion Harry as he has the tent. The Multiple has updated its website so all the latest forms are there.



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We had a training session in Arlington on July 19. We had 20 plus Lions there. About half had been trained before, but they appreciated hearing about the new things that we are doing. They also liked the refresher on the things we had been doing. Everybody was interested in the fact that we are now doing kids that are in their early teens. They also are interested in the fact that some people are getting into schools. We started out with a video of a Lion Kidsight Director from 5M1 who told his story. We can share it with anyone who would like to view it. Everyone at the training were watching closely and I know they were thinking about when they needed glasses. We hope to get another training scheduled.

We are still looking for more help at the State Fair. One does not need to know how to operate a camera. We need 6 volunteers at most times. 5M2 day is Thursday August 31 st . We are in need of many volunteers at this time. We are using Sign up genius again this year. The email address is noted on this report.

[State Fair Kidsight: State Fair 2023 Kidsight Screening \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Respectively submitted.

PDG Harry and Lion Margie

Goals: Harry - more trainings in the district. Margie – get into more schools to do the screenings

**MN Lions Vision Foundation:** Lion Wendy Goldsmith & Lion Hilary Wickenhauser

Lion Hilary is the new trustee

Report will be submitted

Looking for donations of wine and baskets for the October fundraiser.

Volunteers needed for state fair.

Goal – items in newsletter at least once a month, attend 100% of zone meetings; increase club visits to increase donations.

Donation buckets for eyeglasses are in short supply at the moment.

- Newsletter: Lion Missy Meidinger

**Project New Hope:** Lion Darlene Wondra -

We held our retreat on June 9th weekend in Sandstone, we had a full house. We are looking into 2 places to hold retreats near Waterville here in our district and one near Lake Shetek. When we get date for these places, we will be looking for volunteers to help out, depending on our needs and what the places provide. We are getting a good response to our retreat due to the PR committee with ads on the TV and radio. We are also looking in to care givers retreat which would be held on Thursday and Friday.

Booth at State Fair – on first Saturday; Looking for quilt donations for veterans. Goals: get a new retreat up and running; plan a caregivers retreat.

**Protocol:** Lion Meg Tibodeau - I will be working with DG Christy in updating the protocol manual

**Public Relations:** Lion Meg Tibodeau - I have been looking up ways to inspire the PR department... looking through resources online.

**Social Media:** Lion Dave Williams – no report



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### **Special Olympics:** Lion Lori Nelson

With our main focus for Special Olympics support being the Polar Plunge fundraising event, I need to share that the 2023 plunging has wrapped up. Currently, the amount raised is...\$5,087.489! There were 18,194 Plungers. The money raised will continue to pay for the amazing Special Olympics events throughout Minnesota.

I will close with the Special Olympics athlete oath which speaks strongly of the spirit of our athletes:

“Let me win.  
But if I cannot win,  
Let me be brave  
In the attempt.”

### **Technology:** Lion Todd Schansberg

Updated the Lions 5M-2 Website with information and photos of DG Christy and IP Patti Hill.

Modified the Newsletter Archive section to put PDG Kathleen's information into the other archives and set up DG Christy's section for the newsletters during her term. Updated the Coming Events section to post the upcoming RLLI and USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

Created new 2023-2024 distribution lists for Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs, and the overall mass distribution list.

Distributed the July newsletter and the Cabinet meeting invitation.

Reached out to PDG Steve Wasserman to collaborate between technology at the 5M-2 level with what is going on at MD5M. Have not yet arranged a meeting to discuss.

Met with Lion Perry Mulcrone for lunch to provide him with Zone Chair information and during our lunch he mentioned that the Shakopee Lions are in the beginning stages of setting up a Technology team for their club. I asked him to keep me involved so we can learn together.

I would like to get involved in the transition to the new Lions Portal as it becomes available.

Planning to attend the upcoming Mid-Winter Convention planning meeting in early August.

Goal: learn what technology clubs are using to promote their clubs; learn the new Lions portal and become a resource for Lions and the clubs of the district

### **Youth Exchange:** Lion Jim Walters

MD5M Youth Exchange is concluding for the 2023 year. We had 25 youth from 18 countries that were placed in Minnesota - 8 in 5M2. Camp Spicer concluded today (Saturday) and was a very successful camp again. The students and staff of MD5M Youth Exchange Camp Spicer thank 5M2 for their support with hosting, providing



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meals during camp, and donations on the parade of green. Now we start the process again of welcoming youth and host families for 2024.

### Youth Outreach:

**LCI Essay Contest** - PID Debra Wasserman

2023-2024: "Dare to Dream"

in the middle of August, and again in early September, a posting about the Essay Contest will appear on a ListServe for Teachers of the Blind and visually Impaired. State Services for the Blind will also be asked to share the contest information with their stakeholders. The District Governor Team will be copied. Contest participants will be recognized and the District winner will receive a plaque and monetary award at the District Convention. I am happy to answer any questions for District Governors, clubs, Lions, teachers or parents as they learn about or conduct the contest. Every Peace Poster kit contains an information sheet and entry form for additional reference.

Goal: article in the newsletter and to contract teachers of the blind and visually impaired to promote the contest

**Peace Poster** – PDG Diana Kroells

Thank you to DG Christy for allowing me to chair the Peace Poster contest again this year. Things are pretty quiet right now- hoping that all clubs who are participating in the contest have gotten their kits ordered and will be able to deliver the information to the schools as soon as the possible after the kids are back in school. I did reach out to a few clubs who have not participated in the contest but have schools in their community hoping they will consider it as a project. The theme this year is "Dare to Dream". I am already excited to see the artistic talent of the youth in our district. Hopefully this year, we will not have to disqualify any posters because they do not meet the requirements of Lions International.

PDG Diana Kroells

Goals: have a least 3 new clubs participate in Peace Poster; attend as many Zone meetings as possible

**Write-Off:** Lion Deb Koehnen

This year's theme is based on the theme of International President, Dr. Patti Hill "Changing the World." Essayists will write about how the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship, and one community at a time. Zone chairs and club presidents will receive an email with information regarding the contest, judging criteria, and essay-resume form. A club contact will reach out to the local high schools. Once again Zone chairs will receive essays from participating clubs in their zone and select one winner from each zone to be forwarded on to the Write-off chair for final judging. Deadlines will be communicated with the letters to club presidents and zone chairs. I'd like to thank all zone chairs and club presidents in advance for their willingness to participate in this competition. .

Lion Deb Koehnen

Write-off Chairperson

Goal: pick up registration for RLLI and to help clubs meet deadlines for Write-off contest.



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### Team Sheehan PDG Blank

It is fun to report that district 5M2 is the leader in donations to the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation. To date, the district has donated \$6,300, along with personal donations of \$2,650, for a total of \$8,950. As always, I am so proud of the support our district has shown International President Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan!

Foundation Chairperson Mike Molenda presented PIP Brian with a giant check for \$52,150 at the International Convention in Boston. The check was made out to the MD5M Lions and was signed by the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation. This was PIP Brian's gift for his year of presidency. This was a great presentation.

At our last meeting, we approved the mission statement which reads:

"The mission of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation (501c3) is to empower MD5M Lions clubs to provide greater service by boosting their ability to complete community projects with matching grants."

A committee is still working on grant application forms and the guidelines to apply for a grant. The Board will also be selecting a Review Committee for grant applications as it was decided at the July Executive Board meeting that grants will be processed this Lions year (2023 – 2024).

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Joan Blank

5M2 Director

- Comments:
  - PID Debra Wassermann – MPLS/St. Paul hosting the 2029 International Lions Convention; there will be opportunities to volunteer and to serve on the planning committee. International Convention in Boston: -- ID; resolutions made and passed to constitution and by-laws. There will be more information upcoming – delineation of roles of DG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG; new membership category for anyone who pays a reduced dues rate (cannot be counted by clubs as a voting delegate at conventions), information on international level elected officials (check on names); two people have come forward to seek endorsement of 5M for International Director. Both will likely ask to address the Mid-Winter convention.
  - Congratulated DG Christy for bringing so many new Lions into leadership roles on the cabinet.
  - 2nd VDG Shermayne Cross – reminder of RLLI October 13-15; Zone chairs remind clubs that Club Excellence awards go to IPDG Kathleen by August 31; International Marketing Award due February 1 (MD5M website), Kindness award (August 15) Goal: support DG and as district administrator – contact each club that has not reported in the last 3 months.
  - DG Christy Trutnau – presented to IPDG Kathleen the District Governor Award.
    - Thanked Lions for saying yes when asked to serve on the cabinet.
    - IP Dr. Patti Hill Theme – Changing the World. Environment is her priority global cause. Change does not happen all at once.



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- Adjournment
  - Motion by PDG Mike Vos, second by Lion Wanda Breimhorst to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

#### Cabinet Meetings:

- Sunday, October 29, 2023 - Victoria Lions Club House, Victoria
- Friday, February 9, 2024 - District 5M-2 Convention
- Sunday, May 19, 2024

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Reno, NV, September 21 – 23, 2023

5M-2 Mid- Winter Convention- Country Inn & Suites, Mankato- February 9-11, 2024

MD5M Multiple Convention- Winnipeg, MB – April 19-21, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Koenen  
Cabinet Secretary  
Lions District 5M-2