



5M-2 Lions' News



January 2025

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Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor

Glenn and I had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas with our family and friends, hoping you all did as well. The time goes by so fast, just as the Lions year does. Can you believe we are halfway through? The district is well on our way to meeting our goals for the year. The

Convention Committee and DG Team are working on the final touches for the convention and are looking forward to a rocking good time. If you have not registered, you have the month of January to get it done. Convention booklets will be ordered in mid-January, and we use the number of registrations to determine the number to order and soon after our food counts are due. There will be a special edition of the newsletter released in early January containing all the information you need for the convention.

In the past I have not necessarily had a new year's resolution or a goal for the next year. In some ways I feel I am setting myself up to fail and in other ways it can be good to have something to focus on. At our first cabinet meeting I challenged the team to write down one goal for the year. When we meet at the convention the team will have an opportunity to review and adjust those goals. Instead of a new year's resolution, I am going to take the time to reflect on what we wanted to accomplish as a district and with the help of the cabinet adjust if needed. While we are in good position, are there areas where we can stretch ourselves or do we need to adjust others?



The DG Team would like to hear from the Lions in the district. What would you like to see us work on? Are there ideas you have as to how we can do more service, spread the word on what Lions are and what we do? Where are we excelling and where can we be more effective? At any time you can send an email to any member of the DG Team or to any cabinet member. Contact information is located within the newsletter.

The zone chairs will be meeting in early January to begin planning for the spring zone meetings. Each zone will have their own meeting, and each zone chair will be reaching out to clubs to host. If you have not hosted a

Happy New Year

zone meeting in the past this is a great opportunity to get involved. The zone chair and DG Team can assist with planning. If you have an idea for a speaker share it with our zone chair. Lion Julie Beckius our Global Service Team chair is working on a service project we will do at each zone chair meeting. This is also a good time to reach out to our foundations to speak at your club, the list of contacts can be found in this newsletter.

Wishing you all the best in 2025. Happy New Year –

DG Lisa

**"Well we all shine on, like the moon,
and the stars and the sun."**

John Lennon



From the 5M-2 DG Team:
Lions Lisa, Shermayne & Chuck

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District Governor Team

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Submit newsletter articles to: 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com



We Serve

Happy New Year Lions of 5M-2



Lion Shermayne Cross
1st Vice District Governor

In a blink of an eye, 2024 is over and 2025 is here. Well, not really a blink but the older I get the faster each year seems to go by. Christmas Eve was delightful with the boys and their families being home. We only missed one granddaughter as she and her family are living in Japan. Thank goodness for facetime!

We are half-way through the Lion year, I have 4 more club visits to attend and then I will have completed all that have been assigned to me. Such fun visiting the clubs, learning about the service projects they are doing, installing officers, inducting new members and meeting so many great Lions. You all exemplify the work of "We Serve".



The Mid-Winter conventions have begun throughout the

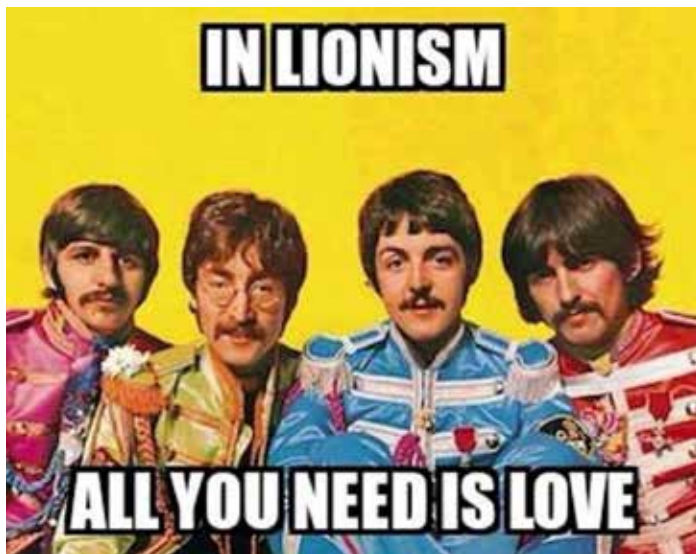
multiple. I'm looking forward to attending several of them to be with my fellow FVDG Governors and to experience their hospitality, fellowship and maybe learn a new idea here or there. Have you registered for our Mid-Winter yet? It is February 14-16 at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato. A special Convention newsletter addition will be out in early January. Please watch for it.

Is there one outstanding Lion in your club that works tireless on projects, always giving a 100 percent or more or a Lion that does service with joy and happiness in just being able to help others? The Zone Lion of the Year is a great way to recognize that person. Nomination forms are in the newsletter, fill it out, have your Club President sign it then mail/email it to me no later than February 28th. I will be awarding one Lion from each zone for this award at the Spring Zone Meetings in April and May. I would love to have a nominations from each club!

Emerging Lion Leadership Institute (ELLI) is scheduled for March 14-16 at the Holiday Inn in Wilmar. If you are interested in pursuing a leadership role in your club this is an excellent opportunity to learn new skills, the history of LCI and LCIF, collaborate with a diverse group of Lions and have FUN.

Happy 135th Birthday to Melvin Jones on January 13.

**Be Kind, Help Others, Have Fun,
and Make a Difference in YOUR Community!!**



DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

January 2025

- 3-5 - 5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention
- 7 - Watertown DG Team Visit
- 10 - 5M-5 Mid-Winter Convention
- 11-12 - 5M-6 Mid-Winter Convention
- 13 - Melvin Jones Birthday!!!
- 14 - Lafayette DG Team Visit
- 17-18 - 5M-11 Mid-Winter Convention
- 20 - Glencoe DG Team Visit
- 24 - 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
- 25-26 - 5M-4 Mid-Winter Convention



Hello Fellow Lions!



Chuck Toltzman
2nd Vice District Governor

Happy New Year's Lions. I hope everyone has gotten through the holidays safe and healthy

I have always felt that January is a reset month. We have gone through twelve months of all kinds of ups and downs and plans that did or did

not come to fruition. But in January we can reset those plans. We can feel good about the next twelve months. The dreams and plans that we make today are there for the next twelve months.

With January comes New Year's resolutions. Lions Clubs can have New Year's resolutions. In their clubs they can have resolutions by getting one new member for the year or they can have a new project to work on for the year. Your club can have a resolution to send someone to ELLI or RLLI. Well, they are not really resolutions, but they can be plans. The new year is often a way to reset your plans from the past year. Even though the Lion's year is only halfway through. It is still a good time to look at your club's future for the new year.

Lions' individually also can take a look at their resolutions for their participation in their club. It is a good time to

look at what they want to do when the new Lions year comes in July. Maybe make your mark by being the Club Secretary or the Club President. Perhaps, you want to join the district cabinet in some capacity. Like maybe become a trustee on any of the many foundations that Lions have. Those Lions that have been club presidents can maybe think about becoming a Zone chair for next year or for the next two years. This would be a great time to let the District Cabinet know of your intentions.

Do not forget to sign up for the Midwinter Convention in February. All clubs will have delegates to be assigned to the convention in by the end of January. There is a lot of openings yet available for the Midwinter Convention. Please come and have a great time. "Lions Rock".

Have a safe January. The weather sometimes does not cooperate with Lions Meetings in January.

1939: Lion William Stoltz of Williamsport PA appeals to local Lions clubs, YMCAs, and other community partners to provide organized baseball program for children. On June 6th, the very first Little League baseball game is played at Park Point in Williamsport.

1944: the first eye bank was created in New York City. Today, most eye banks are Lion sponsored.

I am here to help you help others.

Welcome

New Lions Club Members

Albert Lea: James Peterson Carver: Katie Carmelich Shane Carmelich Tony Lotzer Chanhassen: Sharlene James-Whited	Jordan Jordanness: Barbara Goodman Annie Shurson Cindy Soller Lori Steckman Le Sueur: Allison Beggs	Shakopee Valley: Pamela Smith Victoria: Jonathon Adam Bill Foudray Lance Klehr Joe Oprosko Andy Poncin Chad Thompson Waconia Dandylions: Stacy Bertossi	Waterville: Karen Morris
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Year to Date: 12/26/2024

Membership Metrics

2,288

Total Membership

95

Drop Members in FY

128

Members Added in FY

33

Net Growth in FY

1.44%

Net Growth in FY%

2024-2025 Goals

205 Members Added
4 Net Growth
1 New Club





**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

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PIP Douglas X. Alexander was our International President from 2021-2022. He is from Brooklyn, New York and his theme was "Service from the Heart".

LCIF Gala "Go for the Gold"

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites St. Cloud

75 37th Avenue South

St. Cloud, MN 563011

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Who wants to get their Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque or Progressive pin presented by Past International President Douglas X. Alexander??? Have I got the opportunity for YOU!

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find the personal balance you donated to LCIF. If you have donated \$1,000 and want to be presented with an MJF plaque (or PMJF pin for each additional \$1,000) by PIP Doug Alexander, then you will need to order your plague/pin by Feb 18, 2025.

You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you are attending. If you or your club want to present someone with a Melvin Jones Fellowship/or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, the same criteria applies. Remember this Gala is not for Lions members only. Invite people who are interested in learning about our Foundation and what it does. This year, there will be stories shared from around our Multiple about the impact our Foundation/Grants had on the community.

Registrations are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator, MD5M Website, and District/MD Newsletters and will be available at your District Conventions. The cost is \$45 for each person, or if you prefer, you can purchase a table of 8 for \$500 that comes with perks. There is a PayPal, Venmo, or check option to register.

The Gala will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Saint Cloud. There will be a costume contest with a Gold Theme. A tentative agenda will be posted as the Gala gets closer. Remember this is a FUN-Raiser...and there will be a cash bar.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a booking link with the Holiday Inn is in the registration form.

WooHoo - Get your Lion on!!! I would love to help you with any questions.

Anna Wickenhauser 952-913-1467 or lionannaw@gmail.com



MD5M “Go for the Gold Gala”

March 29, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites
75 37th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Name _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Club: _____

Tickets: Individual \$45.00 Tables of 8 \$ 500.00

Pay online or return Registration form, no later than March 14, 2025.

Make checks payable to: **LCIF Gala**

c/o Rose Thies

21515 371st Ave.

Green Isle, MN 55338

Pay online by Venmo or PayPal, please scan or email your registration form to: rthies001@gmail.com or 612-756-1316.

- **PayPal:** Rosemary Thies paypal.me/GreenIsleLions
- Venmo: [@Rose-Thies](https://venmo.com/Rose-Thies)

Lunch Menu

Choice of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian)

Choice of Penne, Cavatappi or Gluten-free Penne

Choose two of Grilled Chicken, Meatballs, Broccoli or Mushrooms

Choice of Garlic Alfredo or Marinara

Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread sticks

Dessert: Cupcakes

Hotel Accommodations: Book Directly to Holiday Inn & Suites by calling 615-321-8259 (mention 2025 Lions Club)

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&locateCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=STCMN&PMID=99801505&GPC=LIO7cn=no&viewfullsite=true> to book online. Block held until, **Monday, March 3, 2025.**



**District 5M-2 MidWinter Convention
February 14-16, 2025
Country Inn & Suites
1900 Premier Dr., Mankato, MN 56001**



ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION PREFERRED:



Scan the above QR code or go to
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/a323e4e8-8e97-45e0-a127-ae01fa466df7>
Pay attention to the service fee, you can select other and enter \$0.

FOR PAPER REGISTRATION:

Complete one form for each person attending.

Attendee Information: ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Spouse/Guest ☐ 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	Email address:
Address:	City, State & Zip Code:	
Phone Number:	Club Name:	

Instructions:

- Register online or Return Registration Form no later than January 31, 2025.
- For paper registration you can pay via Venmo or mail a paper check with your form.
 - Checks Made Payable To: District 5M-2 Convention
 - Mail To: Jean Hess
8682 Flamingo Drive
Chanhassen, MN 55317



Include convention
when completing
transaction.

Convention Costs:

- Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person and **applies to all attendees** including non-Lions.
- On-site registration will be limited, and no meals will be available for purchase.

Meal Options:

If you have dietary restrictions, please email: jhess1966@gmail.com

<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch - Family Style (Ham & Turkey Wraps, Chips, Pasta Salad, Cookies)	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet (Salad, Vegetable, Dessert)	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> Champagne Chicken(GF) <input type="checkbox"/> Walleye	
Total Registration (\$30) + Meals	

Hotel Accommodations: Book directly with the Country Inn & Suites by calling (507) 225-0007 or type the following into a browser: www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HU19T1 to book online.

- Rate \$129 per night, mention 5M-2 Lions 2025 or code HU19T1 to secure this rate.
- Continental breakfast is included.
- Block held until Tuesday, January 14, 2024.



District 5M-2 Lions Club Delegate Roster



Form must be completed and returned by February 1st.

Club Name _____

Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for every 10 members or major fraction (5) thereof.

Number of Club Members: _____

Number of Delegates: _____

List of Club Delegates:

Print Name:

**Initial at
check-in:**

Email Address:

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

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5. _____

6. _____

6. _____

District Governors who will be voting - DO NOT include in delegate counts.

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

IMPORTANT: If the delegate form is not completed and returned by February 1st you will not be able to pick-up your credentials and vote at the Mid-Winter Convention.

The delegate form can be sent via U.S. Mail or Email to the addresses below:

Mail: Lion Pamela Koenen, Cabinet Secretary
62702 150th St.
Alden, MN 56009

Email: pkkoenen@gmail.com

If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members.

Appendix 29.0

MD5M HALL OF FAME

Procedure

Purpose

To honor those Lion members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and they are in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and they should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lions Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Appendix 30.0
MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

District _____

Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____
Address _____
Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service, Family,
Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects, and awards.
(Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.)

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Midwinter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form shall be accepted and the nomination shall only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.
The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee



2024



District 5M-2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is unique to District 5M-2 and provides us the opportunity to recognize one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies Lions Clubs International Centennial motto: "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion". Each Club is encouraged to nominate one member who deserves this recognition; it can be anyone in your Club.

Zone Lion of the Year recognitions will be made during the 2025 Spring Zone meetings. The Club President or person designated by him/her is asked to complete this application and return it to 1VDG Shermayne Cross no later than February 28, 2025, by either US Mail or email.

Mail to: 1VDG Shermayne Cross
18209 Roberds Lake Blvd
Faribault, MN 55021
Email: shermayne.c@live.com

Please write a brief description of the Lion being nominated including information on number of years as a Lion, participation in Club activities, offices held and/or involvement in your community. You may use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.

The Club president must sign this form.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Zone 5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Zone 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Zone 6 <input type="checkbox"/>
Zone 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Zone 7 <input type="checkbox"/>
Zone 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	Zone 8 <input type="checkbox"/>

Club President _____
(Signature) (Date)



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Lion Wendy Goldsmith

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Lion Hilary Wickenhauser

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Happy New Year to everyone! We wish you peace and prosperity in the new year.

Our Mid-Winter Convention is on the horizon. Please remember the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation in your Parade of Green donations! Your support helps the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the Lions Eye Surgery Center, the MAC Center, and many ophthalmology research efforts. And every gift is appreciated.

Donations can be brought to the convention or mailed to a director (see info at left). Please make sure that checks are made out to "Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation," which is a 501(c)(3) entity. Gifts qualify you for Helen Keller awards. As ever, thank you for being Knights of the Blind.

Parade of Green for TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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

To this end, in the Lions 2024-25-year TSF has begun awarding quarterly Matching Grants for up to \$3,000.00 per application. With the continued Parade of Green Contributions from 5M2 clubs and MD5M clubs, for the last 3 years, the TSF has been able to award the following grants:

1st Quarter Grants awarded 2024.

- ☐ Princeton Lions to purchase a new refrigerator for their local food shelf.
- ☐ Sauk Rapids Lions to assist in the purchase of a Lions statue for their Lions Park.

2nd Quarter Grants awarded 2024.

- ☐ Lamberton Lions to make upgrades to their "Age-Friendly" community park.
- ☐ Buffalo Lions to assist with the purchase of a splashpad for the local park.
- ☐ Kimball Lions to purchase visual aid equipment for a visually impaired child.

We are proud of our Lions Clubs in 5M2 and the service they provide to their communities! With TSF matching

grants we can empower clubs to have a greater impact with their projects. All it takes is to fill out a grant application!

Grant applications are reviewed by the Board and awarded quarterly. To obtain the grant application, go to our website at teamsheehan.foundation. When you have it filled out, email it to TSF Director Lion Joan Blank @ lion-joanblank@gmail.com.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION through the Parade of Green.

Lion Joan Blank

TSF 5M2 Director





Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Lions All:

Lions and Leos from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be gathering at the MD5M Convention on April 25 – 27, 2025. During these three days at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota, this assembled group of community activists will be doing more than just attending meals and handing out awards. Everyone at the convention will have an opportunity to learn and grow as a Lion or Leo.

Contrary to what some think, the MD5M Convention is not just for DGs, PDGs, PCCs, PIDs, IDs, or anyone else who has initials in front of their name. The annual multiple district convention is for all Lions and Leos to attend and to enjoy. This is an opportunity for everyone to focus on increasing and strengthening their leadership skills, explore different opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build their knowledge on Lions' causes, share their personal experiences, and learn new ways to make a difference in their communities and across the world.

Here are a few important things to help you consider attending the MD5M Convention:

Fellowship – With a collection of 300-400 Lions and Leos on hand, you will have something in common with everyone there. You'll be able to immediately connect and network with the other convention attendees. This will open you up to opportunities for sharing ideas, information, and experiences. You can take this knowledge back to your club for others to hear and for your club to possibly utilize in your events and projects.

Seminars & Guest Speakers – There will be presentations made by some wonderful speakers at seminars and during the convention meals. Many of these speakers are people who have benefited from the Lions' supported programs they come to represent. You will be moved and inspired after hearing their stories and are encouraged to share their tales with your family and fellow Lions/Leos.

Convenience - All the MD5M Convention activities will be housed at the Hilton Minneapolis–Saint Paul Airport hotel. No need to worry about taking shuttle buses back and forth between different hotels. Room rates are very reasonable, so that means you can bring the family along with you. While you're busy with your fellow Lions/Leos, they might want to hang out by the pool or go spend some time at the Mall of America, IKEA, or some other nearby shopping and dining destinations.

So, what are you waiting for? You can register for the MD5M Convention by using the link provided below:
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention?usp=sharing>

You can reserve your room at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport hotel by calling **(952) 854-2100** and ask for the **"Lions 2025 Convention"** rate of **\$119.00** per night plus taxes and fees.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the MD5M Convention in April 2025.

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



Ignite the Lions Pride

MD5M Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025



Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our current International President, Fabrício Oliveira, will be at our multiple district convention. His presence gives you the opportunity to engage with him and to learn more about the work being done by our international association across the globe.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, International President Fabrício has held several offices in the association. In recognition of his service as a Lion and to the association, he has received several awards including multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, Leadership Medals, Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. International President Fabrício and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

International President Fabrício's theme for this year is Make Your Mark. The IP believes there's a leader inside every Lion. And all leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. This inspiration and empowerment make our communities healthier and stronger than ever before, thus making our mark in the process. Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so it is time to act!

IP Fabrício will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Take advantage of hearing on how you can make your mark as a Lion from the man who has envisioned it. Come to the MD5M 2025 Convention, hear IP Fabrício's inspirational words, and take them back to your community to share with your fellow Lions. Please register today for the MD5M 2025 Convention!

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee

CONGRATULATIONS 5M-2 LIONS on a successful district wide Fall Service Project!!



Lions from across District 5M-2 joined forces during the fall zone meetings to support the need of Hunger. Hunger is one DG Lisa's global causes that she and her district leadership team will focus on during this Lions year, to answer the call for service together.

Here are the amazing results:

Zone	Food Donated	Money Donated	Food Shelf
1 & 3	84 lbs.	\$163.00	McLeod Food Shelf
2 & 4	187 lbs.	\$432.00	Norwood Young America Area
5 & 6	143 lbs.	\$230.00	Montgomery Area
7 & 8	37 lbs.	\$210.00	New Richland Area
	451 lbs.	\$1,035.00	Totals

Thank you Lions, your generosity and commitment to your clubs, your communities, and to the greater Lions organization is truly awe-inspiring!



Kidsight is going strong and we hope all you Lions will take note of the opportunity to help us celebrate our founder Melvin Jones birthday. It occurs during the week of January 12th and Lions International has asked the Kidsight program to find ways to get all of our cameras in use. We have some of the days already scheduled so if other clubs can find a way to make use of a camera you need to contact Lion Carrol or PDG Lion Harry. We have 4 cameras that are foundation owned so they are available January 12th, Monday January 13th, Wednesday January 15th, Saturday January 18th and Sunday January 19th. 2 cameras are available on Tuesday January 14th and 1 on January 16th. Those clubs who have their own cameras should also try to schedule something that week.

When doing screenings, it is also important to get the information to either Lions Carrol or Harry your District Cochair for Kidsight. We have to forward the information to the Multiple District Chairman and to the USA Kidsight program. The numbers that you screen and how many that you refer are the most important to keep track of for our reporting. Also, we would like the different indicators that the cameras find. This information is reviewed by ophthalmologists for medical purposes and to improve the program.

We have screened over 3000 kids already in our District



and have many more screenings scheduled. There are schools in our District 5M-2 that are getting aboard with Kidsight. It is important to get your school nurses on board with this program. If you can get someone who knows the nurse to talk to a nurse from a school like Prior Lake did, you can get your school to participate in the Kidsight Program.

We need to remember this program started with 6-month-olds to 6-year-olds, so don't forget to look for Daycares in your community. Also, we are going to 18 years of age now with screenings. Studies have found as children go through puberty with their physical changes, their eyes are also changing. Some of this is due to computer use and cell phones with the blue lighting they project. All the kids in the community are important. So, think of breakfasts, dinners you may be hosting that children attended in the past, another avenue to promote Lionism.

Parade of Green is coming at Midwinter. Please remember Kidsight with your clubs' donations. Thank you.

Thanks to all of you that working on this program and feel free to contact either of your directors if you would like to learn more about this program or if we can train or retrain more Lions. Any Questions can be forwarded to Lion Harry at 952-445-0289 or 952-913-8134 or Lion Carrol at 952-467-2674.

PEACE

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

"Peace Without Limits"

Thank you to the 21 clubs (33% of district) that participated in the Peace Poster Contest. There were a total of 26 posters submitted for judging by these clubs. The theme was a bit challenging this year but it was captured beautifully by some of the entries.

Lion Trish Gieseke had 2 judges from the Lafayette/Nicollet area judge and I had 2 judges from the Hamburg & Winthrop area judge all of the posters. We were lucky that all 4 judges liked the same posters which made our life easier!



The clubs that submitted the top 3 winning posters will be notified in early January. Thanks again for participating in the Peace Poster contest and giving the youth in your area schools an opportunity to express themselves through their art and to earn a little prize money in doing so.

Lions Diana Kroells & Trisha Gieseke

District Peace Poster Chairpersons

**CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY
OF THE FOUNDING FATHER OF
LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

MELVIN JONES
January 13th, 1879

“ You can't get very far
until you start doing
something for somebody else. ”



EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ELLI



Date: March 14-16, 2025

Location: Holiday Inn, Wilmar



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

You qualify for trainings if you:

- Have NOT served as Club President
- Are a current member in good standing
- Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.
- Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas
- Like having FUN!!!!

Participants are required to:

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

**Applications due by
Friday, February 6, 2025**

**Applications are due to the
District Governor**

**Questions, please reach out to
your GLT Chair or
your District Governor**



Lions Clubs International – Networking matters!

"I wonder what other Lions' clubs are doing for events/projects?"

"I wonder how they are promoting these activities?"

"How can we let other Lions' clubs know about what our club is doing?"



How often have you or your fellow Lions club members thought or said these phrases? Whether you are looking to promote your club's upcoming or annual events or are interested in hearing about other Lions clubs activities in your area, you may have a perfect opportunity to accomplish both of these tasks in the next couple of months.

Mid-Winter conventions will be taking place all over MD5M over the course of the next couple of months, with the exception of 5M13 who held their convention this past November. These annual events bring Lions from across your district, and also the multiple district, to get together for fun and fellowship. If you or someone from your club plans to attend a Mid-Winter convention, you should plan ahead to take advantage of this opportunity.



When heading out to a Mid-Winter convention, make sure to take along materials for promoting your club events or projects to pass along to attendees. Flyers, posters, information cards, and other promotional materials should be on hand and in plentiful supply. Make sure your club convention attendees have all the details about what activities you are promoting so they can confidently speak about the events.

The other thing your club's representatives at the convention should be doing is listening to other Lions. Please have those Lions talk to others about what those Lions' clubs are doing for activities in their communities. Learning about these events can provide your club with the information needed to organize support from your club for their activities from your club members.

Another thing to ask other Lions at the convention about is how they promote their club and its projects. You may learn new and effective ways to bring attention to your own club and what it brings to your community. Ask for details on who manages promotion and advertising in those other clubs and do not hesitate to share your own marketing methods. Let us help each other with focusing more attention upon Lions and all the benefits they bring to our local communities.

Please remember to network with your fellow Lions at the Mid-Winter convention. You can not only have some fun there, but you can also return to your club with some valuable information to benefit your marketing efforts.

Lion Lyle Goff
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair
gofflt@msn.com





DISTRICT 5M-2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST 2024-2025

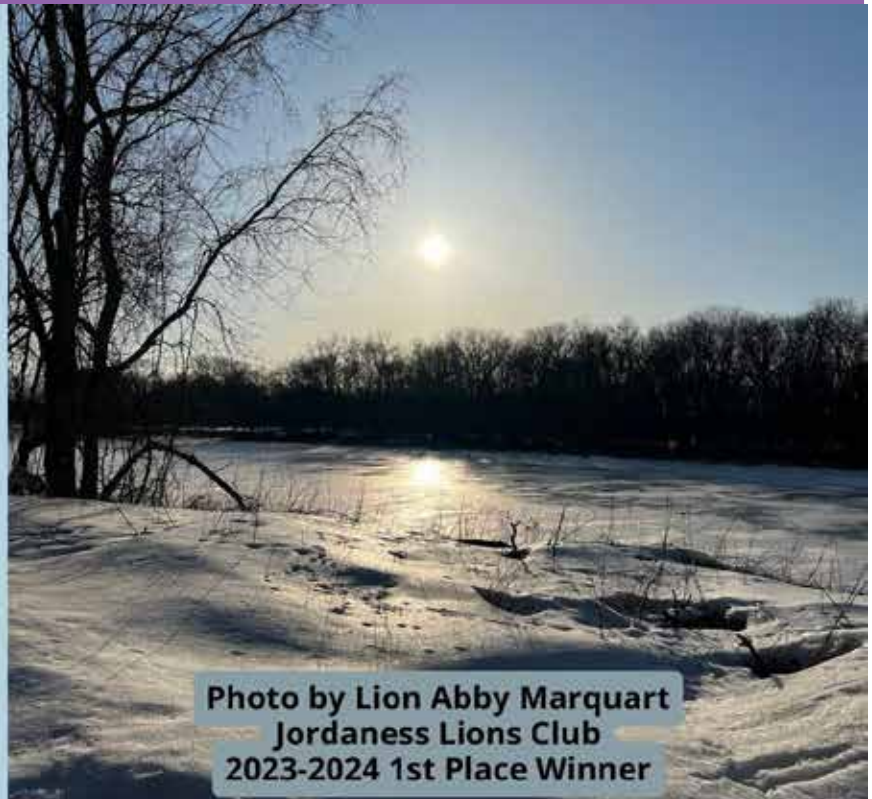


Photo by Lion Abby Marquart
Jordaness Lions Club
2023-2024 1st Place Winner

WHO CAN ENTER:

The 2024-2025 Environmental Photo Contest is open to Lions and Leos in District 5M-2

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

- Photo must depict a nature theme (i.e. plants, animals, landscape, weather, etc.)
- Photo must have been taken in 2024
- Photo must be original and unaltered
- Photo must have been taken by the submitting Lion or Leo
- Photo must depict the local environment of the community the Lion or Leo serves
- Photo must not include people. Photos that include people will be disqualified
- Photo must be printed on high-quality **photo** paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm)

JUDGING

- **New for 2024-2025:** All winners will be People's Choice winners!
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, based on voting at the Midwinter Convention.
- Voting will take place at the convention from Friday, February 14 through the morning of Saturday, February 15.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Each Lions and Leo club in District 5M-2 is invited to select and submit **one** entry by January 17, 2025
- Mail the photo entry along with the Entry Form to:

Lion Diane Hesse
22425 Helena Blvd
Jordan, MN 55352

Questions? Contact 5M-2 Environmental Chair: Lion Diane Hesse
liondianehesse@gmail.com



**5M-2 Environmental Photo Contest
2024-2025 ENTRY FORM**

Name of Photographer:	
Lions or Leo Club of Photographer:	
Email of Photographer:	
Title of Photo:	
Date Photo was Taken:	
Place Photo was Taken:	

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Kelli was a second-grade teacher for her profession, but in her spare time, she loved to ride horses. A fall from a horse in 2020, though, changed her life.

After an eight-day coma scare, Kelli began recovery from a traumatic brain injury that affected the function of the right side of her body. Her right eye no longer focuses correctly due to nerve damage; she is forced to use her left, non-dominant hand for many tasks; and she uses a cane to account for balance issues.

The many adjustments in her life and the multiple therapies she regularly undergoes quickly created a financial impact for her and her husband, Tim. It was at a fundraising event for Kelli when a Carver Lion's Club member suggested Can Do Canines.

Having assistance in the home, like what a skilled dog can provide, seemed like a perfect solution for the couple. Kelli explains, "With my husband being a full-time teacher, I spent all day home by myself. If I dropped something (my cane, TV remote, cell phone), it would be very difficult for me to pick up by myself ... due to my balance issues." She adds, "My biggest risk is if I were to fall. I would have no way to help myself back up, or even call for help. My balance can be very good on one day, and very different the next day, so that is always a fear of mine."

Fear-relief soon flowed to her, embodied in Mobility Assist Dog Ripple. Kelli describes Ripple—a black Lab mix with a distinguishing tuft of white fur on her chest—as warm and attentive. "When my husband lets her out of her kennel in the mornings, she always runs to find me in bed. She is ready to walk with me right to the bathroom. She then waits for me to be done getting ready for the day."

Ripple's daily lesson plans are full of helpful tasks for Kelli. "She can easily get my cane if I drop it. She will bring me the laundry basket now so my husband doesn't have to" (which previously, had sometimes been a special trip home at lunchtime). "I know if I fall down, I can have her push the 'get help' button on our wall so someone can come help me," says Kelli. "I love how responsive she has always been to my needs."

That responsiveness puts Tim at ease, too. Kelli shares, "I'm happy my husband has peace of mind knowing she is with me to help."

Ripple's personality and skills are surging a wave of self-assuredness for Kelli. "I now feel more confident to walk longer distances around the house knowing she is always with me. I feel more independent in certain tasks because she helps me ... I feel whole because she is with me during the day." The added affection Ripple offers is a definite bonus, with Kelli sharing, "I love when she puts her head on my feet when I'm watching TV or reading a book so I know she is there."

This former teacher has learned the real meaning of "a Ripple effect" in her life and acknowledges those who helped raise and train her assistance dog. "I just want to say thank you for all you do to make these dogs the special angels that they are to so many! Without your skill set to work with these precious animals, so many would not be able to realize their true potential moving forward in their lives."



Thank you to all those who made this partnership possible:

Whelping Home — Rick and Patti Dougherty

Raisers — Annie Goldberg, Ramirez Family, The Weber Family

Special Thanks — Federal Correctional Institution-Waseca



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

What's new with the Hearing Foundation? The Foundation has purchased Hearing Screening Machines for each district. We are now prepared to conduct hearing screenings for schools, senior groups etc. Please contact PDG Kathleen or Lions Wanda for more information or to schedule your group.

Kathleen and I attended an open house for the new Temporal Bone Lab at the University. Twenty years ago the Lions were instrumental in the building of a lab. And now we are proud to be instrumental in the new state of the art lab.

Don't forget to collect and turn in used hearing aids.

PDG Kathleen and I would like to attend club meetings and share information on the Foundation.

Trustees: Lion Wanda Breimhorst and PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg



Leader Dog's programs give people the tools, skills and confidence to travel independently. Our Orientation and Mobility (white cane skills) and Guide Dog programs are for people 16 or older whose daily travel is impacted by vision loss. Teen Summer Camp and Youth Orientation and Mobility are for teens 16 and 17. All our programs are free. If vision loss is holding you back, we can help.

Leader Dog is 100% philanthropically funded. We believe everyone living with vision loss deserves access to the services they need to travel safely and confidently, so all our programs are provided at \$0 cost to our clients. We rely on the generosity of people like you who share our mission to empower people who are blind to change their lives through independent travel.

The above statements are copied the Leader Dog's website. Lions are an important supporter of Leader Dog Programs. Recently, their sponsor a Puppy Campaign was in progress. It

raises funds to raise puppies in their program. If, you are able to look up the Puppy Raising graduation poster form this past year. Please Look for the Chocolate Lab named "Rusty". The Prior Lake Lions sponsored Rusty in honor of the late Lion Gerald Ziskovsky whom would have been our District Governor this year. The biggest Leader Dog philosophy is giving Blind freedom to travel and work in today world at NO COST TO THE RECIPIENT OF THE DOG.

Please consider donations to Leader Dog for the Blind at the 5M2 Midwinter convention. Your support will be well used to assist with Helen Keller's request to be "Knight's of the Blind against Darkness." Leader Dog is committed to assisting visually impaired individuals.

Please Contact Lion Loretta Klenke at lm.klenke@outlook.com or Lion Lori Kurtz at lokurtz@yahoo.com for visit to learn more about Leader Dog. Thank You.



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2024 – 2025 school year that there will be **6 US \$2,500** scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (6), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (3) and Virginia (6). The 2025 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2025.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.

4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2025** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Carver Lions

The Carver Lions hosted another successful annual brunch in early November. We served 470 people, including 67 veterans and first responders. Thirty-five volunteers worked 196.5 hours! We even had a few volunteers from the Chaska Lions.



We had a visit from District Governor Lisa, our December blood drive, Village Christmas and senior luncheon.

During DC Lisa's visit, she inducted a new member and handed out chevrons.

Santa made the quite the entrance on the fire truck during his Village Hall Christmas visit.

And we had a record breaking senior luncheon.



Jordan Lions



Jordan Lions at the Jordan Dazzle Parade.



Jordan Lions Breakfast with Santa

Arlington Lions



Left: Zone Chair Denny Hewitt visits our club.

Below: 2nd VDG Chuck Toltzmann presents PDG Nancy her 30 Year Chevron



Below: Lions Nancy, Diana & Duane (Hamburg Club) and a community member, Galen, sort plastic for our 5th bench to the community.



Below: Plastic sorting with Lions Nancy, Diana & Jason



Above: 2nd VDG Chuck plays along with the Christmas Party games.

Below: Lions Linda Toltzmann, Jason, Eunice & guest Loretta enjoy the games



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

Waconia Lions

The Waconia Lions club paid postage for over 300 packages to be sent to service members deployed overseas in our Military Mailing project.



The Waconia Lions club purchased and delivered over 550 poinsettias to members in 8 of our senior living facilities around Waconia.



We took some time to celebrate our amazing year and of course our phenomenal DandyLions members! We got in the holiday spirit with festive sweaters, a white elephant game and having some fun as a club! We are looking forward to a 2025!



The DandyLions are working hard to shop and deliver our gifts for grands. We dropped off presents at our local nursing homes.



Waconia DandyLions



\$25* a golfer - Please include a Team name if you want to be grouped together with others registering separately.

Saturday, January 25, 2025. No set tee times - hop on the course anytime between 12:00 and 2:00! Registration starts at 11:30 AM.

*Ticket gets you a fun afternoon of 9 holes of snow golf! We supply the tennis balls, and YOU bring the golf club of choice! Think hockey stick, broom, tee-ball bat or a simple golf club!

NEW THIS YEAR - Best Dressed Team Contest!!

** Cash Only ** Bring cash as the raffles and food / drink will be cash only. No credit card availability, no ATM on site.

Food and Beverages Available for sale at event (Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic - no outside alcohol allowed). Event is 21 and over. Mike Bustin (mikebustin.com) will be our entertainment for the day! He will play from 1:00pm - 4:30pm.

Profits from the day (registration, games, food & beverages) will be split between Two great causes *The Hope Chest for Breast Cancer (hopechest.com) and The Waconia DandyLions*

Big turnout for LaFayette Area Lions Santa Day

Article and Photos by Ruth Klossner

Sandwiched between two cold and windy days, Lafayette's Santa Day, Tuesday, December 10, had the best weather of the week. It was chilly, with a few flakes of snow falling here and there, but it wasn't a bad day. The event was held at the Lafayette Community Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

More than 100 kids came to tell Santa what they want for Christmas—some from the safety of mom or dad's arms—and got a treat bag with candy, an apple, and a Beanie Baby.

The Lions prepared the goodie bags ahead of time, with help from Lafayette Study Club members. Lion Arden DeBoer donated apples for the bags and the Maidl family provided the Beanie Babies.

Santa Day was family affair with everyone enjoying hot chocolate, cookies, milk, hotdogs and chips.

Members and leaders of the Bernadotte 4-H manned the hot chocolate bar, Citizens Bank served cookies and milk, and the Lions provided hot dogs and chips for a free will offering. Proceeds from that offering have been deposited

in the Lions Playground Fund.

For the third year, the backdrop and props were borrowed from Linda and Troy Havemeier of Courtland and were a big hit.

With no wind, the Lions had a fire pit outside and roasted marshmallows for s'mores, sponsored by Dave's Place.

At the end of their visit, Santa and Mrs. Claus took part in the lighting of the town's Christmas trees in the bandstand.

The Lions always make enough goodie bags to have extra—they were donated to The Lodge in Winthrop and to the Fields of Grace Sunday School.



Jenna Wenninger pondered her Christmas list while talking to Santa.

Cheri and Leon Portner's grandkids all visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mom Brook Goetting held Griffen, who was a bit shy about the whole deal. Brynlee Portner is next to her and Olivia Goetting on Santa's lap.

Winston Peterson had fun driving the little red truck that was part of the backdrop and decorations.



At the close of their visit, Santa and Mrs. Claus lit the city's Christmas trees in the bandstand in Memorial Park, next to the Lafayette Community Center.



Lafayette Area Lions sponsor lighting contest

As it's done for more than two decades, the Lafayette Area Lions Club sponsored the Christmas Home Decorating Contest in the community. All homes in Lafayette, or within six miles of town, were eligible for cash prizes. Homes outside of town were asked to sign up to take part.

The club planned to recognize 10 decorated homes but, when the judges couldn't agree on the tenth, it was decided to award 11 equal prizes. Each received a \$25 gift card to either the C-Store or Dave's Place.

The judges, from the Nicollet Lions Club, were driven up and down every street in town to select the winners. They found that many homes—in addition to those that won prizes—were decorated, making the town very attractive.

A few of the winning entries are pictured here.



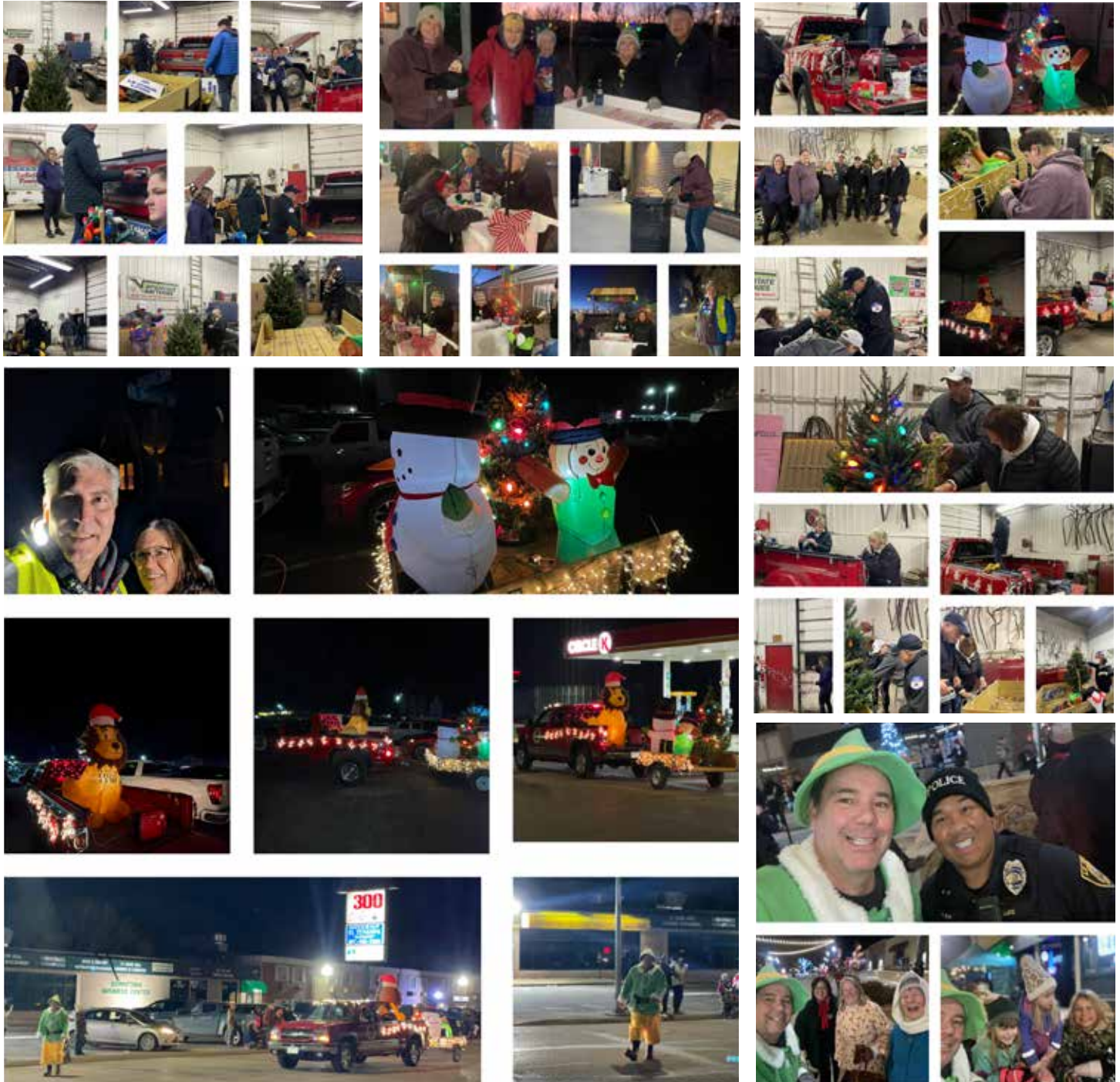
Wells Lions

The Wells Lions support the Audie Olson Benefit with matching funds from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. Adie was diagnosed with B-Cell Leukemia in February. L to R: Jenna Schmidtke, co-chairman, Emily Rajtar, co-chairman, Lion Andrea Groskreutz, Lion Bill Groskreutz, Jr., Audie Olsen, Jayme Olsen and Travis Williams.



Le Sueur Lions

On Friday, December 6th, the Le Sueur Lions Club took part in Christmas in the Valley, distributing an assortment of candy canes to visitors at our food cart. Additionally, several Lions members assisted with street closures for the Parade of Lights and ensured that barrels remained lit to provide warmth for the crowd. The Le Sueur Lions would also like to extend their gratitude to Steve and Wendy at La Belle's Alignment for allowing the Lions to utilize their heated garage while assembling our float for the Parade of lights.



Veseli Lions

In October, we had a Trunk or Treat and had a great turnout for our small town! We truly enjoyed seeing the cutest little Lion ever! And in November and December, we were busy! We had our annual Turkey Bingo, Served our local famous Vomacka at the Svaty Miklaus (Czech Christmas) in Montgomery, and had our annual Children's Christmas party. Not to mention our weekly Bingo every Thursday night and our Meat Raffles every 2nd Saturday of the month. All located in Veseli at Brewsters.



Hamburg Lions

The Hamburg Lions had a packed house for thier annual Turkey Bingo in November. So full, they ran out of chairs.



Jordaness Lions



In this season of giving thanks, the Jordanness club is grateful to those who donated to the Jordan Area Food Shelf during the club's recent Holiday Fashion Show. Collections at the event included \$302 in cash donations, and 375 pounds of food! In addition, the club thanks Kellgren Jabs for volunteering his time to weigh and stock the food. Kellgren is a high school student, and the grandson of Lion Deb Barker.



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Brownton Lions

Brownton Lions had a fun month. Started off with our Santa Day. We gave out 100 goodie bags & present (hard cover Christmas book) to each child. They then got to decorate a cookie & have hot chocolate!!



We held our monthly meeting which included supporting the GSL close up program. We continue to do our weekly meat raffles at the Brownton Bar & Grill. Every Saturday @ 4 pm. Come join us!!

We are planning a Spaghetti dinner on Jan 26 from 11-1pm at the Brownton Community center.

Fish fry March 21st also in the works!!

Bobby Paulson our zone 1 chair will be joining us on our January meeting.

Handed out 2 awards. Neil Winterfeldt for 25 years of being a Lion & Brenda Brelje for becoming a new member.

We enjoyed supper catered from the Brownton Bar & Grill for our clubs Christmas party. Played some bingo & right, left, center dice game afterwards!! Fun had by all.

Jordan Lions Present

Football Fanatics Fun Fest!



Saturday, January 11, 2025

11:00 am – 7:00 pm (Drawings at 6:00 pm)

Jordan Tap Room at 20201 Johnson Memorial Drive

\$20 pre-sale prior to January 4; \$25 at the door

PRIZES INCLUDE:

Traeger Pro Series 575 Black Pellet Grill plus a \$100 Jordan Ace Hardware Gift Card

Two-Night Stay at Pier B Resort in Duluth, MN

\$200 Cash Prize

Additional raffle items will be available

Proceeds Benefit the Jordan Lions Scholarship Fund

Over \$306,000 raised for Jordan High School Scholarships to Date!

Contact Eric at 612.247.2419 or Ericksen1972@gmail.com for tickets.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER

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JAN 17 6:30 PM

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1211 Village Parkway – Cologne, MN

FOR EVENT UPDATES:

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www.colognelions.com

HAMBURG LIONS

Pancake & French Toast Brunch

Sunday January 19th, 2025

8:30 am to 12:00pm

Hamburg Community Hall

351 Henrietta Ave. Hamburg

Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled eggs
Beverages

Free will donation

Proceeds will be donated to
Hurricane Milton relief fund

NORTHFIELD LIONS CLUB PANCAKE & OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 19 2025

8:30am – 12:30pm

Northfield VFW Post 4393

516 Division Street

**Pancakes, Omelets,
Bacon/Sausage, Eggs, Fruit,
Juice, Coffee & More**



Celebrating Can Do Canines



Can Do Canines Fetching Ball Gala

Can Do Canines will host its annual Fetching Ball Gala on Saturday, February 22, 2025. This year's event will be held at the Radisson Blu Mall of America, and KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

We invite you to join us for this evening that celebrates the amazing teams of Can Do Canines. Enjoy dinner, inspiring stories, games, and silent and live auctions – all benefitting the organization. See candocanines.org/fetchingball for more information and to purchase tickets by February 12.

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Mid-Winter

Convention Corner

Register now!

If you have not registered, do so now. Registrations must be received by February 1, 2024.

Hotel block of rooms will be released on January 14, 2024.

Convention Dates:
February 14 – 16, 2025

In early January a special edition of the newsletter will be sent. It will contain all the convention information.

**Country Inn & Suites
Mankato, MN**



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