



5m2 Lions' News



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Aim High To Serve!

Lion Glenn Kaufmann
District Governor

Hi Lions. The 2021-22 Lion Year is halfway through and like it or not, the calendar is flipping over to 2022. Each new year brings hope and an anticipation of what the year might bring. Last year Lions started getting their feet under them again,

but this is the year our clubs look past what held us back for the last 20+ months and dive deeper into our list of 2022 service projects sitting on the shelf!!!

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HOW MANY SERVICE PROJECTS CAN WE SQUEEZE IN?

Countless 2021 Lions Club Service Projects took a back seat. Service projects and fundraising is down for many clubs, across the board. Many Lions were caught off guard on how to proceed with our projects, but we are now better prepared. Instead of waiting to get back into a normal swing of things, are there projects we can do now? This might be the best opportunity for our clubs to start something new.

"Hey Glenn, we have a lot of ideas, but we're not exactly sure how to implement them? Where do we start?"

Did you know you can find step-by-step directions for many different of service projects? Head to Lionsclubs.org and search for PROJECT PLANNERS. What will you find?

DIABETES PLANNERS

- Strides Walk to raise awareness
- Half-Day Diabetes Family Event
- Diabetes Support Group
- Healthy Eating and Healthy Living events
- Type 2 Diabetes Screening Event

VISION PLANNERS

- Family Fitness Walk
- Vision Screening for Adults and/or Children
- Vision Support Group

HUNGER PLANNERS

- Children's Nutritional Breakfast
- Direct Food Service
- Food Collection Initiative

ENVIRONMENT PLANNERS

- Tree Planting
- School Tree Planting
- Young Tree Care

CHILDHOOD CANCER PLANNERS

- Childhood Cancer Support Group
- Survivor Network Event
- Half-Day Family Camp

The ideas above are just the beginning; solutions to community needs are out there. If none of the available planners do it for you, use them as a springboard to develop your own. Don't forget to CELEBRATE too.

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Did You Know?



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
1st Vice District Governor*

I have been struggling with trying to come up with something to write about for this month's article. My mind tends to wander from one thing to the next. So here it goes.

December has been a whirlwind, I finished school for good on December 15th and have been trying to

play catch up with everything and get ready for Christmas. The one thing that keeps coming to my mind is change is a fluid thing.

Just over a year ago I made the decided to make a change in my life, quit a job I like and started school to learn more about accounting, which I love. What I didn't realize was the all-consuming time it took to keep up with the schedule and keep my grades up. Most everything else in my life was put on hold or I squeezed it in whenever I could make the time. LIONS, the garden, cooking, family time.

Since school has been done, I've been able to reconnect with family and friends. Have been able to do things that I have had time to do. Christmas was so much fun. Seeing family, I haven't seen in a few months. The subtle changes were more noticeable to me. Nieces and nephews are little, taller, and more mature. Siblings have gotten older, but it was a like we didn't miss a beat. And Mom as slowed down a little.

I feel this is what Mid-Winter 2022 is going to be like Christmas. We haven't seen many of our LIONS family in quite a long time. I am looking forward to seeing so many friends. I know it will be like no time has passed. I know I will notice subtle changes in this family. But to have the time to reconnect and catch up with each other is going to be so much fun. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

P.S. Just a friendly reminder to get your clubs Zone person of the year nomination form into me by the end of January.



THE PLUNGE IS COMING!!

Lions and Leos from 5M2 will be jumping into freezing cold water to support Special Olympics Minnesota. By Plunging, they help bring opportunity and inclusion to over 8,100 Special Olympics athletes across the entire state of Minnesota. Past years have had over 50 Lions from 5M2!

Leos and friends have participated in the previous Polar Plunges, raising almost \$10,000. That is fantastic! 5M2 would like to boast once again about having a super fun and large Lions/Leos delegation jump in 2022 at Hallet's Pond, St. Peter on Saturday, February 5th. There is a 5M2 Lions team registered at <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/5m2lions>

Just register under the team and you are set to go! Are you ready to do something wild for something good? Every dollar you raise supports Special Olympics Minnesota. You got this!

Any questions, please contact **Lion Tom Coleman** at tscole2@comcast.net or call/text (612) 357-1063.

GO 5M2 PLUNGERS! LET'S FREEZE OUR PAWS OFF TOGETHER!

Hello Lions...



*Lion Christy Trutnau
2nd Vice District Governor*

It's hard to believe 2021 is already over, where did the time go? I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and you were able to spend some time with your family and friends and create new memories! My holiday was both sad and happy, of course as most of you know my youngest son was murdered right before Christmas last year so this was our 2nd Christmas without him. My oldest daughter was recently engaged, she announced her wedding date and venue, she will be getting married 11/26/2022 at the 310 in Fari-bault. So, this is exciting for us and a nice distraction.

January brings on new beginnings for everyone. I say take this opportunity to make a new challenge in your club or restart an old challenge or try that idea you have been wanting to try and have been afraid to, the ideas are endless. There is no time like the present.

2022 is sure to bring lots of new learning and training opportunities, consider attending the upcoming events: 5M2's Mid-Winter Convention; Northern Pride Leadership Forum, MD5M's Multiple Convention and International

Convention. Watch for other exciting learning and training opportunities to come.

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

Have a Happy New Year!

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



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Once you've completed your service project, enter the details into MyLion and share your success in the district newsletter and on social media. Service Reporting helps us all to effectively tell our story, measure our impact, and grow membership.

As new Lions, we joined our club to get involved in our communities, to help fill a need. Club members are clamoring for ways to better serve their communities. One way to get an idea where your club members are interested in serving, is by just asking them. Do a quick survey or questionnaire at an upcoming meeting. Engaged members are members who stick around.

Much like the Kool-Aid Man, once your club gets excited about a project, just get out of the way, because there's no stopping them after that.



To date, 5M2 has completed 647 activities, served almost 126,000 people in our communities, with almost 20,000 volunteer hours in the books. That's with only 70% of our clubs using MyLion to report service hours. Imagine the reach we'd show everyone if we all started using MyLion?!? Need assistance in reporting service activities in MyLion? You can contact MyLion Support at (630)468-7000. 2VDG Christy can also lend a hand.

Interested in Bussing to International Convention?



Good afternoon District Governors,

I am in the process of organizing a bus to the International Convention in Montreal - if there is interest. Would you please have this survey sent out to the members in your District? We would like to see a large MD5M crowd there as VP Brian comes in as International President.

I would appreciate this help as we plan for International. I will leave the survey open until Friday, January 8th. This survey is for those Districts who would board in the MPLS/ St. Paul metro - Rochester or Winona area.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdi5FFfN2c-DOBu_EkSmdoihXMauAEwATySe3ZnSyjX8enY-TQ/view-form?usp=sf_link

Thanks,

PCC Rob Rand



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2Lions,

Heartbreaking events remind us of the impact we Lions can have when we join together to provide help. We are the first to arrive and the last to leave.

LCIF Chairperson Dr. Choi sent the below on Sunday December 12, just 2 days after the tornado devastation in Kentucky, Tennessee, and four other states:

On Friday, December 10, a rare, late-season series of tornadoes battered portions of the Southern and Midwestern United States, leaving dozens dead, many others injured, and major devastation in countless communities.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF quickly responded and awarded Emergency grant funding to allow Lions in the affected communities to respond to urgent needs of the victims.

You can help. Your generous donation to LCIF's disaster relief fund will help deliver further funds to families impacted by the devastation.

The MidWinter Convention is coming up, including the Parade of Green. I would respectfully ask every club to please make a donation to LCIF. If you have questions about making a donation or anything else LCIF related, please call or email me.

Liondebra@charter.net

507-332-2792 (Home)

612-718-8330 (Cell)



Welcome new Lions in December!

Carver Lions

Lion Nate Lindall - sponsor Lion Philip Hamlin

Chaska Lions

Lion Andrew Freeman - sponsor Lion Jim Courneya

Lion Danielle Jorgensen - sponsor Lion D. Trebiatowski

Lion Margaret Signalness – spon. Lion D. Trebiatowski

Lion Alan Trebiatowski - sponsor Lion D. Trebiatowski

Green Isle Lions

Lion Haley Theriault - sponsor Lion Rose Thies

Jordan Jordaness Lions

Lion Erica Negen - sponsor Lion Kelli Hollingsworth

Nicollet Lions

Lion Andrea Dallmann - sponsor Lion Mike Dallmann

NYA Lions

Lion Jean Boughten - sponsor Lion Lavonne Kroells

Lion Zach Lohmeier - sponsor Lion Dave Williams

Lion Emma Nystadivis - sponsor Lion Tina Nemitz

Owatonna Lions

Lion Thomas Breuer – sponsor Lion Jory Mages

Lion Richard Cody – sponsor Lion Jory Mages

Stewart Lions

Lion John Henslin - sponsor Lion Heidi Nelson

Waconia Dandy Lions

Lion Tracy Avre - sponsor Lion Amanda Mueller

Lion Ginny Blackford - sponsor Lion Amanda Mueller

Lion Catherine Honebrink - sponsor Lion Victoria Hoff

Lion Amy Johnson - sponsor Lion Kathryn Schroeder

Lion Jennifer Kaeding - sponsor Lion Nicole Siddons

Lion Jennifer Schultz - sponsor Lion Amanda Mueller

From Your GLT...

PDG Anna Wickenhauser

I want to encourage every individual who reads this article to make it your new year's resolution to truly consider these questions, "Would I like to run for a club office?" "Would I want to be a Zone Chair?" and "What does it take to be in the district cabinet?" The answer to all of these questions is simple at its core. If you are passionate about serving others, have a warm body, giving heart, and a tiny bit of spare time, odds are you are qualified for any position you find yourself leaning into. As we enter this new year filled with new opportunities and fresh minds, I would like to challenge each and every one of us to do something that puts us outside our comfort zone. For some of us, this may be proposing a new service activity for your club, for others it may be chairing a club project or committee, and for others still it may be contacting me, GLT Lion Anna lionannaw@gmail.com, to have the conversation to help you move forward on your leadership path.

The best leaders I have discovered on my Lions journey are not always the Lions who are first to speak at club meetings, are not always the loudest or most obvious people in the room, and are instead the ones who inspire others, volunteer without expecting or looking for a thank you, and spend more time supporting all those around them, rather than focusing on themselves. A true leader is someone who inspires those around them to lead and step up, and if that sounds like you, don't be afraid- jump in!

HALL OF FAME

Purpose

To honor those Lion and Lioness 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 he/she is 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 or Lioness, 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 he/she 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 or Lioness Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness 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.

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

**Northern Pride
Lions Forum**



March 25th - 26th, 2022

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

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

2022 Registration Form

Your District & Club Name: _____

Lions Membership # : _____

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

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

Special Dietary Needs:
Vegetarian, Gluten Free,
(circle ones that apply)
Allergies _____

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

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, your choice of up to 6 of the 36 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with two dynamic guest speakers:
(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

SIGN UP ONLINE @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-forum-2022-registration-181446420127?aff=erelexpmlt>

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

If you would like to send a USD check or money order: Make it payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Forum**

Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, PO Box 94, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$109.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until March 7th, 2022
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606

» BOOK NOW This block is called **“Northern Pride Lions Forum”** **» BOOK NOW**

Cancellations prior to March 19th, 2022 will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after March 19th, 2022 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

For more Information Email The Northern Pride Lions Forum at: npllfmd5m@gmail.com

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

Northern Pride **Lions Forum**

March 25th - 26th, 2022

36 Seminars have been confirmed for the forum. Included are over 1/3 completely new sessions along with some crowd favorites back by popular demand.

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| 1. Phishing/Cyber Attacks and Phone Scams | 19. NAMI/GMA |
| 2. Lions Quest | 20. Ice Breakers and Activities for Your Club |
| 3. Overcoming Stage Fright - Tips and Tricks for Public Speaking | 21. The Platinum Rule: Treat Others the Way They Want to Be Treated |
| 4. S.W.O.T. Analysis for a Club Vision | 22. Am I Ready to Be a Leader? Commitment, Skills and Steps to Becoming a Leader in Your District |
| 5. How Do You Start a New Club? Traditional, Specialty, Cyber? What's Right for The Community? | 23. 21st Century Mentoring - Innovative Ways to Mentor Lions in Your Clubs and Districts |
| 6. Pediatric Cancer | 24. KidsSight |
| 7. Leo and Campus Clubs - Let's Get It Started! The Future Is Now | 25. Bidding for a Multiple District Convention |
| 8. Creative Recognition | 26. MyLion - Facts and Features (Service Activity Reporting) |
| 9. Zone/Region Chair: Get in the Zone | 27. Women, Families and Youth - Changing the Demographics of Clubs |
| 10. Youth Exchange | 28. LCLIF Grants |
| 11. Team Building | 29. Better Together/Community Partnerships |
| 12. Your District Cabinet - What Is It and How Do I Become a Part of It? | 30. Recruiting Younger Lions |
| 13. COVID And Your Club: Has the Pandemic Changed the Blueprint for Your Club? | 31. LCIF Campaign 100 Update |
| 14. Lions University | 32. Get Your Lion's Swag! The Lion's Logo and Who Is Authorized to Use It |
| 15. Fun with Taitwisting | 33. What Would You Pay to Be a Lion? |
| 16. Conflict Resolution | 34. How Does Good Leadership Make a Stronger Club? |
| 17. How to Fit Lions into Your Life | 35. Roberts Rules |
| 18. Signature Projects: Building Blocks for A Successful Club | 36. Creative Public Relations |

***5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline:
15th of each month...***

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:
5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

What are your clubs doing for Service? Get Me the NEWS!!



Voice of the Leader Dog Community: Brooke Coleman



My name is Brooke Coleman and I'm a freshman at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA. I've been working with my best friend, Leader Dog Sampson, for a year now with our anniversary being on Halloween, but guide dog training wasn't my first experience with Leader Dogs for the Blind. I've been a part of the Leader Dog family since I participated in their 2019 Summer Experience Camp and have been in love with the community ever since. I hope to give you all insight into what it's like living with a visual impairment and what it's like working with Leader Dogs for the Blind.

At Christopher Newport University, I am majoring in political science and double minoring in leadership and human rights. After I graduate from undergrad, I hope to be accepted into law school. My goal right now is to become a human rights researcher with a focus in disability rights. This would mean that I would have the opportunity to interview other disabled people and write about the struggles they face.

When I found out about my vision impairment, I was seven years old and I was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, meaning I am night blind and have lost most of my peripheral vision. I was in first grade at the time and, as any seven-year-old would, I forgot about it until I moved up to second grade when I had to start orientation and mobility training with my long cane. That was the first time I realized how much this would impact my life. When I first started walking around with my cane, it didn't take long for me to realize how many people would stare at me. Of course, I know now that it was out of curiosity because how often do you see a blind seven-year-old? At the time, though, all I knew was that it made me different from my peers, and I hated it. Naturally, I grew to hate my cane, as so many other blind and visually impaired people do. I refused to use it unless I was forced to by my orientation and mobility instructor.

This put me in a lot of dangerous situations. I was completely dependent on my mom, sister, and the little vision I had left. If neither my sister nor my mom was there to provide sighted guide, I was constantly tripping over something or running into someone. As you can imagine, it didn't work out well. This continued until I was sixteen, when my orientation and mobility teacher came to me with the proposal of going to Leader Dog's summer experience camp. I still remember when my orientation and mobility instructor came in and told me about Leader Dogs for the Blind and their summer experience camp.

I was sixteen and looking for guide dog schools. My instructor knew this and was helping me with the process and came across Leader Dog's week-long summer experience camp. We looked at the activities they had, and I immediately knew I wanted to go. I filled out the application, mailed it in, and anxiously awaited their response. When I heard back saying I was accepted, I was ecstatic. A couple months later, I was on a plane to Michigan for the best and busiest week of my life.

A couple months later, I was on a plane to Michigan for the best and busiest week of my life. As soon as I got there, I knew I was going to have an amazing time. I had the opportunity to experience so many things I never would have had the opportunity to had it not been for Leader Dog. They had tandem biking, ziplining, rockwall climbing, beep kickball, scavenger hunts, game nights, driving simulators, and so much more. The best part, though, was that I got to experience all these activities with other blind and visually impaired teens. I made so many friends that week, and to this day, three years later, I consider some of those people some of my best friends.

A couple months later, I was on a plane to Michigan for the best and busiest week of my life. Ever since I was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, I knew I wanted a guide dog, but that day was what really sold it for me. As soon as I grabbed onto that golden retriever's handle, I knew for sure that this was my next step in life, and as soon as I got home, I filled out the application for a guide dog.

A couple weeks after I came back from Leader Dog's summer experience camp, I got an email asking if I was interested in returning for their orientation and mobility (O&M) training. I knew that if I wanted a dog, I would have to improve my O&M skills, so I signed up for the next available week. After that week, I realized I didn't have to be embarrassed or ashamed of my cane. I learned how to be proud of my disability and the tools that I can use.

Leader Dog continued on next page.

"Catch the Dream" *...Life Without Diabetes!*

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2022

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

2000 steps = 1 mile

You Choose Your Activity

**Be active on your own
Be a part of a team**

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens January 25, 2022

\$25 Registration Fee
T-Shirts available



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



Net Proceeds benefit
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Happy New Year!! Your trustees hope your Holiday Season was safe and enjoyable. Yes, you received everything you wanted!

With the New Year, it is time to think about the upcoming Mid Winter Convention the second week of February. That means think about the "Parade of Green". Your Trustees, Lion Vern Breamer and Lion Marvin Grimm, again are encouraging your club to help us have 100% participation. All amounts are appreciated, big or small. Remember to make the checks out to: Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Thank you for what your club can do.

Your trustees track your clubs donated dollars so your club can give Hearing Foundation Awards for each \$1000 donated.

Continue to collect hearing aids and bring or send them to Mid Winter Convention. We have a good total of credit with Starkey now, so if a low income person needs aids, possibly your Trustees can help with the process to get aids to this person. Contact a Trustee if you have questions.

Your Trustees are available and willing to come to your club and give some history and recent happenings in the MN Lions Hearing Foundation.

Trustees: Lion Vern Breamer 507-525-3850
Lion Marvin Grimm 952-448-9465

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I stopped letting fear prevent me from being independent, and I started using my cane more often rather than relying on my mom or sister to help me navigate the world.

Like I said before, as soon as I got back from Summer Experience Camp in 2019, I applied for a guide dog. A couple months later, a week before my birthday, I found out I was accepted, and they were waiting to find the perfect match for me. Unfortunately, due to COVID, that process took a little longer than usual, but a couple days before my eighteenth birthday, I got the call saying they found a match for me, and on Halloween, I was introduced to my new best friend, Sampson. I still remember that day as if it were yesterday. The entire day I could barely sit still, knowing my dream would soon come true. Finally, around 6:00 pm, I got the text from my instructor saying they were about ten minutes out. My mom and I stood in the driveway, and as soon as I saw the blue and white Leader Dog van turn into our neighborhood, I immediately started crying. Sue, the instructor, brought Sampson around to me, and I knew we were meant to be.

Ever since I got Sampson, I've been so much more independent. Before I had him, I used to dread grocery shopping, just like any sane person does, but afterwards, I would volunteer to go, just so I could work with Sampson

more. Having him in my life has been like a breath of fresh air. He is my best friend, and I love him with everything I have.

For my last post, I would just like to say thank you to everyone who is involved with Leader Dogs for the Blind. None of this could have been possible without the trainers, the donors, the puppy raisers, and everyone else. There aren't enough words in the English dictionary to express how grateful I am to have the Leader Dog family in my life. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you have done for myself and everyone else.

We know this article was long. But I did edit it down some but was difficult due to Brooke's enthusiasm and being so grateful for receiving Sampson. Thanks, to all the Lions who took time to read Brooke's article edited by Lion Loretta. I felt this article was worthy of being told and how life changing a dog can be in one's life. Now to all the Clubs in 5M2, please considering giving to Leader Dog for the Blind. It is a 501c3, so gambling funds can be used for your club's donation. As you can see by the above article Leader Dog has many programs that Brooke managed to access prior to receiving Sampson. Lion Loretta and Lion Emmy thank you for any donation large or small to the Leader Dog for the Blind at the Midwinter this February.



What is an endowed chair or professorship?



It is the highest academic award that a university can bestow on a faculty member, and it lasts as long as the University exists. It is one of the most prestigious academic positions a professor can achieve.

Thus, it is both an **HONOR** to the named holder of the appointment and an **enduring tribute** to the **MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION**.

In 2011, the Hearing Foundation pledged \$1 million to the establishment of the endowed chair at the University of Minnesota and in 2021 completed the funding. We are now waiting to share the name of the professor of the Otolaryngology department who will be the first one to hold the chair.

Endowed faculty chairs are crucial for recruiting and retaining the highest-quality faculty. The greatest institutions have the **best minds**, the **most-creative researchers** and the **most-engaged teachers**, which attracts the **brightest students**. Having endowed faculty means students get to rub elbows with the most talented scholars in the world.

For **the Minnesota Lions**, this means that any time the professor speaks, presents a research paper, or receives an award, **our name** will be included, sharing in the prestige and the acknowledgement.

The perspective candidate for this position has been doing research and clinical trials that show that combining sound and electrical stimulation of the tongue can significantly reduce **TINNITUS**, commonly described as "ringing in the ears." They also found that therapeutic effects can be sustained for up to 12 months post-treatment.



We hope to announce the candidate soon. Stay tuned for more!

District 5M2 Peace Poster winner goes on to win the MD5M Peace Poster Contest



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

When Maelynn Thoele, a 7th grader at the Sibley East Middle School in Arlington, won 1st Place in the 2020-2021 Peace Poster Contest, she set a goal to win the 2021-2022 District Peace Poster Contest and also win the MD5M Contest. Her poster wowed the judges at the District level again this year and her goal to win the Multiple District also came true. Maelynn's poster has now been sent on to the International judges. The Arlington Lions are so proud of the amazing talent of Maelynn and we wish her well at the International level.



2nd Place District winner- Emma Hurrley, Nicollet Public School. Her sponsor is the Nicollet Lions Club.

You will be able to meet these talented young ladies and see their posters, along with all entries, on display at the 5M2 Convention.



3rd Place District winner - Ella Doehling, Emanuel Lutheran School. Her sponsor is the Hamburg Lions Club.

PDG Diana Kroells
Peace Poster Chairperson



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2022 LIONS 5M2

Mid-Winter Convention

February 11-13, 2022
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN

Registration Information:

\$40 registration fee per attendee.

Register by clicking district5m2lions.com. Or, use the paper form on the next page.

Convention Schedule:

Friday, February 11

4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Registration – Mayo Center Lobby
 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting & Dinner (by invitation)
 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. Opening Ceremony & Celebration of Life
 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Rain Kings & Cash Bar – Dress to honor our military (in uniform, camouflage or red, white and blue)

Saturday, February 12

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Registration
 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Grab & Go Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Speaker – Leader Dog
 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Speaker – Dedication to Service
 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Speaker – Member Retention
 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch & Program
 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Business Meeting
 6 p.m. ID and Governor's Reception & Cash Bar
 6:30 p.m. Governor's Banquet
 9 p.m. Evening Mixer & Cash Bar

Sunday, February 13

8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Brunch & Meeting

Hotel Information:

Rooms on hold until January 21, 2022.
 Mention Lions 5M2 District Convention when making your reservation.

Hilton Garden Inn

20 Civic Center Plaza
 Mankato, MN 56001
 Reservations: **1-507-344-1111**
 Rate: \$134 per night
 Connected via skyway

AmericInn by Wyndham

240 Stadium Rd
 Mankato, MN 56001
 Reservations: **1-507-345-8011**
 Rate: \$89 per night

Aim High to Serve





Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
Aim High to Serve
February 11 – 13, 2022
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001



***PRINT LEGIBLY & READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING
 COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING***

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

Last Name:	First Name:	Email address:
Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Phone Number:	Club Name:	Special Dietary Needs:

Instructions to Register:

- Return Registration Form (completed in full) by January 31, 2022
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (meal prices include tax and gratuity)
 - Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
 - Mail form(s) & check to: Lion Cindy Walters
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318
- Call Lion Cindy at (952) 484-0404 with questions. Please leave a detailed message.

Cancellation & Refund Policy:

- All cancellation requests must be directed to Lion Cindy Walters
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
 - Postmarked on or before January 12, 2022 – Full refund
 - Postmarked between January 14 and February 2, 2022 – 75% refund
 - After February 2, 2022 – No refund

Convention Costs:

- Registration Fee: \$40.00 (per person)
- **Registration fee applies to all attendees**, including non-Lions
- Please pre-register as on-site registration will be limited and no meals will be available for purchase.

Meal Options:

Please make selections below

<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Breakfast	\$15
Grab & Go Bagel Breakfast Sandwiches, Coffee & Water	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Box Lunch (Sandwich/Wrap, Kettle Chips, Cookie, Coffee & Water)	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Chef Salad (GF, Vegetarian)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet (Salad, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee & Water)	\$38
<input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Chicken, Rice and Shawarma Sauce (GF) <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Crusted Pork and Potatoes <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$22
Egg Bake, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Muffins, Fruit, Coffee & Water	
Total Registration (\$40) + Meals	
(NOTE: Name tags and meal tickets will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in.)	

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2022 LIONS 5M2

Mid-Winter Convention

February 11-13, 2022

Friendly Reminders

- Send your club in action photos to Glenn Kaufmann at glenny98@hotmail.com. In order to be included in the slide show, submit no later than January 15, 2022.
- If your club has lost any members over the last year, please make sure and provide the information to Eunice Rucks at king70@frontiernet.net.
- If your club is going to provide a raffle basket, please bring to the convention and let PDG Rick and Roxy Wagner at rrwags@embarqmail.com or PDG Mike and

Sue Vos at sue@vosconstruction.com know.

- Please register, the due date is January 31, 2022. The hotel block is on hold until January 21, 2022. If you have any issues with booking your hotel room, email lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com.
- Friday night dress is in honor of our military and first responders. Come dressed in camouflage, military garb or red, white and blue.

Parade of Green



One of the greatest service traditions of our Midwinter is the Parade of Green. Our "aged" Lions know this but sometimes we neglect to inform our newer members of how extensive the Lions values are. We know how valuable we are to our immediate villages but our care goes so much farther. Review last month's newsletter for a complete list of all the foundations existing in 5M and beyond. We have done and should continue to do so much.

One little example. Years ago local Lions partnered with the MN State Patrol and the Vision Foundation to transport eye donations for surgeries and research. This was when preservative solutions has a short life. So local Lions worked with state troopers to make it possible for University surgeons to work their magic. Thinking every foundation could share a grassroots story like this.

And this happens why? Because our community clubs fundraise so that we can provide. From your town to 5M2 to Minnesota/Manitoba to our nations to the world. As is said, "it takes a village". You are urged (and pleaded – smile) to be part of the greater village. No matter how little or how much your club can do, we need to be involved. Our foundations are challenged to maintain their quality and to expand research wise, now more than ever.

LCIF, Vision Foundation, Hearing Foundation, Diabetes Foundation, Childhood Cancer Foundation, Kidsight, Can Do Canines, Leader Dogs, Project New Hope, Youth Programs. We do so much via our proud tradition – **Parade of Green**.

We can make this the best **Parade of Green** ever. Let's make DG Glenn and the convention committee proud of our Global Service. **We Serve**.

Submitted: Lions Mary and Dar, Global Service Team

5M2 Parade of Green:

A list of foundations/programs District 5M2 supports.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): (501(c)(3)/23-7030455)

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation: (501(c)(3)/41-6026488)

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation: (501(c)(3)/41-6172730)

Diabetes: Clubs can donate to either or both.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: (501(c)(3)/26-3238179)

5M2 Diabetes: Funds stay in District 5M2.

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: (501(c)(3)/83-2970348)

MD5M KidSight Foundation: (501(c)(3)/81-3338106)

Can Do Canines: (501 (c)(3)/41-1594165)

Leader Dogs for the Blind: (501(c)(3)/38-1366931)

Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota: (501(c)(3)/27-2749699)

Youth Exchange: Clubs can donate to either or both.

MD5M Youth Exchange: (501(c)(3)/46-4182698)

5M2 Youth Exchange: Funds stay in 5M2.

5M2 Youth Outreach: The Youth Outreach program is a part of the Lions Organization encompassing Leos, Peace Poster, Essay Contest, Liberty Day & Write-Off.

2022 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention

Club Delegate Roster

Form must be returned to get your voting credentials

Club Name _____

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

Number of Club Members _____

Number of Delegates _____

PLEASE LIST YOUR CLUB DELEGATES:

IMPORTANT: Return Delegate Form by February 1, 2022

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>	<u>Email Address in case we can do Electronic Voting</u>
1. _____	_____	1. _____
2. _____	_____	2. _____
3. _____	_____	3. _____
4. _____	_____	4. _____
5. _____	_____	5. _____
6. _____	_____	6. _____
7. _____	_____	7. _____
8. _____	_____	8. _____
9. _____	_____	9. _____
10. _____	_____	10. _____

YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2022 TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!

Mail to: Lion Cindy Walters, Cabinet Secretary or E-Mail to cjwalters@me.com
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318

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

PDG Dinner

PDG Anna Wickenhauser

Hello Lions!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and happy 2022!

I had the unique opportunity to plan the PDG holiday party this past December 5th at Little Dandy bar & Grill in Le Center, where there were a total of 28 guests in attendance of PDGs, their partners, and this year's DG Glenn and the lovely Lion Lisa. This was a very interesting challenge for me to arrange this party, since I have never had the opportunity to attend one before- damn Covid! Traditionally, the Past District Governors have a holiday party the 1st weekend in December, where all 5M2 PDGs, their partners, and the current DG is invited to reconnect and spread some holiday cheer! I need to send a huge thank

you to IPCC Brian Thies, who was gracious enough to co-chair this with me, and Lion Rose (who did most of the work for Brian) for all their support and guidance, and my partner Lion Monkey for helping me pull this off. Also a huge thank you to the elves who supplied the bingo game and the clever gifts for everyone. It was a wonderful gathering with everyone there in high spirits, lots of laughter, and even nice weather! It definitely took some elves and Christmas magic to pull this off, and it was truly a Christmas blessing to be able to see everyone in person, and return to some normalcy! All of those who were unable to attend due to previous commitments were greatly missed, and I look forward to seeing all of the PDGS again at this party next year- especially since it will be Lion Glenn's responsibility to host, and I will be able to just enjoy in the merriment with no extra stress!



Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Jordaness Lions

The Jordaness Lions completed our annual World Service Day project this week. We filled and delivered goodie bags to all of the residents at the senior living buildings in our community (Oak Terrace, Schule Haus, Valley View, Brentwood Court, Brentwood Terrace). We have a lot of fun with this project (see the big smiles on the Lions faces in the picture below) and hope that this small gesture also brings a smile to the faces of the residents!



The Jordaness Lions just completed our annual Toy Project; a project that puts toys, books, and stuffed animals into the hands of deserving children in the community, and in the greater Minnesota area.

The Toy Project started 15+ years ago because of a good friendship between Lion Hedy Joachim and her friend Mary Brown. Mary sadly died from brain cancer at the age of 59 and this project is done in Mary's memory each year.

Every year our club receives 1500 – 2000 items including toys, books, beanie babies, wooden cars, trains, and helicopters, crayons, puzzles, small games, and much more. A committee of Jordaness Lions work to sort and distribute these items to organizations in and around the Jordan area (even extending to children's hospitals in



Mpls/St. Paul) that serve children in some capacity.



Jordaness Lions... continued

The Jordaness Lions club lit up the night at the recent Jordan Dazzle parade. Dressed as aviators, club members entertained the crowd and handed out candy, while Lion Linnea Schansberg "piloted" a plane through the clouds. The float honored DG Glenn's quest to "Aim High to Serve."



The Jordaness Lions were thrilled to host their 32nd annual Holiday Fashion Show at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan. Two hundred tickets were sold for the event, which is one of the club's largest fundraisers. The show included a luncheon, raffles, a silent auction, and a fashion presentation that featured local (and Lion) celebrities! The show would not have been complete without a photo booth, and fun entertainment provided by club members.



New twists added to Lafayette Lions Santa Day

With the encouragement and assistance of the Lafayette City Council, the annual Lions Santa Day at Lafayette took on a new look Tuesday, December 14. The Lions partnered with community organizations and businesses to make the day extra special.

As usual, Santa arrived on a fire truck and sat down to visit with one of the largest groups ever—nearly 140 kids—and gave them treat bags packed by the Lions the day before.

New twists to the 2021 event were horse-drawn wagon rides provided by Lafayette native Tom Maidl of Country



Classic Clydesdales, a hotdog lunch served by the Fields of Grace Lutheran Parish youth group, and a hot chocolate bar put on by the Lafayette Charter School. Bernadotte 4-H provided an extra goodie bag and Citizens Bank Minnesota, Lafayette served cookies and milk.

The evening concluded with the lighting of the city's first Christmas tree in quite a few years. Santa and the city mayor, Sandie Peterson, did the honors. The tree and accompanying decorations are displayed in the band shell in Lafayette's Mini-Park. It's been many years since Lafayette had a city tree and this was a welcome addition to Main Street.

The weather was unseasonably warm, making for a pleasant evening for all the activities which were based in the Lafayette Community Center and adjacent Mini-Park.

The Lions were busy again, later in the week, when they selected the winners of the home lighting contest. A group of Lions met to drive around town to pick the winners of the contest. Instead of naming first, second, and third place winners—as had been done for many years—the ten best-decorated homes were named co-winners, with each receiving a \$25 prize. Many homes in the community were decorated—making the town very festive for the holidays.



Stewart Lions



Stewart Lions inducted another new member: John Henslin, pictured with Lion Orville Trettin.

Jordan Lions

Here are a few photos from the Jordan Lions "float" for the Jordan Dazzle parade that was held on Saturday, December 4. We decorated one of our Lions members' 1927 Model T Truck and had the Grinch ride in the back waving to the crowd. We also had a complimentary coffee and hot chocolate booth at the parade. We raised over \$500 in tips from the booth that helped support our Food Basket program. There is also a photo of several of our Lions loading a vehicle to deliver baskets to needy families in the Jordan area. We did this on Tuesday, December 14.



Albert Lea LakeView Lions

The Albert Lea LakeView Lions club would like to extend Congratulations to Lion Jan Drews and Lion Sue Tripp! These two lions were presented with the 2020Hearing Research Fellow Awards at the October Lions meeting.

Meetings are held at Wedgewood Cove on the fourth Tuesday at 6pm.

Pictured from Left: Lion Jan Drews, Lion Sue Tripp



Northfield Cannon Valley Lions



The Northfield Cannon Valley Lions have three trailers for sale that they would like to see go to another good Lion home:

Serving Trailer - 30' Long x 7'wide has 5 serving windows, sink, hot water heater, refrigerator/freezer, plus lots of storage area. Outside flood lights and front and rear entrance doors.

Trailer with two grills in front approx. 24"x 36". Trailer is 24' long x 7' wide with a storage area in the rear.

Storage Trailer - 12' long x 7' wide full of serving pots and pans, utensils.

If interested in any or all...

Call Ray Ozmun at 507-649-1523. He has photos.

Prior Lake Lions

Prior Lake Lions Senior Christmas Luncheon 2021 is in the books, on Monday December 13th, 200 meals were packed and picked up by Seniors in about a 45 minute time span, special thank-you to our venue host

Prior Lake VFW, Mgr Sue and Chef Tim.

Additionally, the 124 lbs of non-perishable food/toiletries and \$141 dollars cash monetary donations that were dropped off curbside will benefit the CAP Agency - Community Action Partnership of Scott Carver & Dakota Counties this Christmas. *Collage of Photos below.*



The Prior Lake Lions 'roared' with holiday joy on Sat. 12.04.2021. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped in and gave a Christmas stocking filled with candy to the kids during breakfast! Santa surely can engage the imagination and engender a sense of wonderful expressions and spread the message of generosity.

We thank those who attended by supporting the breakfast and those who volunteered their time at our Project Annual Santa Pancake Breakfast including our local scout troops we sponsor.

We continue to work alongside the Prior Lake VFW Post 6208 and are appreciative of the venue/partnership they supply.



Prior Lake Lions...continued

Prior Lake Lion's Peace Poster 2021 Winners

Each Year the Prior Lake Lion's approach Prior Lake Schools to participate in the Peace Poster contest. The Peace Poster Contest was initiated in 1988 to expand our youth programs at international levels. Since the Peace Poster inception over 800 million youth have competed from 100 countries. Many times, youth have a difficulty in expressing their thoughts in words but find art as an easier manner to express how they feel. Each year a theme is chosen around the concept of peace. This year's theme was "We Are All Connected". Eleven, twelve and thirteen-year-olds qualify, so we often reach out to middle schools with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Our club had three schools willing to participate, but Madison Leslie the art teacher at Aspen Academy was unable to compete due to time restraints. We would like to thank her for her efforts and hope she will continue to show interest in years to come. Julie Pyle, art teacher at Hidden Oaks Middle School did a great job in promoting the program in her school and the Prior Lake Lions are grateful for her continued support of this program. Due to Covid restrictions and guidelines, photos of Hidden Oaks winning students were taken individually. The winning posters are sent on to higher competitions.

Hidden Oaks First Place Poster

First place \$75
Laila Edmondson



Right: Second Place \$50
Sumaya Abdullahi

Below: Third Place \$25
Nikki Strop



St. Michael's Catholic School has participated in the Peace Poster contest for several years. The Prior Lake Lions would like to extend our gratitude and expressed thanks to Rachel Olmanson the art teacher at St. Mike's.

The winner poster was created by Nola McRaith. Her poster was sent on to higher competition.



The Photo below includes from left to right. Lion Loretta Klenke, Madelyn Anderson 3rd place \$25, Nola McRaith 1st Place \$75, Nora Stanton 2nd Place \$50. Lily Hopkins 3rd Place \$25. and Rachel Olmanson art teacher at St. Mike's. Thanks for the great job, Rachel.



The Prior Lake Lions would like to Congratulate all the winners at St. Mike's and Hidden Oaks Middle Schools.

The Prior Lake Lions would like to recognize Lion Sheila Stahler for her commitment to Peace Posters throughout the years.

If there are any schools who have interest in participating in the Peace Poster Contest next school year, please feel free to contact the Prior Lake Lions at 952-447-7277. Please leave a detailed message, contact info, school and so on. Or email plions@nuveramail.net.

Lester Prairie Lions

On Dec 5, the Lester Prairie Lions had a Santa parade. Santa, Mrs. Claus, & Libby the Lions drove around LP with the rest of the Lions, fire trucks and LP Ambassadors. We distributed candy bags to the residents.



Veseli Area Lions

Veseli Area Lions Annual Children's Christmas Party was held in the basement of Most Holy Trinity Church in Veseli MN on 12/11/21 from 1 -2:30 p.m.

The Webster Willing Workers for supplying and helping the kids with the crafts and games & the Lonsdale Ambassadors for all their hard work!

We were able to raise 20 lbs of food and \$247.00 for the Lonsdale Food Shelf.



Plato Lions Club

Two Melvin Jones Fellowship Recipients were featured in the Glencoe Chronicle. The article boasted of the ladies' service and volunteering.



Diane Schrader and Kathy Schrader

Plato's "Lights in the Park" Event was spectacular. Besides Santa and a bag of goodies, there were small bonfires to keep warm, hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies, firetruck with Santa, Photographer, Christmas Tree Ornament given to children, and of course the 5...4...3...2...1...Lights In The Park!



Mrs. Santa (Lanette Dammann), Santa, and Elf (Diane Schrader)

October's Chili Feed was impressive! The \$1500 donation to MN Lion's Childhood Cancer Foundation. There was another article in the Glencoe Chronicle.



Connie Rau, Cheryl Parpart, Lanette Dammann, and Chuck Toltzman

Many more Plato Lions were involved in our Service Projects. We have many hands to make an event successful. WE SERVE!



Plato Lions is having our Annual **PORK CHOP DINNER** Drive-through on January 1st. Get your tickets NOW!

Mayer Area Lions



Mayer Area Lions Photo Contest. Lion Paulette presented the winner and runner up with gift rewards.



The Mayer Area Lions partnered with the City of Mayer for the 4th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Mayer Lions handed out candy bags to the children and supplied hot chocolate at the event.

Pictured Left: Treasurer, Laura, Vice President, Joe and President, Doreen.

Several MN Lions Clubs have been ardent supporters of Minnesota Connect Aphasia Now (MnCAN), as it has affected some members significantly. Learn more about aphasia here:

What is Aphasia?

- Aphasia is a condition that robs you of the ability to communicate. It can affect your ability to speak, write and understand language, both verbal and written. It typically occurs suddenly after a stroke or head injury.
- Aphasia affects an estimated 2 million people in the United States and is most commonly caused by strokes. Other causes include brain tumors, head injuries, infections, and neurological conditions. There is also a progressive neurological form of aphasia called Primary Progressive Aphasia.
- More than 200,000 Americans acquire aphasia each year. Only 8.5% of Americans have heard of aphasia.

How MnCAN Programs Make a Difference to the Aphasia Community

The mission of Minnesota Connect Aphasia Now (MnCAN) is to improve the life participation of individuals impacted by aphasia through comprehensive programs, education,

peer connections and community support.

- MnCAN serves over 130 people with aphasia and their families in MN every year. We started with community conversation groups in the Twin Cities, Rochester and out state areas. We currently operate 10 community-based conversation groups, several different support groups, a Coffee Club, Gavel Toastmasters group for people with aphasia, mental health support, and a drama club focusing on an arts outlet for people with aphasia and more opportunities for people with severe aphasia.
- These were all provided virtually to accommodate safety concerns with the pandemic and keep people connected.

Next Month: Learn about one person's journey with aphasia and how MnCAN has made a difference in her life.

If you'd like more information about MnCAN or about aphasia, please contact:

Julia Halvorson, Executive Director Minnesota Connect Aphasia Now (MnCAN) at 612-524-8802 or julia@mncan.org or Kim Sorenson, Lions Club member and care partner to a person with aphasia at kim.sorenson@seasonalspecialties.com or (763) 291-8421



**NYA West Carver
Lions Breakfast
With Santa**



Gibbon Lions



(Left) The Lions from Gibbon filled the bags with lots of goodies for Santa Days. Helpers were: Lions Steve Klukas and Jeff and Jo Gatton. Not pictured: Lion Joyce Woods.



(Right) The Lions served Hot Cocoa and Cider at Mary Janes during Santa Days. Pictured are: seated Lions Greg Hartmann and Ann Rozzell Hartmann. Standing left to right are Lion Ray DeShaw and his wife Colleen DeShaw; The Grinch; and Lions Leslie Weber and Joyce Woods.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived on a Fire Truck.

Also serving the refreshments at Mary Janes pictured left to right are: Lion Richard Isackson and his wife Diane; Lion Ray DeShaw and Lion Richard Graupman and his wife Janet.



Santa and Mrs. Claus are ready to hear the wishes of the little boys and girls.



2021-22 DISTRICT 5M2

Zone Lion of the Year



Do you have a club member who deserves a pat on the back? This is your easiest opportunity to take care of them.

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives each District the opportunity to give well deserved recognition to one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our motto "We Serve".

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who has earned the respect of his/her peers & community.

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2022 Spring Zone meetings. Any club member can complete this application and return it to 1st Vice District Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg by January 31, 2022.

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items of years of service as a Lion, involvement in club activities and involvement in the community. Use a separate sheet to complete this information and attach the bottom of this form. You cannot nominate yourself.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club Member: _____

(Signature and Date)

Mail (or Email) nomination and signed completed form to:

1st Vice District Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg

67194 County Road 46

Alden, MN 56009

Krpbleckeberg2525@gmail.com



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2021 - 2022 school year that there will be 3 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, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (4). The 2022 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2022.

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, 2022** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman [763-786-8072](tel:763-786-8072)

bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either email us your application OR call us and we will give you our mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to ALL!!

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

BINGO

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BREWSTER'S BAR & GRILL, VESELI



**THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 4th**

PROGRESSIVE \$1000 JACKPOT

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Join the NYA Lions for a "ROARING" good time!

Headliner:



Jason Schommer

Featuring:



Jodie Maruska
Hosted by:



Dan Hinnenkamp

**Saturday January 15th 7:00pm
Willkommen Pavillion - 21 Main St E
Norwood Young America**

**Tickets: \$20 in Advance \$25 at the door 18+
Doors open: 6:00pm 50/50 Raffle Cash Bar**



Tickets Available at:
CarQuest Auto Parts Citizens State Bank
Good Time Liquors Old National Bank
Pour House Pub NYA Lions Members
or at www.offtherailsent.com

PANCAKE BRUNCH



sponsored by



Hamburg Lions Club

**Sunday, January 16, 2022
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Hamburg Community Hall
351 Henrietta Ave. Hamburg**

**Pancakes, French Toast
Sausages, Scrambled Eggs,
Beverages**

**FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED**

Please donate old eye glasses

*Proceeds will be donated towards Lions sponsored
projects*

BINGO
FRI. JAN. 21

**25 GAMES FOR ONLY \$10
MEAT RAFFLES ~ GREAT FOOD ~ CASH BAR**

COLOGNE COMMUNITY CENTER 1211 VILLAGE PKWY, COLOGNE, MN. 55322

5:30 FOOD SERVICE ~ 7:00 FIRST GAME

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ANY LIONS MEMBER

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Benefitting the Jordan Lions Scholarship Fund
- Over \$264,000 in Scholarships to Date! -



Thursday, February 3, 2022
7:00 – 9:30 pm
Ridges at Sand Creek



Enjoy a variety of beers and wines with complimentary appetizers!
Silent Auction

Like us on Facebook for a preview of Silent Auction items



\$25 per ticket
Buy your tickets from any Jordan Lion
or at Jordan Wine & Spirits

*We are always looking for new Lions
to support our community.*

Please contact Todd at Toddsch@comcast.net if interested.



Waconia DandyLions
1st Annual
Frozen Fairway Open
@ CARVER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022
12:00 AND 2:00 TEE TIMES
CHECK IN STARTS AT 11:30AM

\$25 PER GOLFER*
TICKETS PURCHASED AT EVENTBRITE.COM
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/FROZEN-FAIRWAY-OPEN-TICKETS-232237196707](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frozen-fairway-open-tickets-232237196707)

ALL GOLFER REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE DONATED TO THE BRIELLE HOUSE, A WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOME LOCATED IN WACONIA. WWW.BRIELLEHOUSE.ORG

TICKET GETS YOU A FUN AFTERNOON OF 9 HOLES OF SNOW GOLF. YOU WILL BE WARMED BY THE FEELING OF RAISING MONEY FOR TWO GREAT CAUSES
* THE BRIELLE HOUSE AND THE WACONIA DANDYLIONS*

\$150 HOLE SPONSOR
PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION!
MAKE THE HOLE YOUR OWN WITH A THEME OR A GAME!

HOLE SPONSOR AND FOOD AND DRINK SALES WILL HELP FUND THE DANDYLIONS PUBLIC ACCOUNT TO BE USED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WACONIA AREA

We supply the tennis balls and YOU bring the golf club of your choice - think hockey stick, broom, tee-ball bat or a golf club!

Bring a foursome or a team of 10!

No limit to your team members until the tee times are SOLD OUT.
You must purchase a ticket for every player on your team.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT EVENT (ALCOHOLIC AND NON ALCOHOLIC - OUTSIDE ALCOHOL NOT ALLOWED)

*** NO REFUNDS. ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL. THIS INCLUDES THE UNLIKELY EVENT THE FROZEN FAIRWAY OPEN IS FORCED TO CANCEL DUE TO WEATHER OR RESTRICTIONS FROM THE MN DEPT. OF HEALTH.**

Courtland Lions
CHILI OR TURKEY/WILD RICE SOUP FUNDRAISER



Sunday, February 6, 2022

Courtland Community Center - 400 Railroad Street - Courtland, MN

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. or until gone

\$9.00

MENU

Chili or Turkey/Wild Rice Soup – Crackers - Cheese Sandwich – Dessert
Gluten Free Available

WANTED: Used eye glasses, hearing aids or empty ink cartridges. The Lions will have them refurbished for those in need.
Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
Non-perishable food items for the local Food Shelf.

(Profits used for local projects.)

Reservations recommended, but not necessary: 320-212-8956 by 6 p.m. Friday, February 4.

Save The Date
2022 MD5M
Lions Convention
"Service in the Heart of Everyday Lions"

Date:
April 29, 30 & May 1, 2022

Location:
Mayo Clinic Health System
Event Center Mankato, MN