



5M-2 Lions' News



September 2025

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"Sprinkle Service with Kindness"



*Shermayne Cross
District Governor*

Where has the summer gone? The State Fair has begun, the stores are full of back-to-school supplies, grandson is off to college, walnuts and acorns are falling, and the last summer holiday-Labor Day is next week. Lions Clubs are having their summer picnics and gearing up for the start of another year of service. Has your club

set up goals for the year; decided on what service projects you will work on (maybe try a new one too), discussed a monetary contribution to LCIF, booked a speaker from one of the foundations, installed your clubs new officers and reported them in the Portal, and lastly booked a club visit with the DG team?

The cabinet met on July 10 and adopted new guidelines for the Service of Remembrance, reviewed the new criteria for the Club Excellence Award, approved language change to the Leo budget so it aligns with the policy manual, PCC Brian reviewed liability coverage through LCI and additional information will be coming on what is and what is not covered under their policy. Camp Sweet Life Director Rene'Maes and President Nick Kilgren asked permission to submit a grant application to LCIF for \$250,000 for additional camp experiences in 2026 and 2027, this motion was approved. Reports from Zone Chairs and Cabinet Members rounded out the evening.

Zone Chairs are working on setting up the Fall Meetings for October. These meeting are for ALL Lions, not just Presidents and Secretaries. We will be discussing the Club Excellence criteria, Service of Remembrance Guidelines, Service Focus Weeks, Special Olympics and Club Activities.

5M-2 has added 28 new members since 7-1 and dropped 27 so we are at a +1. Keep up the great work and keep asking JUST ONE! Hats off to Victoria for adding 10 new members and to the 13 other clubs who have added a total of 18!!! LCI set the growth goal for 5M-2 at 183 new club members, and I am confident we will surpass that number. Thank you to all who sponsored new members also.

On August 27, the LeSueur County Camp Sweet Life (LCCSL) was officially chartered, new officers were installed, and 17 charter members were inducted. This is the first virtual club in our district and will focus on children with Type 1 diabetes along with support for Camp Sweet Life. If anyone would like further information, they can contact Lion Rene' Maes at 507-995-6910.



I have several club visits scheduled in September and will be attending the USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City on September 18-21 along with 1VDG Chuck and several other 5M-2 Lions. Watch for pictures on Facebook!

Don't forget RLLI will be held at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato on September 25-28.

As of Wednesday, August 20, no one from 5M-2 had signed up. Please, please consider this wonderful opportunity to enhance your leadership skills in a fun, non-threatening environment. Remember, leadership in Lions is not about titles or positions-it is about service, influence, and the ability to inspire others to act with purpose. RLLI experience is a powerful way to develop these skills. It was the beginning of my journey to become the District Governor, if I can do it, you can too!

At the heart of all we do as Lions is service-and when that service is sprinkled with kindness, it not only changes lives in our communities, but it also transforms us, making our world brighter, one act at a time.

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Submit newsletter articles to: 5M-2newslettereditor@gmail.com.



We Serve

Hello Lions of 5M-2...



*Chuck Toltzman
1st Vice District Governor*

Welcome Lions to the September Newsletter. The MN State Fair is happening as I write this. September, most vacations are over, and everyone starts to get back into the mode of school and a life of normalcy, if that can be achieved. By now the Lion's year is two months in and

even that feels normal. We get used to going to meetings and it may seem like normal business as usual. With a lot of summer events being over things do slow down a little. But we must not get complacent. The fall months are going to be just as busy. Zone meetings will begin in September and go into October. Our fall International Global Cause, in Mental Health, will be happening. See the details further in the newsletter. Let DG Shermayne and her team know when we can come and do a club visit

About two weeks ago Linda and I were out in Michigan to visit the Leader Dog Facility. Something that Leader Dog does every year for all the 1st Vice District Governors in the US and Canada. We spent a day with their staff and learned about how a puppy's life is, from the time they are born to the time they retire from being a leader dog. Next, they taught us how to approach a blind person without scaring them. They showed us how to best lead a blind person without having them stumble or run into any objects. While leading, talking to the person about what is around them all the time. They had us blindfolded and had someone lead you around. Thankfully Linda did a fantastic job of not letting me run into anything. They served us a great meal at noon of chili, donuts and salad. I didn't think that would be a great combo, but to my surprise it was a great meal. Afterward they showed us around the campus. Then they had us blindfolded again and they had us walk beside a trained Leader Dog. I think I was beyond blown away. What an experience. They had us blindfolded once again so we could experience what it is like to walk with a white cane. And again, it was quite an experience. They finished the day up at the campus with the financial funding. It costs \$22,000,000 a year to run this facility and the program. Not one person needing a Guide Dog ever gets charged for anything. It is funded only by donations with no Federal or State funds. It is funded by Lions from around the world and by philanthropy funding. That evening we all ate a great meal while being blindfolded. I know this experience has changed my idea of how much harder it is for a blind person to navigate the world than

a seeing person. Even with a Leader Dog. Truly this was a great experience.

Remember to get in touch with your Zone Chairman and find out when your Zone will be having a meeting. If any club or individual can see it in your financial budgets to please donate what you can to Leader Dogs. Please Donate.

This month I am going to leave you with a quote from Helen Keller. Many of you have heard it many times. But as I was going through Leader Dog this quote came to my mind. The experience truly gave me vision about blindness I didn't know about before attending.

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." Helen Keller

I am here to help you help others



Hello Lions of 5M-2!



Deb Koehnen
2nd Vice District Governor

Thank you to all the Lions of 5M2 that donated their time working at the Minnesota State Fair for Lions Hearing, Vision, Diabetes and Kids Sight.

The new Lions year has begun, and I'm putting in a plug for the 5M2 Write Off Contest which is now open. Club presidents and Zone chairs received information on the contest.

There is a lot going on in 5M2. Several members of 5M2 will be involved in planning things from zone meetings to international conventions. We are very lucky to have so many willing to serve on Lions Foundations, LCIF fundraisers, the upcoming Special Olympics and more all while keeping up our service in our communities.

I will attend the 2VDG training in October in Alexandria, MN and will have several hours of training on the Lions portal in support of my 2VDG role. I look forward to attending the upcoming Zone meetings. Club visits will be planned soon.



2025-2026 LCI Club Excellence Award Criteria

The Club Excellence Award recognizes clubs that demonstrate outstanding service, strong leadership, membership growth and community impact. Below are the minimum requirements that must be met to receive this award. Plan now, start early and lead with service. That is how we build a future where Lions truly shine.

2025-2026 LCI Club Excellence Award Criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs.

Applications will not be necessary for the 2025-2026 award cycle. Awards will be distributed by Lions International to clubs that meet the following criteria and eligibility requirements.

Membership

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club.

Service

- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities to Lions International. Three (3) of these activities must show participation in each of the three (3) International Weeks of Service.

Leadership

- Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the Lions Learning Center.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer, of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between July 1-December 31 of the current Lion year.

Donations

- Contribute to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.



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FOUNDATION**

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LCIF Spotlight: Extending Our Impact with Special Olympics

This upcoming June, Lions have a special opportunity to partner with the Special Olympics in Minneapolis by providing every athlete with an All Ball soccer ball—a symbol of inclusion and joy they can take home. Your support, whether through an individual gift, club contribution, or sponsorship, will make this moment unforgettable and showcase the Lions' commitment to service.

This effort also highlights the global impact of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which turns every donation into grants that bring hope and relief where it's needed most. By giving, you not only support these inspiring athletes but also strengthen the worldwide legacy of Lions service. To get involved, please connect with PDG Anna or Lion Rose for the details.

PDG Anna Wickenhauser 952.913.1467

Lion Rose Thies 612.756.1316

WELCOME NEW LION MEMBERS... WE DONUT KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT YOU!

Albert Lea Lakeview

Lori Larsen
Cheryl Saul

Chaska

Will Carlstrom

Courtland

Mackenzie Havemeier

Glencoe

Julia Forner

Green Isle

Kathleen Thies
Kevin Thies

Hutchinson

Julie Sitz
Justin Sitz
Jennifer Smith

Jordan

Jim Bohar
Marvin Kes

Minnesota Lake

Jeff Ramsley

New Market-Elko-Webster

Barbara Spencer

Norwood-Young America

W Carver

Deborah Scranton

Victoria

Walt Chapman
Joe Jaruszewski
Benjamin Luci
Kayla Murray
Lauren Murray
Traci Peterson
Jason Schmidt
Ryan Spengler
Adam Wilson
Kelly Wischmeier

Waconia

Danica Holscher

Watertown

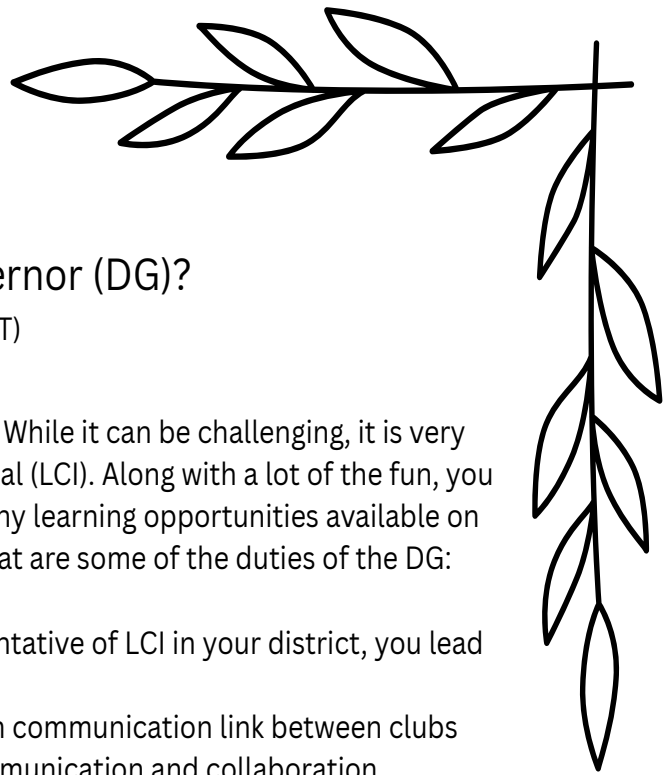
Jacob Bronczyk

Winthrop

Lori Huwe



GLT Corner



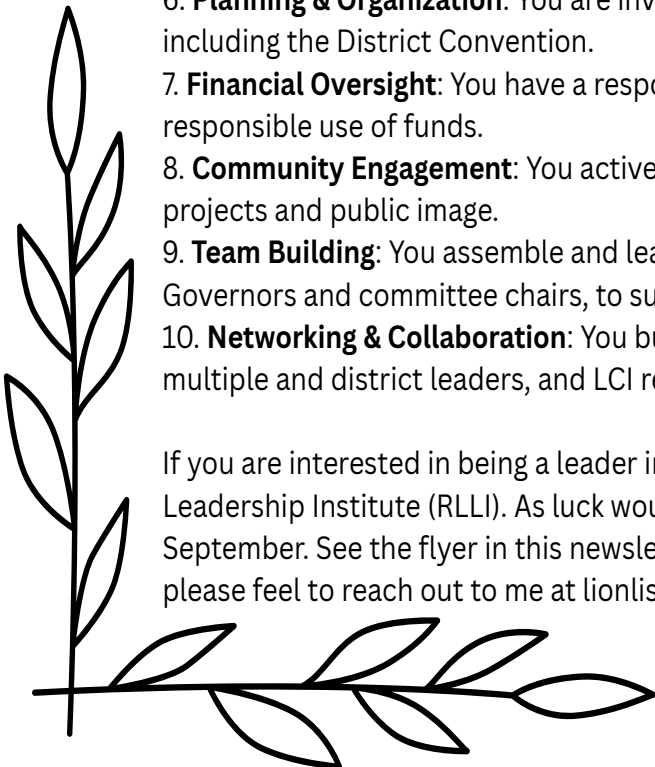
What does it mean to be a District Governor (DG)?

By IPDG Lisa Kaufmann, Global Leadership Team (GLT)

This is a question I have been asked a number of times. While it can be challenging, it is very rewarding leadership role within Lions Club International (LCI). Along with a lot of the fun, you have the opportunity to meet great people. LCI has many learning opportunities available on www.lionsclubs.org and there is a training program. What are some of the duties of the DG:

1. **Representation & Leadership:** As the official representative of LCI in your district, you lead clubs, inspire members, and engage the public.
2. **Communication & Connection:** You serve as the main communication link between clubs and the larger LCI organization, fostering effective communication and collaboration.
3. **Goal Setting & Vision:** You along with the DG Team (1st and 2nd Vice District Governors) play a crucial role in setting the district's vision and goals, ensuring clubs are aligned with LCI's mission.
4. **Mentorship & Development:** You mentor club leaders, helping them develop their leadership skills and manage their activities effectively.
5. **Training & Education:** You along with the GLT are responsible for organizing training programs and events to equip club leaders with the knowledge and skills they need.
6. **Planning & Organization:** You are involved in planning and executing district-level events, including the District Convention.
7. **Financial Oversight:** You have a responsibility for managing district finances and ensuring responsible use of funds.
8. **Community Engagement:** You actively engage with the community, promoting Lion's service projects and public image.
9. **Team Building:** You assemble and lead a team of volunteers, including Vice District Governors and committee chairs, to support your efforts.
10. **Networking & Collaboration:** You build and maintain relationships with club members, multiple and district leaders, and LCI representatives, fostering a strong network of support.

If you are interested in being a leader in 5M-2, a great first step is to attend the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). As luck would have it, it is being held in our district in Mankato in September. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information. If you have any questions please feel to reach out to me at lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com or cell: 952.237-5361.



District 5M-2 Service of Remembrance Guidelines

Purpose

The Service of Remembrance at the 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention honors the lives and service of Lions members who have passed away. This ceremony reflects our commitment to Service, Integrity, and Recognition of those who dedicated themselves to improving their communities and embodying the values of Lionism.

Eligibility for Inclusion

To maintain the integrity and clarity of the Service of Remembrance, the following criteria apply:

1. Current Membership Requirement
 - Only Lions who were members in good standing at the time of their passing will be honored during the Service of Remembrance.
 - A member in good standing is defined as:
 - Listed on the official Lions Clubs International (LCI) roster at the time of death.
 - Not under suspension or having voluntarily resigned prior to their passing.
2. Scope of Recognition
 - The service will include all qualifying Lions from clubs within the District who have passed away between the conclusion of the previous Mid Winter Convention and an adequate time before the current Mid Winter Convention to ensure proper handling and notification.
 - The District Governor or designated Cabinet members (Service Activities Chair) are responsible for verifying membership status and submitting names for inclusion.
3. Former Members
 - While we deeply respect the service of former Lions, only those actively holding membership at the time of their passing will be formally recognized during this ceremony.
 - Clubs wishing to honor former members for their contributions may do so at the club level or during other appropriate local memorials.

Rationale

These guidelines ensure:

- Consistency with Lions Clubs International's policies regarding member recognition.
- The sustainability and meaningfulness of the Service by maintaining clear parameters.
- A respectful space for current members while encouraging clubs to celebrate the legacy of former members through other appropriate avenues.

Additional Notes

- Questions or special circumstances may be submitted to the District Governor and/or District Cabinet for consideration prior to the deadline for recognition.
- This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to reflect the values and needs of our Lions family.



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Dynamic sessions on:

- Team building and communication
- Leading with impact
- Change management
- Club success strategies

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APRIL 24-26, 2026



Sheraton Minneapolis
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12201 Ridgedale Drive
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Hosted by District 5M-5

Sign up today and save!

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<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN





April 24-26, 2026
106th - MD5M Multiple Convention
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
2026 MD5M Registration Form



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Name: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ City: _____
 Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____ Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____
 Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____
 Club: _____ Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
 December 31, 2025
 \$185 US - \$266 CDN _____

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
 March 31, 2026
 \$195 US - \$280 CDN _____

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social	\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____	\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____
Saturday Lunch	\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____	\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____
Saturday Banquet	\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____	\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____
Sunday Brunch	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____	\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

Please specify dietary needs: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Other: _____

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rhonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

-OR- you may pay by Venmo to: @Rhonna-Hed Then Email your registrations to: rhed@summitfire.com

Please provide an email address or phone # if you'd like to receive a confirmation _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

Room rates are \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 9, 2026.

[Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com

Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com



Thank You



WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

As we enjoy the last day of summer,
let us carry its warmth into the
seasons ahead.

Autumn reminds us to harvest
what we've planted—our serv-
ice projects, our friendships,
and our commitment to
our communities. It also calls us
to plant new seeds of kindness
and leadership for the future.

- ✓ Serve with integrity
- ✓ Lead with compassion
- ✓ Welcome change with courage
- ✓ Celebrate diversity and teamwork.



We Serve.



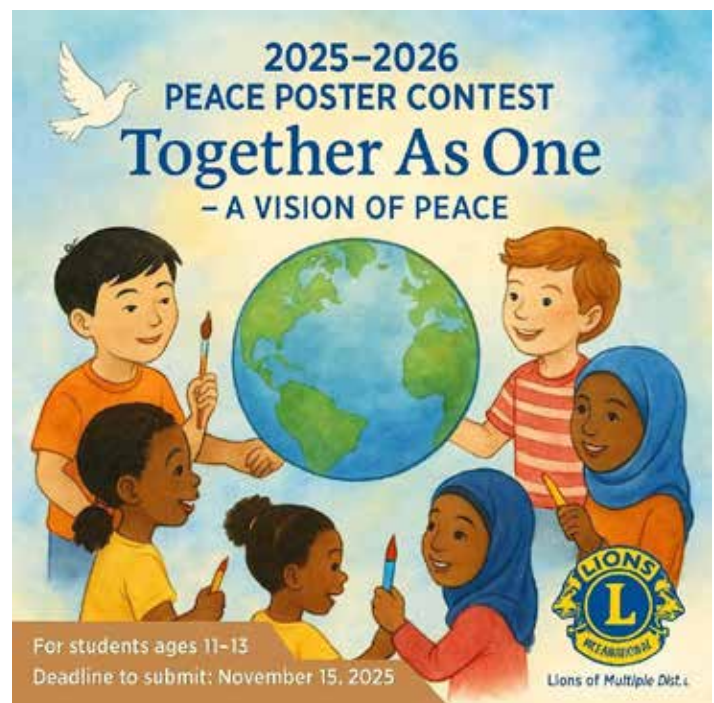
2025 Theme: "Together As One"

It is not too late!!! Your club can still participate in the Peace Poster Contest. Get your kits ordered now and you can get them into the school and the students will have plenty of time to get their poster done before the November 15th deadline. The kit cost is \$11.95 (plus postage) or new this year, there is a Digital Peace Poster Kit available for \$11.95 (no postage). The kit contains all of the material (except the paper) you will need to sponsor a contest in your school or organized youth group. One kit is needed for each entry submitted to the district chairpersons. Please consider giving the youth in your area an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Contact us at the emails below and we will help out in any way we can.

If you have questions on how to order a kit, contact us or order from

[Lionsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1](https://lionsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1) or just google Lions International Peace Poster Kit

Lion Diana Kroells & Lion Trish Gieseke
dianakroells@gmail.com & trish.gieseke@gmail.com
 Peace Poster Co Chairpersons



Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities



GIBBON LIONS PRESIDENT GREG HARTMANN PRESENTED THE GIBBON FIRE AND RESCUE CHIEF JASON RETTIG THE CAN DO CANINES AWARD FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE CITY, COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

CAN DO CANINES TRAIN DOGS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND HEALTH PROBLEMS. LIKE THEM, THE GIBBON FIRE AND RESCUE ARE TRAINED TO HELP PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED WHETHER IT IS A FIRE, ACCIDENT, ILLNESS OR INJURY.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO



THE GIBBON LIONS MEMBERS PICTURED WITH THE GIBBON FIRE AND RESCUE: BACK ROW LEFT: RETIRED FIREMAN LION RICHARD ISAKSON; RETIRED FIRE CHIEF LION STEVE KLUKAS; FAR RIGHT: LION PRESIDENT GREG HARTMANN; RETIRED FIREMAN LION CHUCK SOUTHWORTH AND LION SECRETARY JOYCE WOODS BEHIND LION GREG.

PHOTOGRAPHER IS LION CHARLIE AHLBRECHT

Brownton Lions

The Brownton Lions served 289 at our Dad's Belgium Waffle breakfast. Busy morning!!!

We had our annual corn feed!! Served 154 people. All the corn you can eat!! The top eater had 15 ears.

Once again we were the McLeod county fair attendance clickers on the the first night at the fair.

Volunteering at the State Baseball Tournament here at our home town field.

Things on our calendar : Ditch walk, Brownton Lions Picnic, Halloween party, Governors night, Santa Day.



Arlington Lions



Co-sponsored a cabin at Camp Sweet Life.



Our scholarship winner, Morgan, was our guest at the August meeting.



Lions Jason & Diana maintain 3 flower planters on Arlington's main street.



National Night Out- Served free root beer floats to the attendees.



Music Under the Oaks (Sorry forgot to get a photo of the Lions at work) but they served a light meal with proceeds benefiting the Arlington Lions Scholarship Fund.

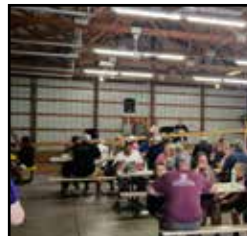
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What are your clubs doing for Service?

Hamburg Lions

The Hamburg Lions held their first corn feed on August 14th. We fed around 200 people. Hamburgers, all proceeds will be donated to Leader dog and Can-do Canines.



Mayer/New Germany Lions

National Night Out in Mayer was coordinated by Mayer New Germany Lions. We served free hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverages to the community, while numerous

other incredible local vendors came out with other free activities for people to enjoy. All ages had fun!



Carver Lions



Carver Lions made 3 donations for \$12,000 each. The first one is to The Gathering Place at St John's church in Chaska. With volunteers from the group accepting the check.

(Right) The 3rd check was to Humanity Alliance in Victoria. Accepting the check is Sammi Pavett of Humanity Alliance.



The 2nd donation was to Bountiful Basket food shelf in Chaska.



**Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead.**

We are committed to leaving this world better than what we inherited.
Together, our service makes it possible.

And, we can expand our service by growing our membership.

Hutchinson Lions



Hutchinson Lions had a donut trailer at the Orange Spectacular.



Hutchinson Lions are hosting National Night Out at our Lions Park. We served root beer floats.

Lions participated in a service project during the McLeod County Fair. Sidewalk Chalk Party. After the kids created their sidewalk art, they received a Donut on a stick. Their

choice of donuts, cinnamon and sugar, or Funfetti Mini Donuts (white frosting with sprinkles)



Amboy Lions

Amboy Lions have been busy in 2025. We sponsored basketball half time shoot outs at six Maple River basketball games. We had our 4th Alumni Basketball tournament in April. We helped with ring toss game at the Lura Lake Association with their kid fair and we gave 2 scholarships to Maple River seniors. We had our annual bake sale and also grilled hot dogs and brats during the Amboy garage sales in May. Our most recent fundraising event was working at Kilty's Brat/Hotdog stand on June 13 and 14 in Mapleton.

We are planning for our fall Amboy celebration on September 6. We will be serving taco in a bag and this year we will sponsor a golf ball drop. We will be selling golf balls for \$1.00. On September 6, we will do the drop and the golf ball that makes it into the hole will win half the pot. Our goal is to sell 500 golf balls. We are also planning a drive by Pork Chop on a Stick. It is great day to be a Lion.



Le Sueur Lions

Thursday night marked the beginning of Giant Day for the Le Sueur Lions, as they hosted a teen night that was an exciting start to the celebrations. On Friday night, the focus shifted to checking IDs, selling drink tickets, and managing the beer gardens, where attendees could relax and take in the fantastic music provided by the Good for Gary!



The Le Sueur Lions distributed yellow candy bags on Sunday prior to the Giant Days parade, as enthusiastic crowds awaited treats and the appearance of Le Sueur Grand Marshal and Lions treasurer Robin Wilke. Since joining the Lions club, Robin has been an indispensable asset. Being named Grand Marshal is a well-deserved honor.



More Le Sueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions were fortunate to have ideal weather conditions for our classic car roll-in on Saturday. A total of 46 exquisite cars, 3 tractors, and numerous other vehicles participated in the event. We would like to congratulate Greg Latzke, the winner of the crowd favorite award, showcasing his 2015 Dodge Challenger Hellcat. We extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors: NAPA Auto Parts of Le Sueur, The Bar and Grill, La Belles Alignment, K&R Graphics, and Bridge Realty - Gail Wentzlaff



Lester Prairie Lions

The Lester Prairie Lions were out on parade at Prairie Days on July 19th. Pictured are Lion Riley and Libby the Lion (Lion Kay)

Lester Prairie Lions served a grilled burger meal to the community for National Night Out in conjunction with the Lester Prairie Police Dept. and the Lester Prairie Fire Department.



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

Summertime Picnic

International Exchange Students

Hosted by the Chanhassen Lions



Thanks to the Carver County Sheriff's and Chan Fire Dept.



Silver Lake Lions

The Silver Lake Lions Club has been busy. Pictures attached show our Club volunteering at our city celebration, Pola-Czesky Days, serving Tacos in a Bag, Smoked Turkey Legs, Corn Dogs, French Fries, and grilled pork chop and broasted chicken dinner! Also, Lion Duane Yurek visited the McLeod County Fair on August 24 to share history and our Club!

This Friday, August 15, we volunteered once again at the McLeod County Fair from 5-10 p.m. counting cars and taking headcount of people attending! Heat, humidity and rain could not keep us away from this annual event!

L-R, Lion Dale Kautz, Lion Joanne Kautz, Lion Sue Vasek



THE VESELI AREA LIONS
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THE 4th ANNUAL

CZECH-FEST



Saturday, September 13th
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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(BEER) (MUSIC) (FOOD)

JAWS Band with Eddie Shimota ~ 1-5pm
St Paul Czech & Slovak Folk Dancers ~ 3pm
Pork, Dumplings and Gravy with Kraut
"Czechwagon", Zelnicky and Vomacka (to go)
Czech vendors

Backyard of Brewster's Bar & Grill
9856 50th St W - Veseli, MN

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**Join us at the
Can Do Woofaroo!**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

**The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will
once again be the Presenting Sponsors.**



candocanines.org/woofaroo

CHANHASSEN LIONS

OKTOBERFEST



BEER - FOOD - LIVE MUSIC

Stein Holding Contest Every Hour 1-5 pm
Best Dressed Contest!
Bust out your Dirndls & Lederhosen
50/50 Raffle
On-line Silent Auction
Nagelbalken/Stump
Try your luck at driving a nail into a stump!

This is a family friendly event!

SEPTEMBER 27TH
12 PM - 11 PM/MUSIC 7 PM
Hackamore Brewing Company, Chanhassen





Silver Lake Lions Club



Fall Brunch

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Serving 8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Silver Lake Auditorium Silver Lake, MN

Menu

Eggs	Pancakes
Sausage Links	Fruit Cups
Toast	Milk
Coffee	

FREE WILL--DONATION

Bring an item (s) for the McLeod County Food Shelf.

Come out and enjoy a good Breakfast.

**Proceeds support the
Silver Lake Lions Football Program.**

Thank you for your support.
Lions...We Serve.



GUN BINGO & RAFFLE

OCT 11

15 Games \$60

Guns Include:

- Benelli M2 Camo
- WINCHESTER SX4
- FRANCHI Affinity 3 Camo

Pre-Register for table of 8 @ \$480
Receive an entry to an exclusive gun raffle!
\$480*

Purchase Tickets Here!

FOOD SERVICE & BAR SERVICE 11:00AM

Bingo Starts 12:30PM

Cologne Community Center

Contact for More Info: 612-290-4901

Centennial Anniversary Mankato Lions



Mankato Lions Club is planning a centennial Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 11th.

Invitations will be sent out soon.

Mankato Area Lions

8th Annual Diabetes Rally



Where: WOW! Zone Mankato, MN

When: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 8:45am – 11:00am

2025 Diabetes Rally Walk will honor PDG Steph Gurney

We can do more with your continued help! 2024 rally total over \$26,000!
Donations go to MN Lions Diabetes Foundation and Camp Sweet Life (both 501c3's)

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Alone it's hard to perform great feats of strength, but together, we have a great strength of feet!



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