



5M-2 Lions' News



March 2023

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Growing Leaders

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
District Governor

After a year of planning, the 2023 Mid-Winter Convention is in the books. I want to thank so many people that made the Convention a huge success.

Lions Pam Koenen, Meg Tibodeau, Lori Nelson and all of Zone 8. You

all worked hard and made everything run without a hitch (as far as I knew).

Thank you to all the Lions that donated Raffle Baskets and to PDG Mike Vos, Lion Sue Vos, PDG Rick Wagner and Roxie Wagner for taking care of everything from start to finish.

Thank you to PDG Diana Kroells for taking care of all the Peace Posters and the top three winners. What talent we have in 5M-2.

Thank you to PID Debra Wasserman for taking care of the Essay Contest and winner Neveh Carlock from Wells, MN. I was so impressed that she memorized her essay and her essay touched me as a gardener.

Thank you to Lion Deb Koehnen for getting everything ready for the Write off contest. Lion Deb was unable to attend the Mid-Winter Convention, but as Lions do 1VDGE Lisa Kaufmann helped out.

Big Thank you to ID Deb Weaverling and Lion Ron Weaverling for taking the time to come to Minnesota to celebrate with 5M-2.

I want to thank our own 1VDGE Lisa Kaufmann for giving a great presentation of Ask 1, and how her Chanhassen club has adapted and grown. I hope you all had great ideas to take back to your clubs.

Thank you to PDG Jay Norby for a great Global Membership Annotative (GMA) again hope you all were able to take this information back to you clubs and do you own GMA. It works!!!

Thank you to Dr. Adams from the MN Lions Hearing Foundation to talk about what they do and the new bone lab. This is the reason we raise money for all of our Foundations so they can buy the best equipment to draw the best medical minds to the U of M.

Thank you to everyone that I may have missed. As District Governor of 5M-2 I am nothing without every single Lion is this district. THANK YOU!!!!

The highlights of the convention for me were all of the meetings, from the Cabinet Meeting on Friday all the way to the Sunday morning wrap up. I hope everyone enjoyed the meetings and the seminars.

The biggest joys for me were:

- That some of my family were able see all that we are.
- That my husband John was there to help and celebrate with me.
- Number one on my lists was to give awards to some of the well deserving Lions that we have in 5M-2.

Congratulations to:

- 1VDGE Lisa Kaufmann ~ IP Award Medal
- Lion Brian Rykhus ~ IP Leadership Medal
- Lion Pam Koenen ~ Presidential Certificate of Appreciation
- Lion Don Novak ~ Presidential Certificate of Appreciation
- Lion Rose Thies ~ Presidential Certificate of Appreciation
- Lion Bill Vandersluis ~ Presidential Certificate of Appreciation
- PDG Marvin Grimm ~ Progressive Hearing Award

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Giving Thanks



*Lion Christy Trutnau
District Governor Elect*

What a whirlwind it has been the first couple weeks of February!

I attended FVDG/DGE training at the Q Center in St. Charles, IL on February 6th through February 10th. All the FVDG/DGE's from MD5M attended the training with me in addition to 612 other FVDG/DGE

from around the world. It was an awesome experience; I was exhausted every day from taking in all the valuable information. There was time set aside for fellowship with other Lions in the Library! It was fantastic to hear about what other Lions do. We do all share something in common; we all struggle getting new Lions and membership retention. We got to visit with and get our picture taken with VP Patti Hill.



I want to thank District 5M-2 for voting me in as your next District Governor and for the support and encouragement you have given me on my path. My dream of being a DG is really happening.

I want to thank my club the Jordaness Lions for all the love and support they have given me during this journey, and for their continued support!

I want to thank those people who have helped me personally along this journey.... You know who you are (there are too many to list). Without your guidance and support I would not be where I am today. So, for that I am grateful!

While attending the training in St. Charles; I did find another passion that I am interested in, and those that know me know that I will one day fulfill that passion, but for now my goal is to do my best as the next District Governor of the best District in MD5M!

I look forward to working with all you and my district team: Team Danger III!

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

You can contact me at:

952-261-8581- phone
Christy1135@gmail.com



While in St. Charles we had the opportunity to visit the LCI Headquarters. That was another awesome experience. I did get to see IP Brian Sheehan's office. They did have a security guard in there to protect his penguins!

After the training was over, I headed to our Mid-Winter convention in Mankato at the new location. I want to give a shout out to the convention committee, Zone 8 and DG Kathleen for an awesome convention, it was a great time and the new location worked out well!

It was nice to see everyone participate in the costume contest. I did win the best girl costume for being a Strawberry. Don't let anyone tell you the judging was rigged.



Spring Zone Meetings

Zone 6 - Lake Crystal, March 14

Zone 3 - TBD, March 22

Zone 8 - Faribault, March 27

Zone 5 - Webster, March 28

Zone 1 - TBD, March 30

Zone 2 - TBD, April 11

Zone 4 - Jordan, April 13

Zone 7 - TBD

Thankful, Grateful and Blessed



Lisa Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor Elect

Sounds like Thanksgiving instead of getting ready for St. Patrick's Day and March Madness, however this is how I feel after the MidWinter Convention. Thankful for all the Lions who attended, speakers who presented and ID Deb and Lion Ron Weaverling for spending the weekend with us. Grateful for the support from 5M-2 and being elected as the 1VDGE. Blessed for spending time with old Lion friends and new ones.

The highlight of the weekend for me is always the Saturday lunch and celebrating our youth. So impressed with the Peace Poster, Essay, and Write-off winners. At such a young age they are already so insightful and good at expressing themselves. Amazed at how they weaved in the theme of the weekend of Growing Leaders and IP Brian Sheehan's message of Together We Can. These are our future leaders.



ID Deb was impressed with our District and how appreciative our Lions are of having the opportunity to serve. She commented on this multiple times throughout the weekend. Are we just Minnesota Nice? In my opinion, we are

but we also have a strong District comprised of individuals who have a strong desire to serve. As PCC Brian Thies mentioned during his Cabinet report, our District, Multiple District and Constitutional areas are growing. The more Lions the more we can serve if we engage them. What is your club doing to engage your new members?

One of the members of the 2VDG group had a great idea to bring part of the Lions International Convention back to MD5M. It is tradition at the Convention to demonstrate for the candidates. Thankful, grateful, and blessed to be part of this group. Two more conventions and we will all be 1VDGEs! Hoping this tradition will continue and be picked up by the incoming 2VDGEs.

Hope to see you around the District!



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION

Growing Leaders...Continued from page 1

CC Glenn Kaufmann ~ Bronze LCIF Award
PID Debra Wasserman ~ Bronze LCIF Award
Lion Rose Thies ~ Guiding Lion Medal
DGE Christy Trutnau ~ Guiding Lion Medal

Last but not at all least I want to thank all the DG's, DGE's, 1VDG's, 1VDGE's, 2VDG's and 2VDGE's from all over MD5M for coming to 5M-2's Mid-Winter Convention. It was so great to see all of you out in the audience and your rally.

Thank you for your support!!!!

Other than that don't ask me what happen or what I said, because it was all a blur. I am looking forward to seeing all of you and more at next year's Mid-Winter Convention.

Dear Lions and Leo's of MD5M

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to the MD5M State Convention this coming May. When more Lions and Leo's come to convention, amazing things happen. We connect with old friends and make new ones. It is a chance to celebrate our accomplishments. We learn from each other and reenergize ourselves as Lions. We identify new goals and new ways to serve, which renews our sense of purpose and helps focus our attention on the challenges ahead.

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

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

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

2022-2023 International President and your guest speaker at Convention
Make a great day!!

International President Lion Brian



103rd Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

May 5-7, 2023

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

HIGHLIGHTS

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

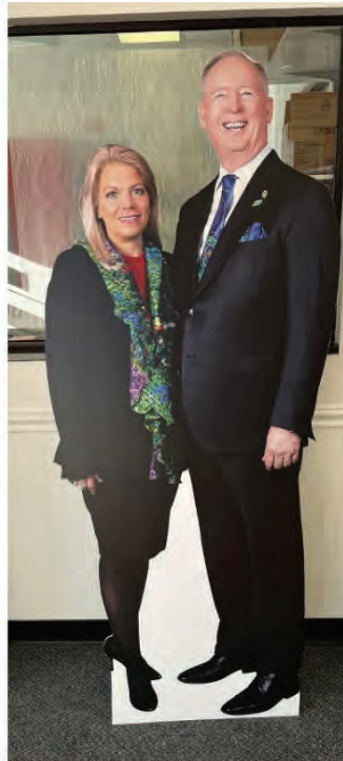
Mark Lindquist
Motivational Speaker

Ukraine Service Project

Sheehan Foundation Penguin
Sock Walk

Starkey Hearing Session

John Harrington
1980 Olympic Miracle on Ice



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



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Complete 1 form per attendee

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

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

Name _____

Title _____

Your District Club & Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Email _____

Are You A... Lion Leo First Timer

Will you require Braille Documents at the Convention? YES NO


\$AMOUNT

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

CIRCLE Saturday Banquet Option

Stuffed Chicken Roasted Pork Shoulder Wild Mushroom Fettuccine

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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

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



REGISTER ONLINE

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



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2023 MD5M Lions Convention Booklet Ad Sale Information

Thank you for considering an ad in our 2023 MD5M Lions Convention booklet. We will be printing 300-400 of these booklets which will be used every day of the convention. The booklets will then be sent home with our attendees and used for reference throughout the year.

The Lions are involved in both local and international programs to help people improve their lives. Thank you for helping raise funds for their community service programs!

Businesses: Promote your goods and services to this group of community-serving Lions.

Clubs: Promote your club's favorite project(s) – share your successes and ideas. Support the convention!

Programs: Promote your Lions Program or Foundation. Share your successes and needs with MD5M Lions. Support the convention!

Quarter Page \$50

3" wide x 3.75" tall

Add color for \$5

Eighth Page \$30

3" wide x 1.75" tall

Full Page \$175 – 6.5" wide x 8" tall - Add color for \$20

EXCLUSIVE Back inside Cover in Color = \$225

~~**EXCLUSIVE Back outside Cover in Color = \$225**~~ Sold

EXCLUSIVE Inside Front Cover in Color = \$225

(available on first-come basis)



Half Page \$90 – 6.25" wide x 3.7" tall

Add color for \$10

Deadline for Ad Submission is March 31st, 2023

Submit print-ready ad or ad info to Lion Todd Neumann at deerhilltgn@gmail.com

Note: Ads can be sent print ready as a PDF. Resolution: 300 Color must be CMYK or B&W (grayscale)

Questions: Contact Lion Todd Neumann at 320-295-6002 or by email.

Please remit payment to your sales person or send to Lion Todd Neumann at 91670 Wagon Wheel Rd, Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783. Make checks payable to: MD5M Lion Convention.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

300 W 22ND STREET • OAK BROOK ILLINOIS 60523-8842 USA • 630.571.5466 • WWW.LCIF.ORG

On behalf of myself and Lions Clubs International Foundation we would like to give you a WOO HOO and THANK YOU!!!!

We raised so far, a total of...Drumroll please.....\$18,385 in our Parade of Green. That is Awesome! There are a few clubs that still are sending me checks but as of this time that's what we have.

For those of you that attended the convention were given the "Opportunity of a Lifetime" to donate a measly \$10 for a chance of earning a Melvin Jones Fellowship for yourself or to give to a deserving individual. With your donation we raised \$1000.00, and a lucky winner was plucked out of the raffle wheel. Insert another Drumroll here.....1VDGE Lisa Kaufmann come on down. Thank you to all the visiting DG's, DGE's, 1VDG's, 1VDGE's, 2VDG's, 2VDGE's, PDG's etc. who supported our foundation.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out to my TEAM. My husband Monkey (Don) and daughter Hilary who helped me without too much complaining. ;)

I would like to touch on one other point. Individual Giving to our Foundation. I was approached at the convention and was told by several Lions that they signed up a few years ago. I asked LCIF about this and was told that if you made a pledge during Campaign 100 it ended the end of June 2022. So basically, you are not donating to the foundation anymore. Surprise! Monkey and I also ran into this problem. So going forward you need to fill out the LCIF Pledge Form again and resubmit it. I was told that this will not be an issue going forward. Your donations will be automatically kept on the reoccurring donation. If at some point you want to stop the reoccurring donation or have any questions about your reoccurring donation you can contact Donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.

The Pledge Form is attached. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Lion Anna Wickenhauser; lionannaw@gmail.com - 952-913-1467

Parade of Green Historical Information

District Parade of Green					
LCIF	\$17,066.00	\$17,300.00	\$15,930.00	\$15,050.00	\$17,885.00
MN Lions Vision	\$21,055.00	\$16,015.00	\$15,513.00	\$15,280.00	\$14,870.00
MN Hearing	\$15,905.00	\$12,165.00	\$11,937.00	\$14,955.00	\$14,360.00
Leader Dogs	\$11,350.00	\$11,960.00	\$9,785.00	\$13,465.00	\$12,685.00
Can Do Canines	\$12,350.00	\$11,985.00	\$10,215.00	\$13,435.00	\$11,860.00
Kidsight	\$10,125.00	\$9,175.00	\$7,720.00	\$9,380.00	\$9,925.00
Childhood Cancer	x	\$9,800.00	\$11,525.00	\$11,705.00	\$12,960.00
Diabetes	\$16,347.61	\$17,970.00	\$11,910.00	\$10,895.00	\$12,425.00
5m2 Diabetes		\$4,045.00		\$5,690.00	\$4,760.00
MD5M Youth Exchange	\$7,540.00	\$3,680.00	\$7,615.00	\$3,550.00	\$4,325.00
5m2 youth exchange		\$4,950.00		\$3,980.00	\$5,525.00
5m2 youth outreach	\$6,260.00	\$6,775.00	\$5,710.00	\$5,640.00	\$5,250.00
Project New Hope	\$8,500.00	\$8,140.00	\$7,485.00	\$9,390.00	\$10,785.00
Qwest	\$4,395.00				\$50.00
Sheehan Foundation					\$5,750.00
	\$130,893.61	\$133,960.00	\$115,345.00	\$132,415.00	\$143,415.00
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

LCIF Pledge Form

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

PLEDGE INFORMATION

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

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

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

PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

Monthly

My monthly payment
is to be US\$ _____

Annually

My preferred annual payment
is US\$ _____

Other

I will make _____ equal
payments of US\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

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

*Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate or provide:

VISA MC AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

DONOR INFORMATION

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

Name (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Member ID _____

Club Name _____ District Name _____

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

Signature _____

Month/Day/Year _____



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LCIF By the Numbers

- Formed in 1968
- Over US\$1.2 billion awarded
- US\$35.4 million funded 1,254 projects last year

LCIF Causes



VISION

Reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment; improve quality of life



YOUTH

Provide access to education, health services, social, and skills-building programs



DISASTER RELIEF

Deeply engage in disaster relief efforts, preparing for whenever and wherever disaster strikes



HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Support programs for at-risk, vulnerable populations disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors



DIABETES

Respond to the global epidemic through multi-faceted initiatives



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Strengthen medical and social services to increase global life expectancy



HUNGER

Expand resources and infrastructure to address food shortages worldwide



ENVIRONMENT

Protect environmental health globally, generating positive ecological and humanitarian impact

The grant for the District wide Buddy Bag project received approval. Thank you to 1VDGE Lisa Kafumann, Lion Julie Beckius and Lion Brooke Tahedl for submitting the grant. Please watch for additional information in a future newsletter.

Dear Lions,

Congratulations on receiving a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for your service project.

Since 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 18,000 grants totaling US\$1.2 billion to help Lions like you improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and protect the most vulnerable among us. Like those grants, yours was made possible by financial support from Lions, their clubs, and friends of LCIF. These donors and I thank you for being responsible stewards of LCIF funds and look forward to learning of your project outcomes.

As you know, LCIF – your foundation – recently completed *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*, raising US\$325 million and exceeding our US\$300 million goal. This amazing success, made possible by the generosity of Lions like you, will enable LCIF support grant worthy projects such as yours and empower Lions globally to continue to magnify service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, humanitarian efforts, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment. Funds raised also ensure we can respond rapidly during extreme crises, like our global pandemic and the war in Ukraine. However, this historic campaign is just a milestone – not a destination – for our organization. As the calls to meet the needs of the world continue to grow, continued support of LCIF is imperative to ensure Lions can always answer. Learn more at lcf.org.

Whether your project takes place over a day, a week, a month, or years, thank you for reporting your progress along the way. Also, share related stories, pictures, and even brief videos with LCIF, on social media, and with your local newspaper. I'm confident the much-needed change you're creating will be a great source of comfort and hope for your community.

Once again, all the best as you embark on your project.

Yours in service,

Douglas X. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Why should I go to a Lions Leadership Institute?



Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI):

Registration is now open

The goal of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level. Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that all club vice presidents attend ELLI.

The Institute will be held April 13-16, 2023 at:

the *Dean Lakes Education Center 4601 Dean Lakes Boulevard | Shakopee, MN 55379*

Accommodations are available at the *Holiday Inn Express 4550 12th Avenue E Shakopee, MN 55379 952-445-2244*. Cost will be \$124 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 24. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

Cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is March 17, 2023.

The application is located on the MD5M website:
lionsmd5m.org under resources.

If you have any questions please email Lion Dennis W. Kelly III,
MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com

For more information on Lions Leadership institutes



“Catch the Dream”

...Life Without Diabetes!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2023

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

2000 steps = 1 mile

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own

Be a part of a team

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens February 1, 2023

\$30 Registration Fee

T-Shirts available



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



Net Proceeds benefits
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
MNLionsDiabetes.org

Can Do Canines Open House Scheduled for March 4

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, March 4, from Noon to 2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota.). Potential clients, volunteers, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.



Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer puppy raiser, talk with volunteer staff members, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes and childhood autism. The assistance dog demonstrations will be held at 12:30, 1:00, and 1:30, and the puppy raiser will speak at 12:15, 12:45, and 1:15.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



5M-2 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? Share the NEWS!!



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

The 2023 Mid Winter Convention is over. It was good to see many Lions friends in person.

The convention was at a new venue and in one building with a lot less walking to get to the convention area. The convention committee did a good job on planning this event.

One of the presenters at the convention was Dr. Meredith Adams, an Associate Professor in the Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery department at the U of M. She gave an outstanding presentation on the use of and where the temporal bone lab is located. She also explained the many parts of the ear. She explained the treatment and surgeries that can be done to correct a patient's hearing. The room was full for both of her presentations. The MN Hearing Foundation has pledged \$250,000 for equipment for the new Temporal Bone Lab.

Lion Wanda and myself will meet to update club rosters with new donations received. We will have each club's donation ready for clubs when they want to give a Fellowship award. We will also sort the hearing aids collected at the convention. We still get a lot of boxes and cases

that we do not need. Also, batteries need to be removed from the hearing aids. The good packages of batteries are donated to nursing homes. The hearing aids are taken to the Starkey Company where 5M2 gets credit. The credit money can be used to purchase hearing aids in the Affordable hearing Aid Program. If you have questions about the Affordable Hearing Aid program, contact one of your Trustees.

An upcoming event, May 6 - 8 at St. Cloud is the MD5M Convention. This convention is for all Lions clubs in MN & Canada. The MN Lions Hearing Foundation is hosting the Silent auction. We are looking for donations for the silent auction. Donations can be a basket, certificate, or cash and we will make baskets, etc. If you don't plan to go to St. Cloud, your donation can be given to a Trustee and we will get your donation there.

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

Trustees:

Lion Wanda Breimhorst, Phone: 612-716-4705
PDG Marvin Grimm, Phone: 952-448-9465

5M-2 Lions Essay Contest Winner

Traits of a Compassionate Leader

By Neveh Carlock

According to Britannica.com a leader is Someone who guides other people. There are multiple examples of leaders such as managers, police officers, firemen, teachers and presidents. Betterup.com says compassion is an empathic understanding for a person's feelings. But what is a leader with compassion?

One of the most important traits of being a compassionate leader is trust. Trust is an important trait to being a compassionate leader because it influences people's thoughts about you. A good leader builds trust with people because it makes others feel comfortable to talk and interact with them.

Another trait that makes a good compassionate leader is to be empathetic. Empathy is being able to imagine yourself and someone else's situation. It is important to be empathetic because it helps leaders build relationships with others and trust.

Another thing that is very important in being a compassionate leader is being able to learn from others. Learning from others helps you get a better understanding of them and makes them feel valued. It is good to understand others because it helps build relationships and lets you imagine what someone is going through.

A compassionate leader to me is a gardener. I think of a compassionate leader as a gardener because they plant the seeds and nurture the plant but the gardener doesn't tell the plant how to grow. Just like leaders, gardeners

have to go over obstacles like how much sun a plant might need or water to keep it healthy, and they might have to keep certain wildlife away too.

Overall someone who is a compassionate leader is a person who shows empathy and understanding of a person's unique situations and feelings. Compassionate leaders are important because they set a good example of kindness, and kindness is contagious. Just like a compassionate leader a gardener Shows kindness by taking care of the plants and making sure it has all of its needs so it can blossom.





Assisting and Engaging the Blind

Article compressed from Minneapolis Star Tribune article on Opinion page from December 9th, 2022
These tips will assist all of us to avoid awkwardness

People whom are blind or legally impaired run into many situations. Below are some ideas when you confront someone who is visually impaired.

1. If you wish to speak to a visually impaired person, please introduce yourself first. I am not able to know if you are speaking to me or to another person. For example, Hi Juan, this gives me an idea where you are so I can look at you. Please tell me also when you are leaving the conversation.
2. If you wish to help, that's wonderful. Please ask me first, and tell me what you may want to assist me with. Sometimes a blind person does need help, we get lost. Thank You for offering if I am not in need. That include people with a white can or guide dog, please do not assume we need help.
3. Don't just grab me, visually impaired people are always on high alert when in public. Don't try to place my hand on an object. Our first tendency is to pull away, which could contribute to a fall or other injury. It is safer to ask please, and then advise me such as too the right. We want to be safe.
4. I do not mind questions on my blindness or how it occurred or my service dog. Not all people will be receptive to this question, so one may ask, and apologize if the person is not open to speaking about there condition.
5. DON'T pet my guide dog. If his or her harness is on, they are working. Ask prior to petting him. My guide dog is working not only for his safety but also for mine. If people pet my guide dog when he is working, he may learn to seek attention while working, which is a distraction for both of us.

Added note. Humans are visual creatures. A high percentage of the brain cortex is devoted to processing images which assists us with reality and learning. For people who lose their sight, many cues sighted people perceive are no longer perceived at all, or only indirectly by using other senses. That makes travel and interaction challenging. There are currently 6 to 7 million Americans whom are visually impaired. Please feel free to say "hello" or if you sense they need assistance might be useful ask "if you can help?"

Lion Lori and Lion Loretta would like to express thank you to all club's who have supported Leader Dogs for the Blind during the 5M2 midwinter. Costs for Leader Dog placement is nearly \$50,000 and Leader Dogs are trained and placed at no cost to the client. So again, Leader Dogs for the Blind "thank you". We are always opened for Club visits, please contact Loretta at lm.klenke@outlook.com or phone 952-445-0289. Lions Lori and Loretta are teaming up for club visits.



Forty clubs in 5M-2 have contributed to...

the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, along with some personal donations, for a total of \$5950. That is fantastic! The Board of Directors sincerely thank you for your generous contributions. I love being a part of 5M-2 Lions because the Lions in this district are so very supportive of causes within and outside the district. IP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan are thrilled with your support for the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation. You make me proud to be a director. Thank you so very, very much. PDG Joan Blank, 5M2 Director

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

New Auburn Lions

The New Auburn Lions along with community members gathered together to cut, sew and make 36 burp cloths for Glencoe Regional Health. These will be given to the families who have their babies there.



Jordaness Lions

Members of the Jordaness club stopped by the Jordan Public Library recently to make a donation in memory of founding club member, Lion Hedy Joachim. Lion Hedy was just short of her 100th birthday when she passed away, but was still a vital member of the club and her community. The donated money will be used to purchase audio books for the library.



Stewart Lions

Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg inducted Elizabeth Maiers as a new member of the Stewart Lions Club during her visit to our club in January. L to R: sponsor Heidi Nelson, DG Kathleen and Elizabeth Maiers.



Waconia DandyLions

A Dandy Review of 2022!

- Burger Night 1/7/22: \$421.00 raised
- First Annual Frozen Fairway Open 2/5/22: \$7,700 raised with \$4k donated to Brielle House
- Feb 22: \$20 donation to each during Parade of Green: 5M2 Diabetes, MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Childhood Cancer, MN Lions Hearing Foundation, Can Do Canines, Project New Hope Lions Foundation, MD5M Youth Exchange, 5M2 Youth Exchange, 5M2 Youth Outreach, MN Lions Vision Foundation, MD5M Kid Sight Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind. Total donated: \$240
- 2/20/22: Donation to Lion Brian's International Campaign of \$100
- Feb 2022 Waconia High School Prom Donation of \$50
- Feb 2022 Club Donation to LCIF of \$20
- April 2022 Diaper Drive: delivered 21,000 diapers. 580 lbs to Crisis Nursery, 443 lbs to Waconia Food Shelf, 150 lbs to NYA food shelf, and additional to Senior Centers around Waconia and NYA

- Aug 2022: 111 volunteered hours by club members and families at the county fair gates. \$610.50 added to admin account and \$444 towards the volunteers future dues.
- Wild Game Dinner 18 volunteers (90 total jours) to help Waconia Lions. Donation received for hours volunteered of \$1,000 from Waconia Lions.
- April Waconia firecrackers donation \$100.
- May: Donate Journey for service \$50.
- Oct: Fall Flannel Crawl: Total donations: \$6,509.95
- Aug-Oct: Go With the Flow: female hygiene items; as well as general personal hygiene for boys and girls were donated by club and community and delivered to local schools
- Holiday Initiatives: we adopted 8 local families and 80 senior citizens for the holidays and used our flannel fall crawl donations!

We volunteered at: monster truck; rodeo; Carver County clean up; Zoey Orth fundraiser



Waconia Lions

The Waconia Lions formed a team and participated in the 2023 Polar Plunge on Lake Waconia. The event was held on Saturday, February 11th.



Prior Lake Lions

PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 5M2
 RAISING \$1050.00
 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA

2023 POLAR 'plunge'

BRRRRR...
 LION HARRY & LION JEFF
 MADE THE PLUNGE
 #COMMUNITYVIBES

PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB OF DISTRICT 5M-2
 16228 MAIN AVE SE SUITE 110, PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372



The Pinewood Derby car judging with Cub Scout Pack 331 (our Pack we sponsor) was a total hoot to say the least! Lots of energy in the room as the Cubbies waited for the racing to begin on Saturday February 25. There were race car themes placed all around the room and on the entry way into the Spring Lake town hall building to augment the mood and excitement. Lots of parents, siblings, and Scouts.

Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 judged 20 cars in 10 categories. It was tough picking the winners, but we did it. The winners will get certificates for their efforts.

Thank you to Lions Mike, Kelly, Linda, Char, Kris, Paul for helping with the most fun Lions job with the Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts are 6 to 10 years old. It was a beautiful day

Next up is the Blue and Gold banquet with the Cub Scouts.



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS



Carver Lions

The Carver Lions will be celebrating 50 years of service in 2023, and we've started our year off strong.

Our club collected approximately 750 pounds of plastic in the last six months. In return for recycling the plastic, we will receive a Trex bench, to be delivered and assembled in February. Thank you to Lion Dean for organizing this project! We hope to have a picture of our completed bench in next month's district newsletter.

On January 28th, the Carver Lions hosted the 14th annual Soggy Bottom Golf Fundraiser. The funds raised this year were used to help local Carver residents Jamie Riedl and Kelli Zupke.



(Below) During the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention, Carver Lion Marv Grimm received a leadership award for his work with the Lions Hearing Foundation.



Jamie is battling Stage 3 Breast Cancer, and due to side effects from her treatment, has been unable to work. Before the Soggy Bottom fundraiser, she considered stopping treatment, because she could no longer afford it. She has called this her "Christmas Miracle."

In 2020, Kelli had a horse-riding accident, and although she was wearing a helmet at the time, suffered a severe traumatic brain injury. This injury affects the right side of her body and causes short- and long-term memory loss. Since her injury Kelli has had to relearn how to walk with the help of a cane, write with her non-dominant hand, speak and take care of herself.



Hamburg Lions

Hamburg Lions donated \$1000 each to Camp Confidence & Camp Sweet Life from the proceeds of our Pancake Breakfast held in January.



Zone Chair Todd Schansberg presented award & chevrons at the January meeting



Lion Otto Mackenthun
Membership Key Award



Lion Melvin Byer
40 Year Chevron



Lion Harlan Mackenthun
35 Year Chevron

**5M-2 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 Fund Raising? Share the NEWS!!

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Growing Leaders



5M-2 Convention in Pictures

LION LISA KAUFMANN 1st VDG

PRESENTING THE 5M-2 CANDIDATES

LION CHRISTY TRUTNAU DISTRICT GOVERNOR

SHERMAYNE CROSS 2nd VDG

City Unity Training

ELECT SHERMAYNE CROSS FOR 2ND VDG





B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Minnesota Lake Lions
Night of Bingo



Permit # XB-04490-22-009

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
MINNESOTA LAKE, MN
SATURDAY, March 4, 2023

6:00 p.m. sandwich meal available for \$8.00
Pork sandwich, chips, drink, and bar



7:00 P.M. Bingo games start
Advance sale \$20
At the Door \$25

Tickets available from Lions Club members or call Edie, 462-3469



CASH PRIZES

Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects



Sunday March 5th
Green Isle Fire Hall
8:30 am to 12 Noon

Serving Regular & Western
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage
Links, Hash Browns, Biscuits &
Gravy, Texas Toast, Muffins,
Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Juice.

Free Will Offering

To Go and Dine In
Options Available

Proceeds to Benefit
Community Projects

FREE RAFFLE

COMMUNITY-VIBES

PRIOR LAKE LIONS

TREAT GIVE-A WAYS

BUNNY BRYANT 9-11

EASTER BUNNY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
VFW AUXILIARY-LOCAL SCOUTS-SMOKE SIGNALS

MARCH 26
SUNDAY
2023

8:30-NOON
ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5
(UNDER 2YRS OF AGE FREE)

PL VFW 16306 MAIN AVE SE PRIOR LAKE MN

PRIOR LAKE LIONS CLUB 5th DISTRICT 5M-2
16326 MAIN AVE SE SUITE 110, PRIOR LAKE, MN 55322

Hamburg Lions

Bingo!

And

MEAT RAFFLE

March 31, 2023
Hamburg Community Hall
*6:30 pm * Doors open 5:00 pm*
\$10 for 20 games of bingo

Turkeys, Hams, Summer Sausage
Door Prizes
Cash Bar - Hamburgers - Hot Dogs,
Chips - Candy - Popcorn