



# 5M-2 Lions' News



October 2024

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*Lion Lisa Kaufmann, District Governor*

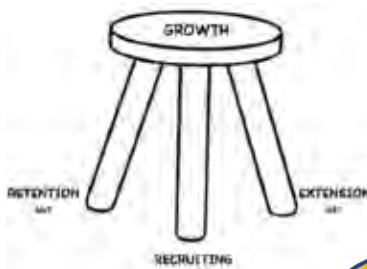
Hard to believe fall is just around the corner. For many of us, this time of year gives us a moment to reflect and think about what we are thankful for. Recently, Glenn and I were able to travel to Louisville and attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. We are thankful and grateful for the opportunity to network with so many Lions from around the country. In this article I am going to share some of the information we took away from the seminars we attended.

We are working toward the goal of Mission 1.5, should the focus be People 1.5? It struck me listening to one facilitator who talked about people, both members and those we invite to join us. Are we engaging with our members and are they satisfied with what we are doing? What are we as leaders and "plain old Lions" doing to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members? Are we caring for our members? Does your club have a gratitude or sunshine committee? During your club meetings do you recognize birthdays and/or anniversaries? These are simple things which can go a long way in making our club members feel important and cared for.

December will be here soon along with the dreaded December drops. How do we get ahead of the December drops? Are you as club leaders reaching out to the Lion members you do not see or hear from often? Either you or have someone from the club invite them to participate in an event or meeting. Many times, people just want to be asked or invited to join an activity. Someone invited them to join Lions, are we continuing to invite them to participate?

There was a great analogy I saw somewhere of a three-legged stool. In order for the stool to be stable there were three legs: retention, extension (new clubs) and new members.

Without anyone of these, our stool is not going to be stable, and we are not going to reach our growth goal. Let's all work together and make Mission 1.5 be Mission 1.5 Possible (not impossible). For your Mission



## People 1.5?

1.5 Possible gear checkout Bee Seen promotions (<https://beeseenpromotions.net>).



*"There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be." The Beatles*

## Year to Date: 9/27/2024

### Membership Metrics

2,276

Total Membership

47

Drop Members in FY

68

Members Added in FY

21

Net Growth in FY

0.92%

Net Growth in FY%

### 2024-2025 Goals

205 Members Added  
4 Net Growth  
1 New Club

## Contact Us:

### District Governor Team

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**We Serve**

## Donuts, Blindfolds and Horses!



**Lion Shermayne Cross**  
1st Vice District Governor

My fellow 1VDG of MD5M, visited the Leader Dog campus in Rochester Hill, Michigan on August 24. There were sixty 1VDG from around the US in our group who learned the history of Leader Dog; learned how to be a human guide, toured the residence where clients live from one to three weeks depending on the program

they are in. We ate the infamous chili and donuts for our lunch, toured the canine center which was immaculately clean. Unfortunately, there were only a few dogs in house, several adorable puppies and a new black cat! We all participated in the Leader Dog experience with a guide dog and the use of white canes. The facility has five different programs available to teens and adults and serves approximately 300 clients each year, all free to the client thanks to Lions in the US and Canada who support Leader Dog. Before leaving the facility, we were given free time to network, shop and do a brick search. Surrounding the perimeter of the building, are engraved 4X8 bricks purchased by patrons to help support the mission of Leader Dog. I did find 3 bricks that were from Faribault members, including my dad's! Bonus. Upon returning to the hotel, we "dined in the dark". Everyone was blind folded for the meal, and we had lots of laughs wondering what we were eating and where everything was on the table. (Try to find the salt shaker????) I lost my knife about a minute into the meal-thank goodness the meat was tender! Another Lion ate his neighbor's bun along with his own. The waiter complimented all of us as we were the first group that hadn't spilled any water!

It was an incredible experience to visit the campus and to learn the impact that Lions have had for the past 85 years in providing critical services to thousands of visually impaired people. The waiting list is at least 6-12 months for anyone in need of services and growing, as 75,000 people each year become blind or visually impaired.

Two weeks after returning from Michigan, we packed our bags again and headed for Louisville, Kentucky for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. Over 1900 Lions from the US, Canada and the Caribbean were in attendance for the 3-day conference. It was difficult to choose which seminar to attend as there were over 100 of them. Topics included: club structure, bylaws and constitution, youth, portal training, secretary/treasurer training, LCIF, Mission 1.5, public speaking, recognition, ceremonies to name just a few. We had wonderful inspirational speakers at our luncheons and dinners, along with meeting IP Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil and 1VP AP Sing from India. We came home tired but energized with new ideas, solutions, and looking forward to the next forum in Atlantic City in September 2025.

Until next time... "Be Kind, Help Others, Have FUN, Make a Difference in Your Community."

MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

# EYEBall

October 25, 2024 7:00pm-9:30pm

## TECHNOLOGY TIPS & TRICKS

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. CT



PCC Matt Huggenvik will be hosting. Topics will include Zoom, Lions Portal and technology tools.

The zoom link can be found on both the MD5M and 5M-2 Facebook pages. Click on the Zoom link to join.

Featuring

## The Jammers

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb at [liondebbialke@gmail.com](mailto:liondebbialke@gmail.com)

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captain's Room

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

All proceeds to benefit Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

## Hello Fellow Lions!



*Chuck Toltzman  
2nd Vice District Governor*

October is a month with lots of beautiful color. So be sure to get out and enjoy the colors. We all know what comes next.

In September I went to the Northern Pride Forum. What an exciting time we had. There were a lot of

seminars to go to on Saturday. I would like to have gone to more but there was just not enough time.

In the GST seminar I learned all the different services that Lions could do. We all put together a diabetes kit. Something that only takes a couple minutes to do. But could mean saving a life. Clubs could do these simple kits for minimal amounts of money and time and hand them out around their own communities. Send me an e-mail if you would like to do this in your club and I will send you the instructions.

Another one of the seminars I went to, was the seminar about how to use the Portal where they had mentors that went through the Portal section by section and explained how to put your information in each section. I picked up some exceptionally good points in this hour and a half. Does not make me an expert but does make me more knowledgeable. Speaking of the Portal. There are some clubs that still do not have their club officers entered in

the Portal yet. Please contact me with your club officers and I can put them in for you. Or if you are having problems with the Portal. Please contact me.

At the How to build your team session. We had different teams that represented a different part of a project. When presented with different scenarios every team had to hold up an X or Y. Points were awarded accordingly. We as a group meaning the whole class soon realize that when one part of the team was off doing their own thing. The whole project failed. Lesson learned.

The main speakers for the day were Past International President Lion Brian Sheehan and Lion Laurie Sheehan. What great speakers! I strongly suggest that next time there is a Northern Pride Leadership Forum, that everyone considers going, you will not be disappointed.

Look for your Club's Zone meetings in October. Every Lion in your club is invited. The more Lions that attend Zone meetings the more information that can be shared. Meeting Lions from other clubs from your zone are a lot of fun. I hope to meet a lot of Lions at the Zone meetings that I can attend this fall.

Did you know that in 1931: Lions charter a club in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. And the first International Convention is held in Toronto ON Canada.

I am here, to help you, help others.

### DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

### October 2024

- 3 - GAT Meeting
- 9 - Guiding Lion Training
- 10 - Zone 5 & 6 Fall Meeting
- 12 - Diabetes Rally in Mankato
- 14 - Gibbon DG Team Visit
- 15 - St. Peter DG Team Visit
- 16 - Zone 7 & 8 Fall Meeting
- 17 - GAT Meeting
- 19 - Council of Governors Meeting
- 21 - Winthrop DG Team Visit
- 22 - Albert Lea Lakeview DG Team Visit
- 23 - Henderson DG Team Visit
- 24 - Zone 1 & 3 Fall Meeting
- 25 - MN Lions Vision Foundation Eyeball
- 26 - Thanksgiving for Vision
- 28 - Chanhassen DG Team Visit
- 29 - Mid-Winter Convention Meeting
- 30 - Zone 2 & 4 Fall Meeting



- \$6,500 FROM THURSDAY NIGHT'S ATTENDANCE.
- \$11,000 DONATION.
- MATCH OF \$3,250 FROM SPONSOR, POPE BUCKNELL.

**2024 RODEO**

**DONATION OF \$20,750 TO:**  
**Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**

SUBMITTED BY : 5M-2 DG LISA KAUFMANN, LIAISON TO THE MINNESOTA LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION





# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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## Fall Greetings

As many of you may know Lion Rose and I like a good challenge. LCIF has given us the district goal that we as District 5M-2 are going to blow out of the water!! We only need to increase our donations by a measly \$5600.00 over what we donated last year. That number is very achievable. How are we going to accomplish this? Some suggestions would be to increase your Parade of Green Donations. Increase your personal donations or start donating on a reoccurring basis. It gets taken right out of your bank account and is tax deductible. Did we mention the "Go for the Gold Gala"? Start thinking about someone in your club that is deserving of a fellowship and making sure that there is enough in your account to be able to have it presented at the Gala. Or make personal contributions to LCIF and be proud of your support for the Foundation by receiving your own Melvin Jones/Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. Start a new fundraiser just for LCIF-be creative and make sure you take a lot of pictures and post them. In last month's newsletter we gave a brief review of how we have benefited from our LCIF Grants-the funds do come back to our communities. Look for Lion Rose or myself at the upcoming zone meetings.

Question: How do you mend a broken pumpkin?

Answer: With a Pumpkin Patch!

Lions Rose and Anna (And we aren't quitting our day jobs)

**Go for the Gold Gala**

**Saturday March 29, 2025**  
**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn**  
 100 - 4th Ave S.  
 St Cloud, MN 56301

**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

FY 24-25 Fundraising Progress											
Multiple District	District	Lion Leader	Membership	FY24-25 Fundraising Goal	Cumulative Cash Received as of 9/16/2024	Cumulative Total Fundraising	Per Member Average	Gap to FY24-25 Goal	Percent to FY24-25 Goal	Total Fundraising Numbers as of 9/16/2024	Growth over Last Report
5M PDG Anna Wickenhauser	5M 1	PDG Kerry Bien	1,717	\$ 52,397	\$175	\$175	\$0	\$52,222	0%	\$100	\$75
		PDG Anna Wickenhauser Lion Rosemary Thies	2,263	\$ 69,059	\$2,546	\$2,546	\$1	\$66,513	4%	\$2,311	\$235
	5M 2	PDG Allen Struck	990	\$ 30,211	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3	\$27,211	10%	\$3,000	\$0
	5M 4	Lion Allen Ulbricht	1,416	\$ 43,211	\$225	\$225	\$0	\$42,986	1%	\$105	\$120
	5M 5	PDG Rob Hed	1,334	\$ 40,709	\$3,770	\$3,770	\$3	\$36,939	9%	\$3,750	\$20
	5M 6	PDG Carol Farley	1,185	\$ 36,162	\$810	\$810	\$1	\$35,352	2%	\$810	\$0
	5M 7	PDG Mark Landwehr IPDG Peter Lendway	1,683	\$ 51,359	\$5,535	\$5,535	\$3	\$45,824	11%	\$5,385	\$150
	5M 8	PDG Frank Leidenfrost Lion Carrie Shofner	2,807	\$ 85,660	\$840	\$840	\$0	\$84,820	1%	\$750	\$90
	5M 9	IPDG Linda Albrecht-Norby Lion Erin Beck	1,869	\$ 57,035	\$3,635	\$3,635	\$2	\$53,400	6%	\$3,470	\$165
	5M 10	PDG Melvin Milender	663	\$ 20,232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,232	0%	\$0	\$0
	5M 11	PDG Allen Bertilrud Lion John Vik	1,231	\$ 37,566	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$37,566	0%	\$0	\$0
		Undistricted		\$ -	\$50	\$50	-	-	-	\$50	\$0
		MD 5M Totals		17,158	\$ 523,603	\$20,586	\$20,586	\$1	\$503,017	4%	\$19,731



## ***TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Update!***

The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation is proud to announce it has awarded its first two Matching Grants at its August 27 Board meeting.

The first TSCF Matching Grant was \$1,876.00 awarded to the Princeton Lions Club in District 5M8 to assist the Club in purchasing a new commercial refrigerator to be used in the Princeton Food Pantry.



The second Matching Grant Request in the amount of \$3,000.00 came from the Sauk Rapids Lions Club in District 5M8 to help them commission a Lion Sculpture to be placed in the Lions Sculpture Garden in Sauk Rapids.

If your club has a worthy project that needs some help, TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Matching Grant Applications can be found on the Foundation's website: **teamsheehan.foundation**, or reach out to me.

Lion Joan Blank  
District 5M2 TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Director  
lionjoanblank@gmail.com

# Welcome

## New Lions Club Members

**Blue Earth:**

Miranda Tulowetzke

**Henderson:**

Gary Lee

**Shakopee Valley:**

Barbara Orzechowski

**Cologne:**

Robert Benes

**Lonsdale:**

Annastina Barnes

**St. Peter:**

Jon Graff

**Eagle Lake Area:**

Brittney Schloesser

**Lonsdale:**

Larry Ellsworth

Laura Ellsworth

Andy Glockner

Kristen Glockner

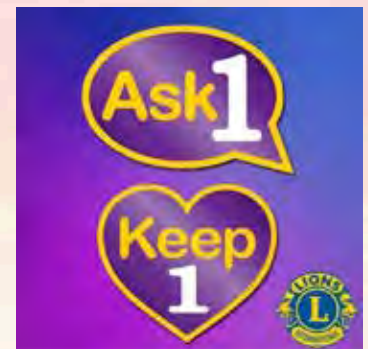
Simone Hilligoss

Steven Hilligoss

**Waconia:**

Scott Colville

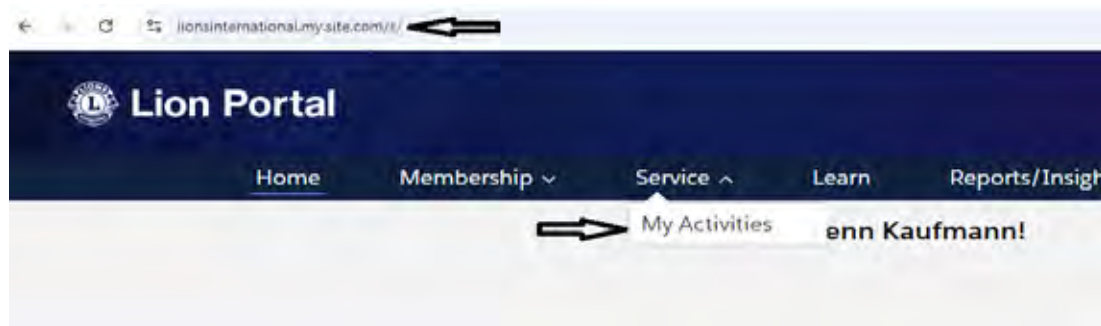
Brandon Tahedl



## Service Reporting on the Portal

Hi Lions...sometimes the new Lions Portal can be a pain, we're all learning together. Currently 45% of 5M-2 clubs have reported service. Hope everyone who wanted to dial into 5M-2's Portal Training on Monday, 30 September was able to do so. If not, a recording is available on 5M-2's Facebook page as well as the 5M-2 Lions website.

Once you crack the code to log into the Portal, entering service activities is pretty uncomplicated. Club and Leo President, Secretary, Service Chair, and Administrator (if you have one) can report service. Clubs can consider adding the Service Chair and Administrator to help lighten the load of your Secretary. What can you report? Because we want to be able to show others all the great things we're doing, and time spent doing them, we can report Donations, Fundraisers, Meetings, and Service Projects.







LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM



### **RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)**

November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



RLLI participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

### **ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)**

March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



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

#### **You qualify for trainings if you:**

Are a current member in good standing  
Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.  
Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas  
Like having FUN!!!!

#### **Participants are required to:**

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

**Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register**



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



***ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION PREFERRED:***



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

***FOR PAPER REGISTRATION:***

Complete one form for each person attending.

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

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City, State &amp; Zip Code:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Club Name:</b>	

**Instructions:**

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



Include convention when completing transaction.

**Convention Costs:**

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

**Meal Options:**

If you have dietary restrictions, please email: [jhess1966@gmail.com](mailto:jhess1966@gmail.com)

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

**Hotel Accommodations:** Book directly with the Country Inn & Suites by calling (507) 225-007 or type the following into a browser: [www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HU19T1](http://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/HU19T1) to book online.

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





## District 5M-2 Lions Club Delegate Roster



**Form must be completed and returned by February 1st.**

**Club Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Club Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Delegates: \_\_\_\_\_

### List of Club Delegates:

**Print Name:**

**Initial at  
check-in:**

**Email Address:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Email:** pkkoenen@gmail.com

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

### District 5M-2 - Lions Bingo Challenge

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lion Submitting:** \_\_\_\_\_

L	I	O	N	S
Have a "Fun" Club Event	Club Officer(s) Attend the Fall Zone Meeting	Complete a Vision Service Project	Schedule A Cabinet Member to Speak at a Club Meeting	Report One Service Activity in the Lions Portal
Submit an Item/Ad to the District Newsletter	Induct a New Member	Invite a Non-Lion to a Club Meeting or Service Project	Send DG Lisa a Picture of Your Club in Action (lionlisakaufman@yahoo.com)	Conduct a Childhood Cancer Service Project
Have Your Zone Chair Attend a Club Meeting	Club has a Social Media Page and/or Website		Complete a Diabetes Service Project	Post a Club Meeting or Event on Social Media (Add #lionsrock)
Complete an Environmental Service Project	Club Member(s) registered for the Mid-Winter Convention	Offer Membership Orientation	Report a Second Activity in the Lions Portal	Schedule a DG Team Member to Visit Your Club
Complete a Hunger Service Project	Nominate a Lion from your Club for Zone Lion of the Year	Club Makes a Donation to LCIF	Invite Another Club to Your Club Meeting	Conduct a Club Fundraising Event

**Rules:** Starting July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 for every activity your club completes, "dab" the square (or X through it). For each bingo completed, your club will earn one entry into the drawing. Valid bingos: four corners, straight line or diagonal. A blackout will earn 15 entries into the drawing.

It is up to your club to determine what constitutes a "fun" event. Service activities can be collecting eyeglasses, roadside clean-up, food drive, etc. Many things your clubs are already doing.

**Prize:** DG Team will provide a meal for your club. It can be at a club meeting or a "fun" night.

**Submission of Cards & Drawing:** Submit to GST Coordinator, Lion Julie Beckius @ [jbeckius5@gmail.com](mailto:jbeckius5@gmail.com) or 515 Red Oak Court, Jordan, MN 55352 by 2/7/2025 or bring them to the Mid-Winter Convention and turn in at the registration table. Winner will be drawn during Saturday lunch.

## Can Do Canines to Host Open House November 11

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, November 11, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, 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 dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, 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 12:15, 1:55, and 1:35, and the dog host will speak at 12:15, 12:35, 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](http://www.candocanines.org).



### ***Calling all Lions and Leos!***

My name is Jim Walters, my wife Cindy and I have been working with the Youth Exchange Program and hosting with Youth Exchange for many years. We are available to answer any questions potential hosts may have about the program.



#### **A few brief facts about Youth Exchange**

- The youth generally arrive about July 1st and leave early August
- They spend a week at Camp Spicer; this year July 25th-August 2nd
- You do not have to have a partner or children in the home to host
- You can host even if you work full time
- They bring their own spending money
- The lists of youths available starts in January
- There is a small stipend available to hosts to assist with the cost of hosting

If you are interested in getting more information about hosting a youth or two, please do not hesitate to contact us; [golfwithjim@gmail.com](mailto:golfwithjim@gmail.com) or [cjwalters@me.com](mailto:cjwalters@me.com).



# DISTRICT 5M-2

# FALL ZONE

# MEETINGS



- Dinner \$20
- Speaker on Hunger & Effects on our Communities
- LCIF Fundraisers:
  - Heads or Tails Game
  - Bid on A homemade apple pie & an apple crisp
- Food drive & cash donations service project - see flier

## **Zones 1 & 3 October 24th**

- 4-H Cafe @ Fairgrounds  
840 Century Ave. SW, Hutchinson
- RSVP by 10/17 to: satnightcruise@yahoo.com

## **Zones 2 & 4 October 30th**

- Willkommen Park Pavilion  
21 E. Main St., Norwood Young America
- RSVP by 10/23 to: lionmonkey67@gmail.com



## **Zones 5 & 6 October 10th**

- Montgomery Legion  
102 Elm Ave. SE, Montgomery
- RSVP by 10/3 to: kkziskovsky@yahoo.com

## **Zones 7 & 8 October 16th**

- New Richland City Hall  
203 Broadway Ave. N., New Richland
- RSVP by 10/9 to: lionmargie11@gmail.com



6:00 p.m. Social Time  
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program





## District 5M-2 Global Services Team Launches a

### *"Fall Food Drive"*

A district wide service  
project to support local  
Food Shelves across  
5M-2

5M-2 Lions are asked to join together during the  
Fall Zone meetings to support local Food Shelves  
in the need for service against Hunger

#### Some of the most needed Items:

- \* Peanut Butter
- \* Canned Vegetables
- \* Boxed Cereal
- \* Rice
- \* Jelly
- \* Canned Stew
- \* Pasta (whole grain)

*\*other food items, paper products, personal care items, and monetary donations also welcome!*





# DISTRICT 5M-2 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST 2024-2025



**Photo by Lion Jan Eibs  
Green Isle Lions Club  
2023-2024 People's Choice Winner**

## WHO CAN ENTER:

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

## PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:

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

## JUDGING

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

## HOW TO ENTER:

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

**Lion Diane Hesse  
22425 Helena Blvd  
Jordan, MN 55352**

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





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

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

**RULES:**

- Each Lions and Leo **club** in District 5M-2 is invited to select and submit **one** entry by January 17, 2025
- Photo must depict a nature theme (i.e. plants, animals, landscape, weather, etc.)
- Photo must have been taken in 2024
- Photo must be original and unaltered
- Photo must have been taken by the submitting Lion or Leo
- Photo must depict the local environment of the community the Lion or Leo serves
- Photo must not include people - photos that include people will be disqualified
- Photo must be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm)

**JUDGING:**

- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, based on voting at the Midwinter Convention.
- Voting will take place at the convention from Friday, February 14 through the morning of Saturday, February 15.

**Mail the photo entry along with the Entry Form to:**

Lion Diane Hesse  
22425 Helena Blvd  
Jordan, MN 55352

QUESTIONS?: Email Lion Diane Hesse at [liondianehesse@gmail.com](mailto:liondianehesse@gmail.com)



## 2024-2025 Theme: Peace Without Limits

The Peace Poster project gives youth an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. We have seen many wonderful posters in 5M2 in previous years. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. I hope that your club has chosen to participate this year. It is not too late to order a Peace Poster kit which is available through October 1. You can order your kits from this website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster> or simply Google- Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

If you are a club participating for the first time, and (or)  
If your club's chairperson(s) would like any help get-

ting started, please reach out to us and we will walk you through the steps necessary so that you will have a successful year sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest in your area.

Thank you for giving the youth in your area an opportunity to showcase their talent. First, second & third place winners receive a nice monetary reward at the District level and the first place winner will advance to the Multiple District level. For any additional information, please contact one of us.

Lion Diana Kroells: [dianakroells@gmail.com](mailto:dianakroells@gmail.com)

Lion Tricia Gieseke: [trish.gieseke@gmail.com](mailto:trish.gieseke@gmail.com)

Peace Poster Co-Chairpersons



Kidsight Screening was completed at the Minnesota State Fair. In 2024, Lion's Kidsight became a major sponsor of the KARE 11 Health Care building. 5M-2 day is always the Second Thursday, it happens to Senior Day at the Minnesota State Fair and usually our district traditionally has the lowest screening numbers for the fair. We want to Thank everyone who volunteered to assist in this project. I am unsure how to engage more Lions from 5M-2 to volunteer in the Kidsight Booth at the fair. We have sent out reminders to Club Presidents and Secretaries in late Spring, sign up also has information in the 5M-2 newsletter, and have put sign up Genius info with those notifications. Kidsight offers FREE admission tickets to the Fair and still we continue to get a low response of volunteers from our District. If it was not for other District's volunteering, we would struggle to complete this FREE project that promotes Lionism. This is a great project to observe Helen Kellers request to be "Knights of the Blind". We are open to suggestions on how to engage more members from our District. This year we screened a total of 3420 Youth during the course of the fair. We referred 340 children which allows parents time to get vision screening done by a professional prior or in early days of the new school year to assist with the success of Minnesota students in education.

5M-2 District has 4 cameras for use for vision Screenings. We are getting more Schools accepting this Program. October continues to have many dates that all four of the districts' cameras are being used. It is great to get into the schools. When middle School students reach puberty, their vision is also changing. Also, with more Cell Phone

use and computers the eye strain has resulted increase vision problems. Kidsight it a SCREENING, and not a diagnostic tool. It refers children who the camera identifies as possible problem. Kidsight was initially started as 6 months to 6 years of age program and now has become 6 months to 18 years of age tool. So please continue to promote with Daycares and your local schools. We also have 2 clubs who have purchase Cameras, NEW Lions and Chaska Lions Clubs that I am aware of owning cameras. We can borrow those cameras if available if Kidsight has a need. As a Kidsight Director, we take the reports from screenings and report those number to a Kidsight USA board which continues to compute and analyze the findings. This board has a few Optometrists on board to analyze. Kidsight is now an INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM BY Lions Club International.



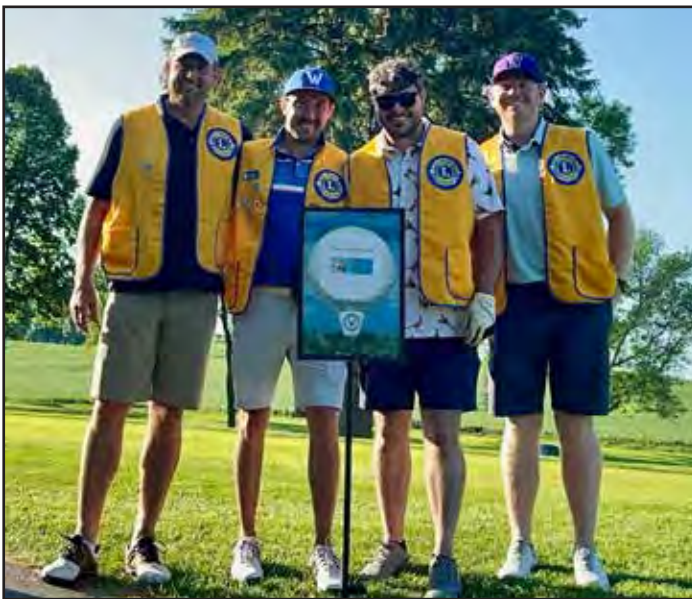
## **Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities**

### **Jordaness Lions**

The Jordaness Lions had a rockin' good time at the annual Heimatfest Parade in Jordan! The parade gave club members the perfect opportunity to advertise DG Lisa's new theme, and to showcase club member and Zone Lion of the Year, Lion Laura Kieser (and her faithful companion, Liam!)



### **Waconia Lions**



Above: Hole sponsors for the Waconia Baseball Golf tournament.

Above Right: Selling Raffle Tickets to raise money for the July 4th Fireworks festival.

Right: Selling concessions at the Carver County Park Beach Bash!



## Lonsdale Lions

The Lonsdale Lions had a new member induction on August 7th & "The Great 8" joined the Club! From L to R: Club President Lion Alan Fitterer, who sponsored all 8; Larry & Laura Ellsworth, Steven & Simone Hilligoss, Andy & Kristen Glockner, Jeremy & Annastina Barnes. Want to join a club focused on volunteering? Consider joining the Lions. Contact Membership Chair Lion Scotty Ziskovsky at [scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com](mailto:scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com) or Lion Alan at [alanfitterer@gmail.com](mailto:alanfitterer@gmail.com)



## Plato Lions

Plato Lions had a successful 28th Annual Golf Tournament. Plato Fire Department will be able to update their AEDs, purchase some outdated equipment, and give away some smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



## Carver Lions

The Carver Lions held one of our largest events in September. Our club hosts the beer tent for the Carver Steamboat days. We're all still trying to recover from fellowship, good music and fun!



Coming up in November we'll be hosting our annual Pancake Breakfast.





## ***Brownton Lions***

Brownton Lions held their annual family/guest picnic. Had a great turn out!! The Brownton Bar & Grill donated our supper. Huge shout out to them!! Our community center received a new floor with the help from our Brownton Lions donation. So that meant cleaning out our Lions room & putting it back together. Rich gave the walls a fresh coat of paint & others helped put it back together way more organized!!

Our calendar is busy: CJD walk Oct 5th, Halloween kids party Oct 31st Governors night Nov 18th with our 2nd Vice Chuck Toltzman joining us. Santa Day Dec 7th & our clubs annual Christmas party Dec 16th.

We are starting our meat raffles at the Brownton Bar & Grill every Saturday starting in October. Come & join us!!

We honored Leone Kujas with her 20 year pin!! Fun get together for all of us in Sept.



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15th of each month...***

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[5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

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



## Alden Lions

The Alden Lions Club with Lion Neil Pierce and Lion Lori Nelson distributed student dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Alden-Conger Elementary School. The students were very excited!



## NYA West Carver & NYA Lions

NYA West Carver Lions and NYA Lions gave dictionaries to Central Elementary and St Johns Lutheran third graders. Pictured are Lions Pat Clark, Mary Balzum and Ron Erpenbach presenting the dictionaries.





## Waconia Dandy Lions

We had a wonderfully informative meeting with Challenge The Outcome organization. We learned invaluable information to keep our kids and community safe and look forward to seeing their education in our local schools soon!



Our Dandy's stepped up yet again to kick off our monthly meeting as we collected gently used clothing for The Hope House! We have some amazing members with such giving spirits!



### What to expect

Join the Waconia Dandylions for our 3rd Annual Flannel Fall Crawl on October 12, 2024!

Let's take over downtown Waconia while we support local businesses and have some fall flannel fun.

All tickets sold go to funding Waconia Dandylions Holiday initiatives.

\*(Gifts for Grands)- Christmas wish list fulfillment for local seniors at Waconia nursing homes and senior living.

\*(Adopt a Family)- Partnering with Backyard Wishes to help make multiple local family's holidays brighter.

5:30-7 pm: Check in at Waconia Brewing Company  
Specials at these participating locations with your purchased ticket (will receive stamp at check in).

Waconia Brewing Company, Chumlys, Saloon,  
Garage Bowl, Bode Gray's, American Legion,  
Hoppers Dance Party



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Service? Get Me the NEWS!!**



**22 GAMES FOR JUST \$12!**

# COLOGNE LIONS FALL BINGO

**Friday, October 4, 2024**

**5:00 p.m. - Food Service 6:30 p.m. - Bingo Begins**  
**Food . Purse Raffle . Meat Raffles . Cash Bar**

Play the 23rd game FREE when you bring a minimum of 5 non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food shelf.  
Combination of meat and cash prizes. Game 23 - \$500 jackpot.

Cologne Community Center,  
1211 Village Pkwy., Cologne, MN 55322

Visit [Facebook.com/CologneLions](https://www.facebook.com/CologneLions) or  
[colognelions.com](https://www.colognelions.com) for event updates.



# BINGO!

At the Lonsdale American Legion


**\$30 PACKETS - 10 GAMES**  
**\$100 PRIZE/GAME!**  
**PLUS BONUS 11TH GAME**  
**COVERALL \$3/CARD!**  
PRIZE TBD BASED ON SALES!  
MUST BUY PACKET TO BE ABLE TO BUY COVERALL TIX

**SAVE THE DATES!!**

B I N G O				
2	21	41	59	66
7	17	34	53	64
15	18	FREE SPACE	52	63
1	29	31	60	62
9	22	36	54	69

**SEPT 13 - OCT 11 - NOV 1 - DEC 13**  
**CARD SALES START AT 5PM**  
**GAMES START AT 6:30PM**

## Mankato Area Lions



# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Diabetes Rally

Where: WOW! Zone Mankato, MN  
When: Saturday, October 12, 2024  
Time: 8:45am - 11:00am


Together in 2023 we raised just over \$25,000!

We can do more with your continued help! Thanks!

2024 Sunrise Lions Diabetes Rally Co- Chairs:  
Carol Brady - 507-381-1381 [carolbradyjewelry@gmail.com](mailto:carolbradyjewelry@gmail.com) and  
Pat Thompson - 507-381-1165 [Patfirstucc@gmail.com](mailto:Patfirstucc@gmail.com)

More info on forming a Diabetes Rally Walk teams:  
Contact: Rene' Maes Jr - 507-995-6910 [Rene.maes@campsweetlife.org](mailto:Rene.maes@campsweetlife.org)  
Gregg Giersdorf - 507-720-1050 [Gagiersdorf@gmail.com](mailto:Gagiersdorf@gmail.com)

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



# Silver Lake Lions Club



# Fall Brunch

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**  
**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.



## Montgomery Lions

Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>



# Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Also - Scramble eggs/ham, juice, milk and coffee  
7:30 am – 11:30 am  
at - American Legion Post 79



All Proceeds  
are used to fund  
community  
projects and to  
support Lions  
International.

**Cost:** Adults \$10.00 Children (6-10) \$5.00  
Preschool Free

## New Auburn Lions 16th Annual Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, Oct 13, 2024  
Dine In or Take Out

New Auburn City Hall  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Serving: Roast Beef,  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Corn, Bread & Dessert



Meals: \$15  
10 & Under \$8 (Dine in Only)  
3 & Under Free (Dine in Only)



Proceeds go towards Community  
and Lions Projects

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Moon Food & Wine Extravaganza

Presented by NYA West Carver Lions

Friday, October 25, 2024

5:30pm to 8:00 pm

Willkommen Park Pavilion

Tickets on sale now for \$25.00 at Good Time Liquors  
(limited tickets available)

Liquors sampled can be purchased at Good Time Liquors

## Lonsdale Lions Pancake-Egg-Sausage Breakfast



\$12 ages 12+ | \$6 ages 6-11 | 5 & under Free

Sunday, October 27  
8AM-Noon

Lonsdale American Legion






**SHAKOPEE VALLEY LIONS**

# Ham and Turkey Bingo



**NOVEMBER 9TH 2PM**

SHAKOPEE VFW

\$20 Packets for 20 Games

Food and Drink for Sale by VFW

DISTRICT 5M-2 LIONS

# FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP



ENJOY THE ART OF COMBINING COLORS, SHAPES, AND TEXTURES TO CREATE A THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT. LION DAVID DOMINICK WILL BE OUR INSTRUCTOR.

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- Arrangement flowers & materials
- Wine, water and snacks

Limited to 25 participants

PRICE:	<b>24 NOV 2024</b>
<b>\$40.00</b>	1:00 - 3:00 PM
	LIONS PARK 1505 82ND ST., VICTORIA, MN

RSVP TO: [LIONLISAKAUFMANN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LIONLISAKAUFMANN@YAHOO.COM)  
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# Mid-Winter

## Convention Corner

**Register now!**

The registration information has been added to on our 5M-2 website. Convention is being held February 14 - 16, 2025.

You can find the registration form under Calendars & Events, 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention.

Preferred method of registration is electronic. If you use this method pay attention to the service fee, you can change it to \$0.

The Club Delegate Form has been posted there also. Form needs to be submitted by 2/1/2025.

**Country Inn & Suites Mankato, MN**