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LEGACY LOGLion Steve Wasserman District Governor

CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY!

Perhaps the greatest strength of our organization is its diversity. This diversity expresses itself at all levels of the organization from the International, to the District, to

the Zone and to the Club. "We Serve!" means different things to different people. I believe that is a good thing, and worth celebrating.

I was privileged to see our diversity in action on an International scale when Debra served on the Board of Directors. I learned that in some parts of the world, being a Lion is viewed as a sign of great importance in society. I learned of some individuals who have donated millions of dollars to LCIF. I learned about 100% Melvin Jones Clubs, where every member donates at least \$1000 to LCIF every year. They don't do fundraisers, they open their checkbooks to meet needs in their communities. Now, it may be easy for us to criticize them for not doing "real" service projects, but without them, would LCIF have been able to provide over \$1 billion in grants, since its founding in 1968, to meet humanitarian needs throughout the world? Many ways to look at it, but we all serve.

I have also been privileged to witness the great diversity among the Districts of the US and Canada both as a spouse of an International Director and as an attendee at many USA Canada Lions Leadership Forums. I have been to District Conventions that I thought were too short, too long, not enough fun, too much fun, too formal, and not formal enough. Some made me wonder "Why don't they do that like we do?", others made me wonder "Why don't we do it like that at our Midwinter?". At the USA Canada Forum, I have seen some districts where everyone wears the same shirt and others that don't bother. Some District Governor groups always have the same uniform like we do, while other groups pick a different color every year. Some Districts or Multiples own property such as a Lions Camp, others don't own the property, but support the projects. Many ways of doing things, but we all serve.

I never cease to be amazed by the diversity within our own District. Some clubs are only men, some only women, many both. Some meet in the morning, some at noon, others at night. We have clubs in rapidly growing exurbs and in small towns gradually losing population. Some clubs focus on district projects, some more on community needs. Some have gambling and donate a lot of money, others conduct fundraisers and donate what they can. Some focus on the needs of the elderly, others on our youth. I believe that our diversity is a great strength. We have much to learn from each other, and much to share at inter-club visits, zone meetings, region meetings, and midwinter conventions.

What about the diversity in your club? Even though you may be all male or all female, or all young or all older, or all anything, is there a "Diversity of Ideas"? That's what is most important. Are different opinions and ideas valued and nurtured in your club? Do you mentor new members to become new leaders? Do you sometimes have disagreements among your Board of Directors? I hope so, because it is only with such diversity of opinion that we will even see those "New Mountains to Climb", much less climb them. Not every new idea is a good one, but all good ideas were once new ones. Let's be glad that we don't all think alike, and "Celebrate Our Diversity"!

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MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK



Nancy Mathwig District Governor Elect

Spring is on its way! Right? We have had a very unusual winter and I definitely have spring fever. Spring also means I, as District Governor Elect, have lots of deadlines for Lions that must be completed: Presidents training during Spring Officer

training, Zone chair training, 2017 goals to finalize for the district and enter online for LCI to approve, and finalizing my own goals for next year. Working with PID Debra, our Global Leadership Team chair, has been so beneficial. Her years of experience have helped keep me on track with deadlines and steps needing completion in order to put together training that will benefit you, the clubs, during 2017-2018. In addition to the DGE deadlines, I will be attending all the Zone meetings and will be available for whatever District Governor Steve may need of me during this final quarter of our 2016-2017 year.

Recently I completed the second round of District Governor Elect training along with attending a Council of Governors meeting. Both trainings as well as sitting at the Council of Governors table with DG Steve have assisted me in knowing what will be expected of me next year as your District Governor. I have heard numerous times "oh, you've been through this before with Darwin". Yes, I did travel the District Governor route before but as the spouse. In my case as spouse, I attended all the training required and assisted Darwin with specific items such as scheduling club visits and keeping track of the required expenses but filed the remaining responsibility information that Darwin handled. In addition, as I mentioned in my last article, Lions Club International (LCI) is ever changing and lots has changed in the past 8 years. Now it's my responsibility to absorb the information and I have learned so much during this past month that will benefit me as I move into the 2017-18 year.

During our training we were privileged to meet with and/or tour several of our multiple district project areas such as Can Do Canines, Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations. If you have never had the opportunity to tour or listen to the speakers on any of these projects, consider doing it sooner rather than later. We, as Lions, should be so proud of the work we have done and will do through the Foundations and Can Do Canines. They are all doing amazing things, which is so evident when you see and hear first-hand what they do. Consider scheduling one of the Foundation directors or Can Do Canines chairs as a club speaker and learn about the many new hap-

penings in each area.

Finally, during DGE training we had a preview of things to come for LCI. During the International convention in Chicago, LCI will kick-off their new initiative areas - Diabetes, Environment, Hunger Relief, Pediatric Cancer and of course, Vision. Many of our clubs have already focused on these areas with our activities for the Diabetes Foundation or sending a child to Camp Needlepoint or Camp Sweet Life, ditch clean-up or city beautification projects, and working with Food for Kidz or Kids Against Hunger or your local food shelf. Vision will continue and all of us have been involved in that with our recycling of glasses as well as new opportunities with KidsSight. New for many of us will be Pediatric Cancer, one that has probably affected all of us in some way or form. Stay tuned as LCI releases more on their goals and plans for LCI Forward, a 5 year plan to impact 200 million people per year. Check the LCI website for the latest information on these exciting focus areas!

Last, our club milestone years of service for April -

The following clubs will be celebrating anniversaries during the month of April:

- o Hamburg Lions 35 years
- o Mankato Key City Lions 40 years
- o Northfield Leo Club 15 years

Congratulations to these clubs for their combined 90 years of service to their communities and the world!!!

A quote I received during training -

"Ask yourself if what you're doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow."

Where there's a need, there's a Lion!



5M2 Leadership, DG Steve and DGE Nancy, hard at work at the recent Council of Governors' Meeting

BITS AND PIECES



Diana Kroells 1st Vice District Governor Elect

Spring is here and with that comes Zone Meetings. I like to not consider these as "meeting" but rather a gathering of friends (Lions) to share ideas and get to know each other a little better. Five of the nine Zones had their meetings in March- I hope that you had an

opportunity to attend. It is a great way to meet new friends and to network with other Lions. There is always something new to learn at a Zone meeting.

Because I do not know yet who any of the recipients are as of this writing, congratulations to all those who have received "Zone Person of the Year" awards.

Speaking of learning, have you checked out the www.LionsUniversity.org website to see the large selection of courses that you can take to expand your knowledge about Lions. When completed you can earn a Bachelor, Master & Doctorate degree. Other great places to visit are www.lionsclubs.org, www. lionsMD5M.org & Lion's Learning Center which are all great places to take some courses & listen to webinars. All of the Foundations and most of the other projects have websites so just search to find one and read all about it. Cabinet Chairs are always willing to come to your club to tell you all about their projects. Allow them to share their information with you.

Let's not forget about the District Mentorship Program. It is an excellent way for a new Lions to learn more about the organization just by attending club

meetings, Zone meeting or any district event. An experienced Lion enters into an agreement with a new Lion to participate in this program. They work together to complete and documents their progress in participating in 6 activities listed in the brochure. It is a fun way for a new Lion to learn about Lions. Contact DG Steve for more information if interested.

If you have been reading my articles this year- you may have guessed that I love to do jig saw puzzles. I just finished another 1000 piece puzzle. I am always a little sad when I put that last piece in and can say it is complete. Putting puzzles together is a very relaxing hobby and it really gives me time to think. I like to compare the puzzles pieces to Lions. As I was doing the puzzle I was thinking how each piece is unique and very important to the completed project. It does not matter if you are an edge piece (a leadership role in Lions) or a middle piece (a club member who chooses to be active member but not an officer) both are equally important. As I was reflecting on each piece I thought about how it fits in only one place in the puzzle and that Lions are not like that at all. A Lion can fit comfortably in their club, helping at fundraising and community projects but also being involved at other levels such as the zone, district or multiple district. So a Lion can fit in more than one space. Whatever you choose to do, just remember that everyone is an important "piece" of Lions International and your club.

Hamburg Lions President Bruce Gruenhagen rest in peace. May we all be inspired by the kindness & service you gave to others. March 15, 1950 - March 11, 2017

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



Lion Debra Wasserman
District 5M2 GLT Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!

2017-2018 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING SATURDAY MAY 6 (MORNING) BETHANY COLLEGE, MANKATO

CLUB SECRETARIES

Report your club's 2017-18 Club Officers on MyLCI **By May 1, 2017**

You DO NOT need to mail or e-mail anything to anyone!

WHERE CAN YOU FIND DG STEVE IN APRIL?

- April 5-7: Journey For Service
- April 6: Arlington DG Visit
- April 10: Amboy DG Visit
- April 11: Zone 7 Meeting, Mankato
- April 12: Zone 5 Meeting, Norwood
- April 17: Glencoe DG Visit
- April 18: Hutchinson DG Visit
- April 20-23: MD5M Convention, Bemidji
- April 24: Winsted DG Visit
- April 26: Blue Earth DG Visit
- April 27: Zone 1 Meeting, Silver Lake
- April 30: Cabinet Meeting, Nye Center



Centennial Update

By DG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

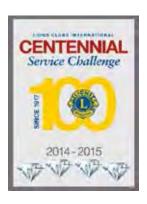


Centennial Service Challenge:

Lions worldwide served over 5,000,000 people again this month in our four Centennial Service Challenge Areas. We are getting close to meeting our 25M under "Sharing the Vision". Did you record your eyeglass donation at Midwinter?

54 Clubs in District 5M2 have now reported in at least one area. We have served a total of 65,030 people. We are now up to 46 Clubs (71%) that have reported projects in at least two areas of the challenge.

22 Clubs have already earned their 4-Diamond CSC Banner Patch:



- Blue Earth
- Chaska
- Courtland
- Ellendale
- **Faribault**
- Gibbon
- Glencoe
- Hamburg
- Lafayette
- Lake Crystal
- Le Sueur

- Lonsdale
- N.E.W
- **New Auburn**
- Nicollet
- **Northfield Cannon Valley**

- **Prior Lake**
- Silver Lake
- St. Peter
- Veseli
- Victoria
- Waconia

Where There's A Need, There's A Lion!

Centennial Public Relations Contest Lions Clubs of MD5M January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

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Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2018. Clubs may enter more than once.



PID BRIAN SHEEHAN RUNS FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Past International Director Brian Sheehan has announced his intention to run for the office of 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. He will be seeking this office at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018.

PID Sheehan has the endorsement from his club, the Bird Island Lions, and would like to ask for the support of MD5M Lions, Lionesses, and Leos at the MD5M convention in April 2017. Our multiple district is one of the largest in the world and it is time that we give Lions Clubs International one of our own to lead this organization. It will take a lot of support, and we can help PID Sheehan, who has the heart and mind, to do a worthy job as our International President.

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, served as a director of Lions Clubs International in 2011-13 and appointed as a Board Appointee in 2014-2015.

As a member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, Webmaster tech advisor, leadership chair, membership chair, retention chair, district convention chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, long range planning chair, membership chair, retention chair, women's initiative chair and multiple district convention chair. He also served as GMT liaison and as a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. On the International level he as served as Board Appointee to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum, Board Appointee to the Executive Committee and contributed to the Long Range Planning Committee of Lions Clubs International. He was Chairperson of the Finances and Headquarter Operations Committee and has served on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Brian was a trustee on LCIF while he was an appointee. Lion Brian has been a Group Leader at DGE training in Toronto, Fukuoka and the upcoming DGE School in Chicago. He has been a facilitator of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Currently he serves as GLT Area "D" Coordinator as well as the Sponsorship Chairperson for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, Cap Baker Award, numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and five International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Second Century Ambassador, Melvin Jones Vanguard and has received the Ambassador of Good Will award which is the highest award given out by Lions Clubs International.

SILENT AUCTION AT MD5M CONVENTION, BEMIDJI, MN

The silent auction committee from TEAM SHEEHAN is requesting your help to raise money for PID Lion Brian Sheehan in his campaign for 3rd International Vice President of LCI.

On April 21-23, 2017, during the MD5M Convention in Bemidji, the campaign committee will be holding a silent auction for the Lion Brian Campaign Fund. We need items for this fund raiser. Please consider donating an item by yourself or your club. Some ideas for a donation are a) theme baskets (movie night, chocolate lovers, flower gardener's treasure, etc.). b) handmade items such as walking sticks, quilts, etc. c) travel packages such as a weekend get-away donated by a resort, etc.

It would be helpful if you would contact Bert, Pamela, or Dave with the names of the donors and a description and approximate value of each donated item. This would help the committee prepare for the

silent auction before the convention.

Bert and Pam Nelson bertpamnelson@gmail.com Bert cell phone 218-298-0599 Pam cell phone 218-298-0932

Dave Dominick david.dominick@ymcatwincities.org Dave cell phone 651-261-0944

Also for sale!!

Lion Brian for 3rd VP hockey pucks are on sale for \$10 each. You can buy them at the convention. You and or your club can also purchase TEAM SHEE-HAN hockey jerseys for \$65. There is the US version or the Canadian version. The order form is attached.

Thank you in advance for your donations and help in raising money for Lion Brian Sheehan campaign.

LION BRIAN 3RD VICE PRESIDENT HOCKEY JERSEY CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

"Team Sheehan!" Order Form and/or "Team Sheehan Eh!" Order Form

Together Everyone One Achieves more T.E.A.M Sheehan Jersey for sale as a fundraiser. . Designed to be a looser fit . Made of 100% polyester 7 oz.



The colors will be blue and red and

white. The number on the back will be "5M". The name on the back is your choice of "Team Sheehan!" or you can have the Canadian version of "Team Sheehan Eh!" The front will have the

Canadian Version Qty	U.S. Version QTY	Shirt Size	Unit Price	Total
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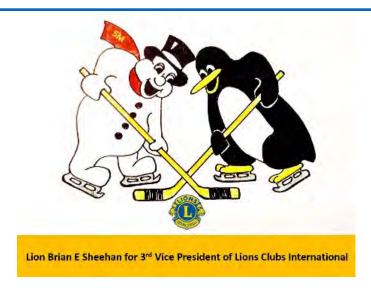
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LION BRIAN CAMPAIGN FUND REMIT TO: BOX 177, BIRD ISLAND MN 55310

Also Order Online at LionBrian.com (Coming Soon) T.E.A.M. SHEEHAN Where Together Everyone Achieves More!

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All Lions Golf Outing Fund Raiser for PID Brian's Campaign All proceeds to PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign Fund

When: July 21, 2017 ●9 a.m. registration – 10 a.m. shotgun start

Where: Kimball Golf Course ●11823 Co Rd 150, Kimball MN 55353

Who: Participants are Lions & Spouses of Lions only

♣ 4 - person teams – limited to 36 teams

Individuals golfers are welcome at \$60.00 ea.

Cost: \$ 240.00 per team

Entry fee may be paid on day of event, but must preregister

Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net or cell phone: 320-980-6219

Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club

Registration includes - Mulligans, Skins, Special events & Lunch

Sponsorship: Clubs or Individuals may sponsor a hole for \$50.00 ea.

(Sponsorship for hole needs to be sent to PDG Duane by June 26, 2017 at 11764 120th St, Kimball, MN 55353)

Non-Golfers: Welcome to join in the fun for \$10.00 ea. Includes Lunch & hayride

Registration Form for PID Brian's Campaign for 3rd Vice President of Lion's Club International Golf Tournament July 21, 2017 - Kimball Golf Course

Contact: PDG Duane Finger for preregistration at fingerelec@meltel.net or cell phone: 320-980-6219 or send to:

Name / Club _____

PDG Duane Finger

11764 120th St.

Kimball, MN. 55353

Make checks payable to Watkins Lions Club

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Lakeland Public Television ~ Educate, entertain, enrich and enlighten. Local and national programming. A true gem of the North. Empower citizens and connecting the diverse communities across the region. Reaching an estimated 7,500 sq miles. www.lptv.org

Other Opportunities:

Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zb8

Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites (Convention Headquarters)

218-441-4800

110 rooms on hold Attached to Sanford Center

Additional

Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000 Best Western 218-751-0390 Double Tree by Hilton

218-441-4400

Shuttle to Sanford Center

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

> 218-751-3600 Shuttle to Sanford Center

Holiday Inn Express

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700 Super 8 218-751-8481





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Camp Confidence has been selected by the Multiple Convention committee to be the recipient of the raffles for the 2017 Multiple Convention, being held in Bemidji Minnesota on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

We have put together a Raffle Ticket which will sell for \$10.00. The 1^{st} prize will be \$750.00, 2^{nd} prize \$500.00 and 3^{rd} prize \$250.00. We will also have a silent auction. Red ticket raffle and Live auction.

We need some help in putting together the greatest raffle room ever. I am asking that your club put together a prize for the raffles. It should have a value of over \$50.00. We also will take donations of money to help write off the money we are giving away on the raffle ticket.

Give me a call when you have your prize package ready and I will make arrangements to get it to Bemidji.

Your personal name or Club name will be attached to the donation for recognition.

Sincerely yours:

Lion Jerry Wohlers

Camp Confidence Representative

612-965-6342

buckey42@juno.com

9100-267th Street West Lakeville, MN 55044

5M2 LIONS' NEWS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH OF EACH MONTH...

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:

5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com





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Join us at the

"LIONS OF THE NORTH"

98TH MD5M Convention April 21,22,23, 2017 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN Hosted by District 5M-10



REGISTRATION FORM

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HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
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Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

CAN DO CANINES

On February 8, 2017 the District Governors Elect from Lions Multiple 5M attended a training at Can Do Canines New Hope, MN facility. The group toured the facility, heard presentations from staff, met graduates and their dogs, and saw assistance dog demon-

strations during the three hour visit. Lions clubs of 5M provided \$152,000 in support for Can Do Canines during calendar year 2016, enough to sponsor six new assistance dog teams! Lions ROAR!





Eighth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update April 8, 2017

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

During a reception, following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

Saturday, April 8, 2017 11 a.m. Registration 11:30 a.m. Lunch and program 1 p.m. Reception

McNamara Alumni Center University of Minnesota 200 Oak Street SE Minneapolis, Minnesota

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David Bernlohr, Ph.D., Research on the role of calcium in insulin action that could lead to a new drug for treating type 2 diabetes

- Brian Fife, Ph.D., How blocking the body's immune pathway could stop the immune attack on islet cells
- Michael Garwood, Ph.D., Advances in viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre- and post-transplant
- Bernhard Hering, M.D., Discoveries in pig islet research that could lead to a cure

RSVP by Friday, March 24:

Faculty Research Presentations

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at ochte001@umn.edu or 612-625-8424 with any questions. A confirmation letter, including parking information, will be sent prior to event.







In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International is working with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin. Purchase your coin today from Lions Club Supplies or the United States Mint.

Purchase Today!

Club Supplies

U.S. Mint

The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse.

This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

One Beautifully Engraved Coin-Many Noble Purposes

For a limited time only, you can order this historic Lions Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service.

Supplies Are Limited

Join us June 3, 2017 for the Sixth Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser Walk



Event Details: June 3, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Landscape Arboretum
Chaska, MN

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- Entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- Event t-shirt
- Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- Fun for families of all ages
- A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!!

FEATURING:

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TEDDY BEAR BAND

Dance to the Teddy Bear Band while having fun with Goldy!!!





Visit us for more info at: www.5mhf.org

Viewing Forward



MN Lions Vision Foundation

April is National Donate Life Month. Before being "eye-lightened", I wondered if there was a real need to be an eye donor. Who would need my aged and well-used (and maybe diseased) eyes? Well, here are some thoughts.

Many thousands of eyes are used each year for research and education. At the University, research scientists and educators use donations to research macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and more. They work to develop medications, surgical techniques, and equipment. They practice and perfect eye surgeries. All of these things help patients to return to more active and productive lives. The services provided by the Lions Eye Bank and the University Research

Department are so many and varied. As a donor, each one of us provides that one last opportunity to live our motto "We Serve" – how great is this!

For information about eye donation, you might visit www.MnLionsEyeBank.org.

For over 50 years, Minnesota Lions have been a partner critical to the great reputation of the University's Department of Ophthalmology and we want to continue our legacy. MLVF has a wonderful site, www.mnlionsvisionfoundation. org, which you will want to visit. Lots of good info. You may even want to invite your Facebook friends to "like" our site.

Together, "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs – dianakroells@gmail.com or maryspille@gmail.com (note new addresses).



IT'S TIME! DO IT NOW!

It's time to assign just one Lions Club member to the job of checking your Lions signs posted in your town. I think we have put this job off long enough and in June, Lions Clubs International celebrates 100 years of service so

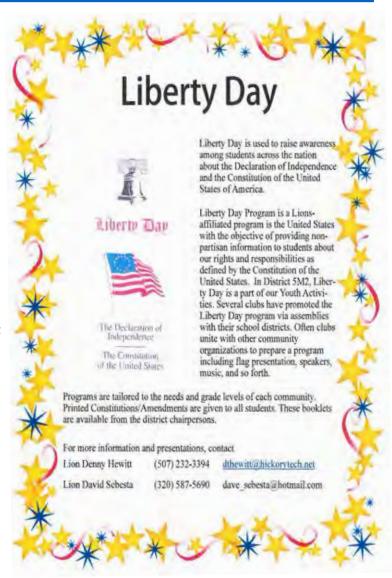
it's time to upgrade and make your club look good.

Think about it - if your club sign is worn, faded, cracked and old looking, how does that make your Lions Club look? I have traveled throughout our MD5M area and I have seen a lot of tired looking signs out there. "We upgraded" you say. Maybe, just maybe there is that one sign that you missed or forgot about and that is the one that stands out like a sore thumb.

It is so easy to make the sign look fresh and new. Just go to LCI.org, Club Supplies & Distribution, Lions Store, Highway Signs Accessories, Sign Replacement Decals OR Highway Signs. For the Decals the cost is \$23.95-\$43.95 (depending on the size you are looking for). For a new sign the cost is \$54.05-\$181.35 (once again, depends on the size and kind you are looking for).

So now that you know how easy it is to get the replacement, let's get out there, find your club signs and order the size you need. It's as easy as 1-2-3-ROAR!

Lion Cheri Appel, MD5M Public Relations Chair





EACH MONTH A
DIFFERENT

"ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURE" WILL APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER TO HELP CLUBS EXPAND IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED VOLUNTEER OPTIONS/AREAS OF FOCUS.

ARBOR DAY FRIDAYAPRIL 28

The first American Arbor Day originated in Nebraska City, NE by J. Sterling Morton, a recent pioneer to the Nebraska Territory and editor of one of Nebraska's newspapers. As a lover of nature, Morton used his platform at the newspaper to share agricultural information with his readers and ignited a concern over trees with the local public. Aside from missing trees that these pioneers loved, trees were necessary for windbreaks to keep soil in place, as fuel, and for building materials. As Morton's status in society grew he used his influence to propose a tree-planting holiday called "Arbor Day". On April 10, 1872 an estimated million trees were planted in Nebraska. Other states soon adopted Arbor Day and became a nationwide tradition in 1882. The celebration then became globalized when introduced to Japan in 1883. Traditionally Arbor Day occurs the last Friday in the month of April.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

When you, or your club, becomes a member of the Arbor Day Foundation (memberships starting as low as only \$10), you can get 10 free trees to plant in your local community OR can have 10 trees planted in national forests on your behalf! When selecting to have trees sent to you/your club to plant the Arbor Day Foundation looks into what type of tree is naturally occurring in your area and will give you approximately 10 species to select from. Giving levels for donation and tree gifting with the Arbor Day Foundation are \$10 (receive 10 free trees and a 6 month membership) or \$15 (10 free trees and a 1 year membership).

Also look to ArborDay.org for more ideas and details!

LIONS, THE 5M2 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

ID #	Youth's Name	Age- Gender	Country	Likes and/or Hobbies	Other Info.
12	Namuundari Bayandalai	16- Female	Mongolia	Books, gardening	
16	Lucila Bernacchi	16- Female	Argentina	skiing, play guitar, sports	Catholic LEO
18	Raychell Enny	18- Female	Netherlands	jogging, editing pictures, watching series	Christian
19	Yagmur Tunca	16- Female	Turkey	play piano, painting, drawing, reading	Muslim
20	Kia Periviita	17- Female	Finland	lots	Allergy to cats, horses, carrots, apples, nuts
23	Veronica Capriotti	16- Female	Italy	Dancing, reading, music, travel	
25	Sude Arslan	16- Female	Turkey	Music, theater, sports	
4	Marcos Rodrigo Klein	16- Male	Brazil	music, play guitar, traveling	LEO allergic to humus
5	Retsu Urakawa	16- Male	Japan	tennis, computer	Buddhist
9	Yuta Sudo	18- Male	Japan	music, movies, jiu-jitsu	
14	Aditya Surana	16- Male	India	travel, reading, music	
15	Juan Ignacio Loustaunau	16- Male	Argentina	architecture	LEO Catholic
24	Paul-Emile Villette	16- Male	France	Cross-fit, motocross, drums	Catholic

Host Families Are Needed!

Would You Say **YES** This Year?

Share the hosting experience with another family if it fits your schedule better.

Camp Spicer is a 501(c3) organization.

We will be happy to send you a host family application AND full youth applications!

Share a little of the world with you family, town, and Lions Club. Lions and non-Lions may host. No youth in your home...TAKE 2!

Lions Community Eye Screening For Children

CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM FREE VISION SCREENING

By Denise Bonsack, Publisher GFW Paper

The Vision Statement for Lions International says "To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service."

We are fortunate to have wonderful Lions Clubs in our area that do great work for our communities.

Recently, the Gibbon Lions participated in a brand new way to serve.

The group partnered with GFW ECFE to provide free vision screenings for young children. Four children were screened by Lions club members at GFW Elementary School on Monday, March 6.

The local Lions district, which encompasses more than 60 clubs in this part of the state, purchased three screening devices that will be used by all of the clubs in the district.

The screening itself takes just seconds, but it can detect vision issues that could create lifelong problems for children if they aren't treated early. Just some of the problems that this screening can detect include near-sightedness, far-sightedness, astigmatism, Stra-

bismus (Lazy Eye) and even cataracts.

All the child needs to do is look at the device while the screener holds it – much like a camera. With the old method, it was difficult to tell if young children understood the directions. With this device, there is less opportunity for faulty results.

More than 12 million school-age children in the United States have some form of vision problem, yet only one in three have received eye care services before age six.

Early screening leads to early detection, which helps ensure that children get the follow-up care they need. The Lions want to make sure that correctable vision problems don't stand in the way of children learning and seeing the world clearly.

Gibbon Lions club members Dick Isakson and Sue Buerkle assisted in the screening at GFW Elementary, with the help of New Auburn Lions member Laura Maki.

The screening event is part of a nationwide initiative called Lions KidSight USA, a coalition that brings together Lions programs that screen children from six months to six years of age. As part of this program, Lions screen more than 500,000 children per year.







LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES JORDANESS LIONS

Members of the Jordaness Lions club joined hundreds of walkers on March 4th for the Walk to Cure Juvenile Arthritis. The walk, which took place at the Mall of America, raised funds to fight Juvenile Arthritis, which is one of the nation's leading causes of disability. Among the walkers was Jordan High School student, Jack Friedges. Jack was diagnosed in 2014 with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA), and was selected as the 2017 Young Adult Honoree for Juvenile Arthritis. Jack set a goal to raise \$5,000 for the cause, and the Jordaness Lions were happy and honored to help Jack reach his goal.

Jordaness Lions Kelli Hollingsworth and Teena Medick present Jack Friedges with a check at the Mall of America. Jack is the 2017 Young Adult Honoree for Juvenile Arthritis





LAFAYETTE AREA LIONS

The Lafayette Area Lions welcomed two new members at their meeting Tuesday, March 14. They are Mark Haler, second from left, and Dale Bjorklund, second from right. Since this is Lions International's 100th year, each new member received a special Certificate of Centennial Membership and pin. Their sponsors, Lion Elmari Kamm, far left, and Lion Andrew Maidl, right, received Centennial Sponsorship Certificates. The additions bring Lafayette's membership to 43.



CHANHASSEN LIONS



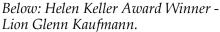
Above: District 5M2 Peace Poster Award Winner Lizzy Guggemos with her parents Kristine & Bill. Below: Lizzy with 5M2 Peace Poster Chair Lion Paula Stephens.



Top Right: District 5M2 Governor Steven Wasserman, new member Lion Joel Bodin and sponsor Lion Dave Hess.

Middle Right: DG Steve presenting a Legacy of Service certificate to Lion Curt Robinson.

Bottom Right: 2017 Worker Bee Award winner Lion Greg Provo. Congrats provided by Lion President Kevin O'Neill.











ZONE LIONS OF THE YEAR...



ZONE 4 - LION MIKE HOLMIN, NICOLLET LIONS CLUB



ZONE 8 LION CHERYL PETERSON, ELLENDALE LIONS CLUB



ZONE 3 - LION MATT MULCAHY, SHAKOPEE LIONS CLUB



ZONE 9 LION BILL DALY, MINNESOTA LAKE LIONS CLUB









ADULTS \$12, KIDS \$6, KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE

Victoria Lions Club invites you to a Fish Fry at St. Victoria Church, 8228 Victoria Dr. Victoria MN Friday, March 31st from 4:30-8:30

Full bar will be open with refreshments to compliment your meal.





The Chanhassen Lions Club

Together with

The Chanhassen Fire Department

Will hold our

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, and Scrambled Eggs

Sunday, April 2, 2017 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

At the <u>Chanhassen Fire Station</u> 7610 Laredo Drive

Adults - \$9.00 Children - \$5.00 Family - \$20.00

A portion of proceeds from this event will be used to purchase equipment for the Chanhassen Fire Department

www.chanhassenlions.org



Spring Bonanza Sunday Brunch April 2, 2017 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Wow Zone, Mankato 2030 Adams Street Fundralser for The Food Backpack Program Pre-Sale Adults \$11 * Kids 5-12 \$4 Adults \$12 * Kids 5-12 \$5 Children 4 a Under FREE Menu to include Tusana avonation Pre-Sale Particulate French Total Epos

Glencoe Lions Club Annual

SPRING BRUNCH



Menu Includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Toast, Fruit, 100% Pure Maple Syrup, Milk, Juice & Coffee

All you care to eat!

Sunday April 2, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pla-Mor Ballroom - Glencoe, MN

Advance Adult (11 & up) \$9.00;

At Door - \$10.00

Children ages 4-10 - \$5.00

Children 3 and under - FREE

Tickets are available at: Franklin Printing, Coborn's or a Lions Club Member

Proceeds Go To Community Projects

Collection boxes will be available for used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids



OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 2, 2017

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church 5th & Brown St, Winthrop MN

Serving 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$7.00

In conjunction with Winthrop's Grackel Days

Proceeds are used to support Winthrop Lions projects

Plato Lions Club **Annual Spring Brunch** Sunday April 2, 2017 Serving 9:30 AM-12:30 PM At the Plato Hall All You Can Eat Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast and Beverage Free Will Donations Accepted With proceeds going to Community Project Fund APRIL 201

HAMBURG LIONS SPRING BINGO



Ham, Turkey, & Sausage

25 games for \$8.00—door prizes after each game Also, meat raffles throughout the evening

> Friday, April 7th at 7:00 P.M. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Hamburg Community Hall Hamburg, MN

Hamburgers, Beverages & Popcorn available.



Don't miss the

Northfield Cannon Valley Lions



Spaghetti Dinner!

Thursday, April 20, 2017

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Northfield Ballroom Highway 3 North

\$10.00 Age 11 & up, •\$6.00 Age 5 - 10, 5 & Under - FREE







100% of the proceeds benefit Lion's projects



Friday, April 21

Social & Food Service starts at 6pm Bingo Game starts at 7pm

Play 14 games for \$15.00

Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard, Jordan, MN

Daubers will be available for purchase





Henderson Community Building

Sunday, April 30, 2017 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Adults Children 5-10 Under 5

\$9.00 \$5.00 free

Proceeds to be used for enhancements to Henderson parks.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

Plato Lions Club Celebrating 34 Years of Community Service

Lions Worldwide Celebrating 100 years of Lionism Please join the Plato Lions in the Plato Park for our

"Centennial Legacy of Service"

To you, the Plato Community

Dedication ceremony at 1:00 pm Refreshments will be served Door prizes will be awarded



CASH

SATURDAY

MAY 20, 2017

\$70 PER PERSON NON MEMBERS, \$60 PER PERSON MEMBERS, INCLUDES GOLF, CART, FOOD AND MOST ON **COURSE GAMES**

7:00a.m REGISTRATION 8:00a.m SHOTGUN START

d help filling a team we will try to help you



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GLENCOE C.C. 320-864-3023 COMMUNITY PROJECTS





2017 5M2 Journey For Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 5					
Faribault	8:00 AM	Perkins			
Waterville	8:25	Lake Region Life			
Waseca	8:45	McDonalds			
Owatonna	9:05	Brick- Meger Funeral Home			
Blooming Prairie	9:40	City Center Offices			
Ellendale	10:00	Lerberg's Grocery			
New Richland	10:20	Star/Eagle Newspaper			
Albert Lea					
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Cloverleaf	10:55	McDonalds			
Albert Lea Lake					
View					
Alden	11:15	Newspaper office			
Kiester	11:45	First State Bank			
Wells	12:15	Farmers Insurance			
Minnesota Lake	12:30	Breamers home			
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Blue Earth	1:30	Coxworth Water			
Dide Editii	PM	Conditioning			
Winnebago	1:45	Royer Plumbing			
Amboy	2:00	Bottoms Up Café			
Lake Crystal	2:30	Kevin's IGA			
Mankato	2:55	Best Western Inn			
Mankato Key City	2:55	Best Western Inn			
Mankato Sunrise	2:55	Best Western Inn			
St Peter	3:15	River Rock coffee shop			
Nicollet	3:35	American Legion			
Courtland	4:00	312 Foothills Road			
Lafayette Area	4:20	Citizens Bank			
Gibbon	4:45	D's Pit Stop			
Winthrop	5:00	Hahn's Café			
Th	Thursday, April 6				
Sibley East Leos	8:40	Gaylord Jr High			
Sibley East Leos	8:55	Thomes Bros			
Arlington	8:55	Thomes Bros			
Green Isle	9:10	Cornerstone State			
Hamburg	9:25	State Bank of Hamburg			
Norwood Young					
America	9:45	Klein Bank			
NYA West Carver					
Plato	10:00	Plato Home Center			

Glencoe	10:20	Bump's Café
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New Auburn	10:45	Post office
Brownton	11:10	Security Bank
Stewart	11:30	City Hall
Hutchinson Lioness	11:55	Kamrath Chiro Office
Hutchinson	11:55	125 S Main Street
Silver Lake	12:15	American Legion
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Lester Prairie	1:15	Community State Bank
Winsted	1:30	Subway (Highway 1)
Watertown	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank
Watertown Leos	2:10	
Chanhassen	2:40	Am Legion Parking Lot
Victoria	2:55	Klein Bank
Waconia	3:05	Security Bank
Cologne	3:20	Community Center
Cologne Leos	3:20	Community Center
Carver	3:35	Community Hall
Chaska	3:50	Community Bank
Shakopee	4:05	O'Brien Public House
Shakopee Valley	4:05	1st Ave
Prior Lake	4:35	Velishek Auto
F	riday, A	pril 7
Jordan	8:00 AM	McDonald's
Jordaness	8:00	McDonald's
Belle Plaine	8:20	Coborn's Liquor
Henderson	8:45	Road Haus
Le Sueur	9:00	News Herald Office
Le Center	9:25	Home Plate
Montgomery	9:40	Mackenthun's
New Prague	10:00	
Veseli	10:20	Goldsmith eye care
Lonsdale	10:40	Lions Park By whistle stop
NEW	11:10	New Market Bank
Northfield		
Northfield Cannon Valley	11:45	Shelter @ Lions Riverside Park
Northfield Leos		