## LIONS & SERVICE: A PERFECT FIT

Lion Diana Kroells District Governor

It has been rather funny reading Facebook posts from all of my fellow District Governors as they finished their first cabinet meetings. Everyone was relieved to get the first one behind them and

the same goes for me. The anticipation of it was far worse that the meeting itself. I really relaxed after the meeting was called to order and it was "show time". Thanks to all of the cabinet members who were able to attend and for making it so easy for me. Congratulations to Lion Glenn Kaufmann of the Chanhassen Lions for his decision to run for 2nd Vice District Governor at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Congratulations to the Hutchinson Lions for a fun, successful Jungle Days. I do not know much about golf except that it involves some balls, tees, putters, irons & a cart. Thank you to the Hutch Lions for making sure that Lion Duane and I had a cart to scoot around the course to watch the more experienced golfers use the other apparatuses. Lion Roger Storms from the Cologne Lions did insist that I at least take a "putt" – he told me I did a great job- but them again I am a blond female and would believe almost anything. Thanks to all of the District 5M2 Lions for supporting this event.

We had two of the Zone president & secretary meetings in August and will wrap up the rest of them in September. These meetings are an informal meeting of Lions sharing like issues & successes of their clubs. It gives everyone an opportunity to get new ideas of what works for other clubs and perhaps to try them in their clubs. Thanks to the Zone Chairpersons for organizing these meetings.

One of my District 5M2 goals is that every club have speakers from the cabinet that will share information about 3 of the 5 global causes - vision, diabetes, environment, hunger and childhood cancer. In addition to the global causes there are chairpersons from the Hearing Foundation, Project New Hope, LCIF, Can Do Canines, Leader Dog, Special Olympics, Youth Exchange & Quest who would love to speak to your clubs. Please consider having a program at each of

your club meetings this year so that your members have an opportunity to learn about all of these projects.

We have had two convention planning meetings and things are moving along very nicely. Please look for information about the Mid-Winter Convention elsewhere in this newsletter. Lions Dar & Mona, convention chairpersons, promise that everything is being done to make this an enjoyable convention for all.

Once again, I want to encourage all clubs to post their upcoming events in the newsletter. Many Lions will look in the newsletter for events to attend since we cannot subscribe to every newspaper in the district. Let's all support each other.

Don't forget- Northern Pride Forum - November 2-3.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

John Bunyan

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## A New Lions Year: Not the Way We Have Always Done It!



Lion Brian Thies 1st Vice District Governor

Welcome to September. The month of change; weather cools, crops mature for harvest, kids are back in school. Speaking of school does your local school have a Leo Club. September is a great time to create one. The District, Multiple and LCI have motivated and experienced

people to support you.

Another excellent resource for the children of your area is the Lions Quest Program. This program develops the skills and strengths that children need to develop to be successful adults. Our district has two dedicated individuals in Janet Knakmuhs and Janet Hall who will assist you in starting a program in your school. There is funding and supplies at the District level, just ask.

Since September brings a close to the county and state fairs, a question that I have for you. Did your club have a booth or display at your county fair? Did you partner with the clubs in your county? If not, September would be a good time to form a committee to coordinate in your county for next year's fair. Troy Feltmann is 5M2 Publicity chair. He is an awesome resource for display ideas.

Lion Rose and I had the opportunity to attend a number of informative and fun events the past six weeks. We started with the Council of Governors meeting in St. Cloud, followed by a buffet meal hosted by approximately 40 Lions Youth Exchange students before they headed off to camp for a week. These youth prepare a dish that represents the food of their country. They also give a short presentation on their homeland. It was a very enjoyable evening. Have you ever thought of hosting a student for a few weeks. Talk to Lions Cindy and Jim Walters, our District Youth Exchange Leaders.

One of highlights of the past month was a whirlwind weekend trip to Leader Dog with the other Vice District Governors of 5M and guests from across the country. It was a great experience and we were able to come away with a better understanding of Leader Dogs, their facility and mission. We had the opportunity to be led by a Leader Dog, putting our trust in a well trained animal to



make sure that we wouldn't fall off the curb, run into someone or misstep. It was overwhelming to put our trust in animal but that is what the recipients of a Leader Dog do. Trust in their companion to keep them safe. Once an individual is paired with a dog they stay on site at the facility for 25 days to make sure the human knows their role as well as the dog knows his or her role. We also had the opportunity on the tour with two veteran puppy raisers each having raised 9 and 10 puppies. In fact, at the end of the tour, Phyllis Krebs from Missouri took home her 10th dog to raise. A great weekend! A great project. Thanks to all of the Lions of Multiple District 5M we are the third largest supporter of Leader Dog.



Since September is the month of learning with children going back to school, it is also a good time to bring up that we are so very fortunate to have many learning opportunities in our area. Northern Pride is one of the most affordable three days of Lions training that you will ever be able to attend. For the cost of \$75.00, a few hours in a car and a very reasonable hotel room, you will come away with new friends, new ideas and wonderful knowledge. IPDG Nancy Mathwig has lots of information on ELLI, ALLI, RLLI (and many more) leadership institutes. Seek her out. Ask her questions. Sign up. You won't regret it.







## **GREETINGS - GET YOUR LION ON!**



Lion Anna Wickenhauser 2nd Vice District Governor

## CHANGE ~ something that is different from what is usual or expected~

I have been trying to share tidbits about my life, not to bore you, but to try to give you a better perspective of who I am.

I have been a Type 1 Diabetic since November of 1985. I have had numerous challenges with my Diabetes etc. Three years ago, I suffered 3 strokes because of my Diabetes. Needless to say, I was not expecting that. I was lucky, I had a great support system surrounding me. I still have trouble finding my words, I have memory loss and when I speak in front of people I kind of fumble sometimes. To look at me I appear "Normal" and to meet me without knowing my history I have been told that these little "Blips" aren't easily recognizable. I am not telling you this because I want your pity-like I said, I am Lucky.

So fast forward to the month of August. Lion Monkey and I became grandparents. Our 18yr. old son and his 19yr. old girlfriend had a baby girl they named Emily. Everyone is healthy. But they are not

ready to be parents and have moved into our basement. YUP...so we are adjusting to the new Change in our lives again. So how does this relate to the Lions??

With these new changes we have faced Lion Monkey and I have found ourselves somewhat resentful, scared about how the future is going to play out and unsure of the decisions we have been making.

The Lions around the world are changing. LCI is always trying to facilitate change. Is it always successful-No, but they are persistent. As Lions we have to embrace the scariness of change-will you always be successful-NO, but you won't know unless you try. Go to other clubs and visit them, borrow some ideas from their club. How to reach the younger generation? Ask yourself "What does our club have to offer a young person"? and be honest with your assessment-maybe your club has to make some "CHANGES".

Change can be frustrating, scary, nerve wracking, but it can also be the best thing that ever happened to you and you never even knew you needed it.

And remember to "Get Your Lion On"



## **NEW INITIATIVE: BATTLE CHILDHOOD CANCER**

The Lions International initiative to battle childhood cancer is getting off the ground! I am excited and honored to have been asked to chair the 5M2 efforts.

Each year, more than 15,000 children and young adults are diagnosed with cancer. That's about 42 every day. Nearly 2000 children under age 19 die each year, making cancer the leading killer of children by disease. And that's just in the United States. In 2016, over 300,000 kids and young adults were diagnosed worldwide.

I am excited to be a part of this new Lions Program, and look forward to learning more to help find a cure for this dread disease. If you have questions, or even more importantly, ideas on how this initiative can best serve the cause, please do not hesitate to contact me: Telephone: 651-226-0125 (c). Email: tpmcc0526@yahoo.com

Also, a shout-out to the Jordan Lioness Club for their bean bag tournament September 15 to benefit childhood cancer research and treatment. Thank you! Contact Lion Amy Piotrowski at jordanesslions@gmail.com for more information or to register your team.

And remember, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Take this opportunity to reach out to a family whose child is afflicted, or read more on childhood cancer. Or, contact me with your ideas.

Multiple Childhood Cancer Chair PDG Mike Janssen (5M11) has written "We can help with the cost of research and treatment and we can help with the day to day struggles of the families. The cost of transportation, the cost of lodging, the cost of drugs, the cost of equipment and so many other costs. We can help with the emotional battle, we can listen, we can talk, we can provide time, we can be that shoulder to cry on. We can provide comfort."

We can't do everything, but we can do something! So, let's do something!





Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

LCIF is kicking off a new effort to increase Lion engagement. "Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service" will increase our impact in sight, youth development, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global diabetes crisis; and expand our focus to include environment, hunger, and childhood cancer. The campaign will support grants and partnerships that will enable our Lions to serve more than 200 million people per year by 2021. Campaign 100 is a tremendous opportunity not only to enable Lion service, but also to change the way Lions think about giving and service. This effort will truly transform LCIF in four key ways:









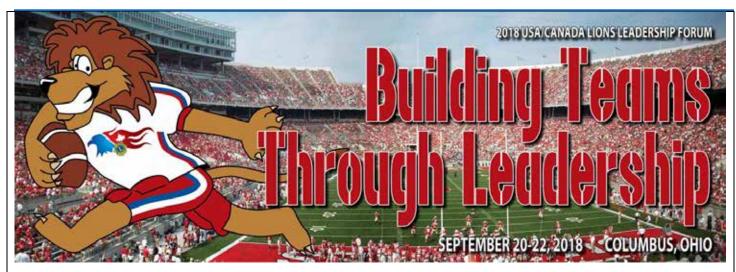
Increase Lion Awareness and Support of LCIF – Lions will learn more about what the foundation does, the work it supports, and be invited to translate that awareness into a personal gift. Our collective service, worldwide, is strengthened as more Lions participate as donors to our foundation.

**Expand Our Impact in the World** – Campaign 100 offers an opportunity to increase Lions' service impact, tackle the modern health crisis of diabetes, and support our expanded global causes.

Increase Non-Lion, Corporate, and Foundation Awareness and Support - With a broader scope of focus in the new Global Causes, LCIF's priorities will align with the funding priorities of more organizations than ever before.

Promote Monthly and Electronic Giving - Online and digital platforms are increasingly common methods of giving. Automated monthly contributions offer a simple way to establish long-term giving habits. Small monthly gifts will be promoted, creating a transformational impact on the foundation.

DG Diana has tasked me with presenting an LCIF program to 25% of the clubs in the District. Please email or call me if you'd like to learn more about our LCIF. I'd love to visit and share more about how we can Empower Service or have our Service Empowered through LCIF.





## Register today by going

to: <a href="https://lionsforum.org">https://lionsforum.org</a>.



## **HEARING FOUNDATION NEWS**



A brief history of the Lions Hearing Foundation. The history of this program goes back to the Multiple Convention of 1972, held in Duluth, MN. The Lions Multiple District 5M adopted the project to work

with the Deaf and Hearing impaired at this Multiple Convention. Past District Governor Larry Meskan was the District Governor at that time.

In 1977 the Lions of Multiple District 5M signed an agreement with the University of Minnesota to work with them to establish a Lions Hearing Center. The Lions committed to raise \$1.7 million over the next five years to get the Hearing Center established.

It was decided that the Hearing Center would be located on the eighth floor of the Philips Wagensteen Building, one floor below the Lions Ëye Bank/Children's Clinic. Construction was started on the site in 1977. The Hearing Center began operation on a small scale in 1979. The formal dedication and

Grand Opening of the Hearing Center was held in November 1985. In 1990, the cochlear implant program began. Improvements and additions have been made over the years with one of the most important, the research lab being dedicated in 1994. In 1999, the Lions Newborn Hearing Screening Program was set into motion. In 2002 another major step was taken when the Lions 5M Children's Hearing Center was established. Multiple District 5M continues to be a leader in the work with Deaf and Hearing impaired.

In 1979, District 5M2 became the first District in the Multiple to have 100% participation, all the clubs contributing to the Hearing Program. Our District continues this tradition to be one of the top contributors. Let's have all the clubs in 5M2 be contributors to the Hearing Foundation. Thank you for your past contributions. Continue to donate used hearing aids. They can be dropped in the eye glass collection boxes along with your used eye glasses. Remember, we are available to come to your club to talk about the Hearing Foundation.

PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Jeff Williams





## Dynamic and Motivating Speakers

International Director Pat Vannet and Lions Clubs International's Third Vice President Brian Sheehan



36 Informative Seminars

• GAT Working Together • So, you want to be a district governor • Laugh your way to a better club • Building Leaders for Tomorrow • Recruiting Younger Lions • Young Punks vs Old Geezers • Construct a meaningful Project • Kids Sight • Successful Tricks for Recruiting New Members • Mentoring • GLT - How to spot a successful leader • LCI Core Five • Women, Families, Youth • Navigating the LCI Website-My Lion App • Roberts Rules • Leadership Institute Opportunities • Who's on First and What Does it Matter? • Lions University - Understanding it and using it in your District n• How to Run an Effective Meeting • Orientation for your new member • Joining Your District's Cabinet n• Succession Planning • Quality Initiative Program (CEP) • Zone/Region Chairperson; Expanding your pride • Phishing and Cyber Attacks • The 21st Century • Starting a LEOS club or Campus Club - Building Blocks of our Future • Fun with Tail Twisting • Hello I'm your new member, I'm leaving • The fun way to build a team • Role of Supporting Partner • Creative recognition • Conflict Resolution • Time Management • New ways to strengthen your club • Lions Clubs International - Everything you wanted to know and resources

## Please come join us in this fun filled Lion's event!



September 29

Shooting Star Casino 777 SE Casino Rd Mahnomen, MN 56557

Registration form at http://www.lionsmdsm.org Registration fee \$75.00 USD/\$75.00 CAN (Includes Saturday's lunch and dinner) Hotel \$65.00 USD plus tax



https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-leadership-forum-2018-tickets-44597493303

## KROELLS TRAILS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 10 Faribault Lions Club visit

September 11 Zone 8 & 9 President/Secretary meeting

September 13 Zone 2 & 5 President/Secretary meeting

September 15 Jordaness Lions Cornhole/Bean Bag Tournament

September 17 Zone 3 & 6 President/Secretary meeting

September 20-23 USA/Canada Forum - Columbus OH

September 26 Convention planning meeting

Can Do Canine's Woof-a-Roo







## Northern Pride

## **Lions Leadership Forum**

## November 2nd - 3rd, 2018

**Shooting Star Convention Centre, Mahnomen MN USA** 

## 2018 Registration Form



"Meet your fellow Lions from Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, NW Ontario and Minnesota."

Name & Title	Registration form at
Address	
City/Town	Special Dietary Needs:
State/Prov.	Vegetarian, Gluten Free,
Zip/Postal	Allergies(circle ones that apply)
Phone (w / area code)	
Email	
Registration Fee \$75.00 (US\$ or CDN\$	<b>5</b> )

This year you can SIGN UP ONLINE @ www.eventbrite.com/e/npllf-2018-registration

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

If you want to send a cheque / money order in:

**USA** make them payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum** 

In Canada make them payable to: District 5M13

US residents mail to:

PDG Dave Jensen, Box 156 Wendell, MN USA 56590 E. oakstuff@runestone.net Canadian residents mail to:

PDG Cheryl McKitrick PO Box 340, Crystal City MB Canada R0K 0N0 E. cemckit@gmail.com

Cancellations prior to October 19th, 2018 will have a \$25.00 fee applied, NO Cancellations after October 19th, 2018 except for Medical emergencies which are accepted anytime with documents (\$25.00 fee still applies).

For more Information Email The Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum at: NPLLFMD5M@gmail.com

Hotel Reservations - Contact the hotel directly - Rate \$65.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until October 19th, 2018

Shooting Star Hotel & Casino, Mahnomen, MN - call 1-800-453-STAR and ask for block # 5322.

This block is called "Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum"



1000 Westgate Drive, Suite 260 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114 (866) 887-4448

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 7, 2018

## MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION (MLVF) RESPONSE TO FOX NEWS 9 REPORT ON CORNEA DONATION IN MINNESOTA

As reported by Fox News 9, in January 2018, another donation organization announced its intention to compete with Lions Gift of Sight (formerly Minnesota Lions Eye Bank) for eye donations in Minnesota. This organization shared that they intend to send all of the eye and cornea donations they procure to Seattle-based SightLife where they will subsequently be processed and distributed by SightLife's for-profit surgical arm, CorneaGen (recently rebranded from SightLife Surgical).

We at Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation have grave concerns about the effects of this for-profit plan on the future of eye banking and the advancement of ophthalmology research. We are also dismayed about the commodification of human tissue by using a for-profit company for corneal processing and placement. We would like to stress that donor referrals have always been one call to a central shared donation referral phone line. And, we are at a loss to understand why the regional organ and tissue procurement agency would choose to sever ties with their long-standing partner, Lions Gift of Sight, and instead partner with SightLife, an extremely aggressive company that has been taking over eye banks (including Lions eye banks) across the country.

Lions have always been strong supporters of Lions Gift of Sight, and the partnership between Lions Gift of Sight, Lions clubs of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota is 58 years strong. Lions Gift of Sight, a non- profit organization, has earned its reputation as an outstanding and world-respected eye bank that focuses on the local community. Eye donations that come into Lions Gift of Sight are evaluated here, eye tissue is prepared here for surgeons, and the majority of corneas recovered for transplant are placed here in Minnesota.

Furthermore, Lions Gift of Sight also provides eye donations for research in partnership with the University of Minnesota Medical School in the fight against devastating eye diseases such as Macular Degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma, as well as researchers all over the world. SightLife and CorneaGen do not recover or process eye tissue for research purposes.

The Lions of Minnesota and the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation intend to continue their dedicated advocacy of our eye bank. We hope that organizations supporting eye programs and research which are approached by another organization to support their eye donation program continue to pledge partnership with Lions Gift of Sight.

Lion Lyle Goff – Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Chairperson

## Viewing Forward



MN Lions Vision Foundation

Lions all, this month we would like to share more information about Lions Gift of Sight (our eye bank) and the competition created by SightLife, another eye bank which has entered the Minnesota market. Hopefully some you caught the Fox 9 broadcast on August 9 about this issue.

As MN Lions Vision Foundation directors, Lion Christy and I are really distraught to say the least. At Jungle Days cabinet meeting, we shared this information. Lions Gift of Sight (fka MN Lions Eye Bank) is the original component of our foundation. Since 1960, Minnesota Lions have partnered with the U of Minnesota serving our area with our not-for-profit eye bank. Lions have given millions (really!!!) of dollars for vision causes benefiting the Upper Midwest and beyond. Our eye bank is outstanding and respected worldwide. We are always thinking of eye donations and corneal transplants. Let's remember, too, that eye donations aid more than individuals. Via partnership with the University's research departments, Lions have financially contributed to research success in so many ways. Any eye donations not used for transplants are utilized via research - all at a nonprofit status. Our contributions via eye donations and dollars have brought the best of ophthalmologists and scientists to our university.

Now, here is the issue. Until this spring, Lions Gift of Sight (our eye bank) has been the only eye bank in Minnesota. This means we have had a wonderful volume of eye donations benefiting so many people. We are non profit (donations and research). When another donation organization began business in Minnesota, we lost many area hospitals to them. Seattle-based SightLife is also a non profit organization securing donations for eye and cornea donations. However, SightLife has a for-profit partner CorneaGen which collects donations for research. In other words, SightLife

transfers research donations (for profit) to a research facility.

Personally, this bothers me immensely in several ways. This competition has severely lowered Lions Gift of Sight's volume of service - potentially less corneal transplants at the U and definitely less product for research. We know we are one of the best eye banks in our nation and we want to remain so. Plus, when the time comes, I really want the University to be the recipient of my eyes and the eyes of my loved ones. And, should we question that profit is being made on donation eye (human) tissue?

Don't we all know someone suffering from macular degeneration? Do you know that our MAC Center was created in 1999 and has been a forerunner in developing procedures in best handle this disease? Just one example of needed research.

Many of you have taken Eye Bank Tours or attended Thanksgiving for Vision. We know our value. Competition is often good but questioning is needed. Why, when we have a premier nonprofit eye bank, are our hospitals choosing to deal with an eye bank that has a for-profit research arm located somewhere else?

Fellow Lions, we have given, since 1960, millions collectively to Lions Gift of Sight, Children's Eye Clinic, Research Department, MAC Center, Surgery Center, Glasses Recycling Center, Kidsight. We need the right to know that our eye donations will go the University if we personally choose to do so!

Now, more than ever, Lion Christy and I are anxious to visit your clubs sharing the passion of Lions' original mission. As directors, we continue to View Forward. Our legacy is great and our goals will continue to be met. We are your directors ready to serve. Reminding you again that now is time to plan your club visits for the coming year. Give us a shout – maryspille@gmail.com or christy1135@gmail.com Together, "WE SERVE" continues.

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

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

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST

## HISTORY

The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest annually. Lions clubs sponsor the contest, open to children ages 11 - 13, in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys & Girls Clubs. The contest provides Lions with the chance to interact with young people in their communities, introducing the youth to international understanding, as well as giving Lions a vehicle for obtaining positive publicity for their clubs.

The theme of the 2018-2019 Peace Poster Contest is "Kindness Matters." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, are eligible to participate.

## **Peace Poster Contest Judging**

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

The posters must be sent to the Peace Poster Co-Chairperson Lion Paula Stephens, 313 Louis St. E., Cologne, MN 55322 and must be postmarked on or before November 15, 2018.

Monetary Gifts will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (\$300, \$200, \$100 respectively) from 5M2. The winner will receive a plaque and their poster will be framed. The second and third place winners will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and all three winners will receive an invitation to Saturday lunch at Mid-winter Convention for 4 (the winner and three family members).

If you have any questions, please contact the Peace Poster Co-Chairpersons:

Lion Paula Stephens, 952-797-4116; stephenspmt@gmail.com; Lion Shirley Hespenheide, 612-756-1538; hespy@usfamily.net

## **Contest Rules:**

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s) such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. A Lioness Club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions Club. The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club. However, individual members of these groups (such as Leos) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group. A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Each kit includes a sticker to be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules listed below will be disqualified. The kits are available, and the cost is \$11.95 plus tax and postage/ handling. Check on-line or in the Lions Magazine for more information.

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2018. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2005 through November 15, 2007. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches. Do not mat or frame the artwork. All media are accepted. Chalk, charcoal, and pastel entries must be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries. Only one entry per student per year and each entry must be the original work of one student. Duplicates are not accepted. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping. Do not fold artwork. Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International. In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.



Have you ever wondered how "Leader Dog for the Blind" started? Like many other programs, "Lion's saw a need" and decided to act without knowing the impact they would have.

Leader Dog for the Blind is a guide dog training facility located in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It was founded in 1939 by Lion's Charles Nutting, Don Schuur, and S.A. Dodge as the only the second guide dog school in the United States. Since Leader Dog's conception, over 14000 dogs have been paired with visually impaired individuals worldwide. Leader Dog is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world.

## So, how did it begin?

In the summer of 1938, the Uptown Detroit Lions Club members gathered to discuss the future of Dr. Glenn Wheeler and how he could obtain a personal guide dog. They decided to pay all the expenses for Glenn and contacted the only school in America whom offered guide dogs, The Seeing Eye. The club and Glenn were denied due to the school's policy, which stated no individual could be sponsored by any club or organization, but any monies must go directly to the school. The school would then decide where the monies were needed. This was a setback for Dr. Glenn.

As you know Lion's do not accept NO easily. The Lion's decided to find an individual trainer of dogs. They found Glenn Staines who trained Doberman Pinchers. The Lions hired him on October 6, 1938 to train as many as four dogs for the price of \$800. (\$800 in 1938 is \$13,656 in 2018 dollars) The agreement included a clause that four students would need to be found or the agreement would be terminated. Dr. Glenn Wheeler was joined by three others, Earl Morrey, William Joyce and Paul Brown. The Park Avenue Hotel in downtown Detroit heard of the Lion's project and offered free accommodations for the students as they learn how to handle their dogs. Soon the Lion's project had dogs, a trainer, students and a place to house students, and the project grew.

Now they needed a name for their organization. The Uptown Detroit Lions decided to go international through their Lion's Organization. A four-page

report was sent to every Lion's member of the Lion's International Organization eliciting suggestions for the name of the program. Over 500 responses with suggested names. "Lion's Leader" was selected, and newspapers published the name on December 14, 1939. In February 1939, all four Doberman's were placed with there new owners. The club wanted assistance beyond the club, so they decided to expand. On April 4, 1939 the "Lion's Leader Dog Foundation" was initiated. The Lion's decided the new school would need a more permanent home. A small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan was chosen. The property which included a house, a barn and small garage were rented for \$50/per month.

In 1940, the name was changed to "Leader Dog for the Blind" During the first year 18 dogs were placed with clients in their homes. Despite many hardships, the school remained opened. Blind veterans returning from World War II assisted to keep the facility open. The blind was soon requesting a guide dog to assist them in leading a more independent life. Business soon recognized the blind could carry hold a job, and jobs for the blind individuals were opening up.

Leader Dog for the Blind continues to be a nonprofit organization. All expenses for obtaining the guide dog are offered free of charge including the dogs.

Today Leader Dog employs a breeding program to supply dogs consisting mostly of pure bred Labrador and Golder Retrievers, and German Shepherds. Leader Dog has partnered with another service and hearing organization Paws with a Cause to offer dogs to its program that are found unsuited for the Leader Dog for the Blind program. These dogs referred to this program are identified by Leader Dog as needing a "service change." Leader Dog has high standards for the dogs they placed with clients but recognizes the dog still may meet the needs of other programs.

We hope to attend future Zone meetings to request Club visits to promote this great program. If you need to schedule a club visit you can contact one of your District chairs. Lion Loretta Klenke, contact at lmklenke@msn.com or phone 952-445-0289. Or Lion Emmy Koch contact at emmykoch@hotmail.com or phone 320-510-0558. We hope to see you at future Zone meetings.



## TO 5M2 For All That You Do

Lion Dar and Mona are excited to chair 5M-2 2019 Mid-Winter Convention along with representatives from the Zone 5 Clubs (Arlington, Green Isle, Hamburg, Henderson, Le Sueur, NYA, West Carver). Check out the "Save the Date" flyer and if you want to make your room reservations now for the City Center in Mankato that reservation form is also attached. Please note that the registration form for the Convention will be in the October newsletter.

The Tuxedo Band is ready, willing, and able to perform for us on Friday night once again. Our theme is "Hats Off to 5M2 For All That You Do" Start designing or thinking about your favorite hat to be worn on this evening.

DG Diana is lining up some very interesting speakers for our Saturday morning sessions. You will want to be present to hear just what the Lions are doing! Saturday noon will also include very interesting Lions Information and the banquet is always a very enjoyable evening.

What an inspirational group of people we have for the weekend! Let's sell out the hotel, enjoy the FUN and visit with other Lions all weekend or for part of the weekend.

## Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention February 8 - 10, 2019

## MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEI

# Reservations will be accepted by mail, fax, or phone.

Please complete and return this form to Mankato City Center Hotel with payment information no later than January 11, 2019.

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Mankato City Center Hotel c/o Lions 5M2 Mid-Winer Convention 101 East Main Street Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507-345-1234

Fax: 507-345-1248

\*\*One-night reservations will be based availability\*\*

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## CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so 24 hours in advance of the date you wish to cancel.

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Credit card number is required (credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

Pre-payment by check for one-night stay (with remaining balance due at check in)

## HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be received by January 11, 2019 to receive the Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be booked

## at standard rates.

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\*\*\*Taxes of 10.875% are included in the price \*\*\*All rooms are non-smoking and are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators We will confirm your reservation by sending you a postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us three weeks from the date you send in your registration form for processing. If e-mail confirmation is preferred please include e-mail address.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but we will try to accommodate as best we can. \*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>Poolside rooms are subject to hearing noise from the Fri. and Sat. evening events, including band music. If this is a concern, it is best not to request poolside\*\*

## MD5M LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2018

OCTOBER 12-14 2018

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

10509 108th St. NW, Annandale MN 55302





## Cost:

\$125 Leo and Lion Members\* \$15 for Visiting Guests Meal

\*Includes all meals, lodging, training, materials and activities.

Camp is open to any and all Alpha Leos and potential Leos (ages 12-18). Please fill out the registration form and the 2 Liability Waivers. This year Camp Friendship has also included a waiver that must be filled out and signed before you can drop off your child. We will have them available when your drop your child off in case you forget them at home. But if it could be done ahead of time it will make the registration and check in go more smoothly. There will be no lunch on Sunday. Registration is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE** 

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12

5-7 PM ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

6-7 PM DINNER

7-10 PM TEAM BUILDING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

8-9 AM BREAKFAST

9AM -NOON WORKSHOPS

NOON-1 PM LUNCH

1-5 PM CHALLENGE COURSE

6-7 PM DINNER

7-9 PM ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 14** 

8-9 AM BREAKFAST

9-10:30 AM SERVICE PROJECT

10:30-11 AM AWARDS AND PICTURES

11-11:30 CABIN CHECKOUT

## MAIL TO:

Anna Wickenhauser

13650 Co. ROAD 41

COLOGNE, MN 55322 Lionannaw@gmail.com Fax 952-466-2827 Cell 952-913-1467

## MD5M LEO Leadership Conference Registration Form

In consideration of participation in this LEO Leadership Conference, I hereby acknowledge and do enter this program at my own risk, assuming all known and unknown risks. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Lions Organization and its volunteers from any and all injuries I may incur. I understand that any photographs and video recordings may be used by the Lions Organization. All persons under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian signature to participate.

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## MD5M Leo Leadership Camp 2018

Dear Lions,

In order to help send more Leos and young people to the MD5M Leo Leadership Camp in Annandale, MN from October 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 -we are asking for your help! Becoming a sponsor is quick, easy, and will help make the camp a more enjoyable experience. We are asking for sponsorships so that the cost of camp does not need to be raised for the attendees in order to continue providing a program that helps young people develop their leadership skills and passion for community service. Currently the cost of attending camp for the weekend is

\$125.00 for a Leo, and we would like to keep it this way since many Leos lack funding and opportunities like the Leadership Camp. The sponsorship opportunities that we are offering include the Bronze, Silver, and Gold and below is an explanation of what each sponsorship level entails. Another important detail is that clubs with gambling funds *can* provide sponsorship with that money for this conference since it is for a group activity. Please consider making a donation to help ensure another affordable, well-attended, informative Leo Leadership Conference in October, 2018!

Sincerely,

MD5M Leo Chairpersons

Lion Anna Wickenhauser and Lion Pete Yelle



## MD5M Leo Leadership Camp 2018

## 3 Sponsorship Levels



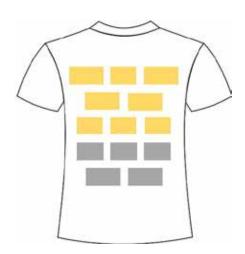
*Bronze*: \$25.00-\$100.00. Your Club will be listed on the program.



*Silver:* \$101.00-\$250.00. Your club will be listed on the back of the T-Shirt as a Silver. Sponsor and listed in the program.



*Gold*: \$251.00 and Up. Your club will be recognized on the back of the T-shirt as a Gold Sponsor and listed in the program.



<u>Club Name</u> <u>Amount</u> <u>Sponsorship Level</u> <u>District</u>

Make Checks payable to MD5M Leos

Mail checks to Anna Wickenhauser 13650 County RD 41 Cologne MN 55322

Questions? Call Lion Anna at 952-913-1467 Email <u>lionannaw@gmail.com</u>

 Due by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

## **JUNGLE DAYS 2018**



Winning Team!!

## LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## **GIBBON LIONS**

The Gibbon Lions held their annual corn feed at the very shelter they built in 1961 at the Gibbon City Park. This annual event is a great time for our members to relax and socialize.









**5M2** LIONS' NEWS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH OF EACH MONTH... Submit your club events and Lions program articles to: 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

## **JORDANESS LIONS**





Jordaness Lions Wanda, Donna, Deb & Norma traveled to Camp Sweet Life in Madison Lake, MN for a tour and an opportunity to meet some of the staff and campers. Lion Wanda presented a check from the 5M2 Diabetes Fund that helps sponsor campers.





## 2018 Jordaness Lions Cornhole/Bean Bag Tournament

Hosted
by the
Jordaness
Lions

## 2 Person Teams Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Jordan Mini-Met Ballpark – Parking Lot

401 Rice Street South, Jordan, MN

## \$50.00 per 2 person team

11:30 am - Registration 1:00 pm - Tournament Begins Cash Prizes Awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places

Food options by local vendors for purchase Bring the family to join in the FUN! Music, miscellaneous yard games, Raffle items

## Proceeds benefit Childhood Cancer and other Community Needs

## Registration Deadline Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Players Name (Teams of 2)	Email & Phone number
Name:	
Name:	

Check Payable to: Jordaness Lions Club Send Payment to: Lion Amy Piotrowski

104 Arabian Court Jordan, MN 55352 For questions, please email: Jordanesslions@gmail.com (952) 239-0654 (Lion Amy)

<sup>☐</sup> By checking this box, you are giving the Jordaness Lions permission to keep your registration fee to be donated to proceed allocations listed above in the event of inclement weather.

## Breakfast Fly-in / Drive-in Sunday, Sept 9th



Le Sueur MN Airport (12Y)

Proceeds support community projects sponsored through the Le Sueur Lions Club



- Pilots Free
- Adults \$ 8.00
- 12 & Under \$ 5.00
- Preschool & Younger
   Free

Breakfast of pancakes, sausage served by the Le Sueur Lions Club



Sponsored by the

## **Green Isle Lions Club**

Sunday, September 16, 2018 Serving 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Green Isle Fire Hall

> Adults \$12.00 Children 6-11yrs \$5.00 Under 6 yrs Free

Roast Beef, Real Mashed Potatoes, Cravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Buns, Dessert and Beverage

Advanced tickets are available from Green Isle Lions or CornerStone State Bank.

Proceeds to Support Community Projects

## Waterville Lions Pancake and Sausage



Breakfast

(Serving the Fourth Sunday of each Month)

**2018 dates** 



Serving 8:00 am til 12:30 pm



The Village in Waterville 205 N 1st St Waterville MN 56096

Goodwill donation appreciated (

## **CAN DO CANINES WOOFAROO**

September 29 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Can Do Canines facility: 9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN 55428

Bring your friends (the furry ones too!) and help us celebrate the amazing partnerships of assistance dogs and the people who need them.

This outdoor family-fun event includes a onemile fundraising walk, dog costume contest, dog-centric vendors, food, music, and more.

Join us in celebrating the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. Your fundraising helps us provide even more assistance dogs to people with disabilities, free of charge.

## Entertainment includes:

- Caricature drawings by Caricatures by Casey
- Musical performance by Jackson and The Roosters
- Performance by Minnesota Disc Dogs
- A dog costume contest
- A dog paw print painting
- And more!



**New Auburn Lions 10th Annual** 

## **Roast Beef Dinner**

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>



Serving: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn Cole Slaw, Bread, Desserts, Coffee & Milk

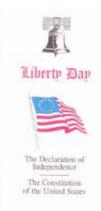


## New Auburn City Hall 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adults \$11 Children 5-10 \$7 4 and under free

All proceeds go towards Community Projects





Liberty Day is used to raise awareness among students across the nation about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Liberty Day Program is a Lionsaffiliated program is the United States with the objective of providing nonpartisan information to students about our rights and responsibilities as defined by the Constitution of the 
United States. In District 5M2, Liberty Day is a part of our Youth Activities. Several clubs have promoted the 
Liberty Day program via assemblies 
with their school districts. Often clubs 
unite with other community 
organizations to prepare a program 
including flag presentation, speakers, 
music, and so forth.

Programs are tailored to the needs and grade levels of each community. Printed Constitutions/Amendments are given to all students. These booklets are available from the district chairpersons.

For more information and presentations, contact

Lion Denny Hewitt (507) 232-3394 <u>dthewitt@hickorytech.net</u>

Lion David Sebesta (320) 587-5690 dave sebesta@hotmail.com

## **GARY TYSON**

Comedy Magic & Music for the Whole Family

Gary Tyson's 55 + Comedy Variety Show is geared for the middle aged baby boomers and up. Featured Comedy, Magic, Musical Comedy and Stand Up. Gary has toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada and is celebrating 45 years as a full time entertainer, including appearances at Hollywood's Magic Castle, Nashville's Grand Ole Opry and 1000's of venues coast to coast.

Laughter is truly the best medicine.

## Saturday, October 13, 2018 Alden-Conger High School Gym

Doors Open at 6pm with warm-up Country Show starring Dunnell Lenort beginning at 6:30



## ALL TICKETS...\$15

The first 200 tickets are reserved seating on the main floor and must be paid in advance by contacting Karen Erickson (507)391-5847

Children under 10 years old...\$10

Children under 10 years old...\$10 (expect reserved seating)

General Admission Tickets available from: Alden Area Lions Members

Sponsored By: Alden Area Lions - Hemmingsen's Transfer, Inc - Jensales



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SAVE These Dates

**FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10** 

5M2
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Please join
DG Diana Kroells
in celebrating the
next 100 years of
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Friday Night
Wear your favorite
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the Tuxedo Band

Saturday wear Lion attire

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