



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2017

WWW.5M2LIONS.ORG



5M2 VITAL SIGNS REPORT

*Lion Nancy Mathwig
District Governor*

September - Labor Day - the technical end to summer in Minnesota, even though the calendar gives us 22 more days. September also means I am close to completing one of my goals for this year - retirement! As I

pointed out to the Cabinet at a recent meeting, I will be retiring from my current job the end of September and will then have additional time to devote to my Lions duties and not need to juggle time between work and Lions!

The month of August has been a busy one for our district! While many clubs are still on their summer hiatus from club meetings, most have been super busy with summer projects such as finishing Legacy projects or working summer events to raise money for their projects or working the State Fair selling tickets.

The first Cabinet meeting of the year was held on Monday, August 7 at the Glencoe Country Club. It was wonderful to have a great turnout for the meeting and also to see the interaction of the members during discussion of the many agenda items. Thank you to IPDG Steve Wasserman for his year of service as District Governor and to both Steve and PID Debra for their help and advice as I move into my role as your Governor for 2017-2018. The Cabinet meeting was followed by the traditional Jungle Days golf event, hosted by the Hamburg Lions Club. The day was perfect - blue sky, no rain and not much heat and humidity! I have never golfed in the tournament and did not try this year; however, PID Bill Curtis was kind enough to give me a tour of the course on his golf cart and explain the tournament process to me, including NOT TALKING when a golfer is ready to hit the ball! Thank you to Lions Chris and Dave for chairing the event and to the entire Hamburg Club members for your work that day!

In addition to our many activities during the month of August, we have had the addition of another Leo Club to the district, bringing us to six clubs. On Monday, August 14th, we came together to celebrate the charter of the Shakopee Leo Club. Twenty-four eager teens from Shakopee were honored that evening as well as their sponsoring clubs, Shakopee Lions and Shakopee Valley Lions. Inspirational talks were given

by Lion Hilary Wickenhauser and PID Brian Sheehan. Congratulations to the Shakopee Leo Club and to their advisors, Lion Casey Pauly of the Shakopee Valley Lions and Lion Matt Mulcahy of the Shakopee Lions and to Lion Anna Wickenhauser, District 5M-2 Leo Chair for her part in the organization of the club.

August also has brought us closer to chartering a new club in Mayer, MN. At this writing we have 15 committed citizens of Mayer who are eager to have a Lions Club in their community again. The next organizational meeting will be the meeting at which they choose their officers and set up their meeting night, etc. Watch for future information as we move forward with another club in 5M-2. Thank you to PID Maynard Rucks, PDG Marvin Grimm, Lion Evelyn Grimm, and Lion Joe Gifford in assisting with the formation of this club. The Waconia Lions have agreed to be the sponsoring club and PDG Mary Spille will join the team as a Guiding Lion. Overseeing everything have been PDG's Bill and Donna Landwehr, new club consultants for our area.

DG NANCY'S ARTICLE CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

- 1st VDG - Diana Kroells Page 2
- 2nd VDG - Brian Theis Page 3
- Hearing Foundation Page 3
- Council of Governors' Meeting..... Page 4
- Global Action Team..... Page 5
- Centennial Update Page 6
- Centennial Public Relations Contest Page 7
- PID Brian Sheehan Endorsed for 3rd VP... Page 8
- Youth Exchange Page 8
- Tech Topics Page 9
- Peace Poster Contest.....Pages 10-11
- Viewing ForwardPage 11
- Dream Catcher Newsletter/Diabetes Pages 12-14
- Leader Dog..... Page 15
- Jungle Days Page 16-17
- Environmental Feature..... Page 18
- Lions', Leos' Club News Pages 19-24
- Club Request for Governor Visit.....Pages 25
- Advertised Events..... Pages 26-27
- Press Release Page 28

BITS AND PIECES



*Lion Diana Kroells
1st Vice District Governor*

“Trust- a confident reliance on a person or thing” it sounds so simple but I found out it is easier said than done. Trying to place trust in a dog after I was blindfolded at Leader Dog Learning Center was not easy, in fact, it was the

most difficult part of an amazing day. Hearing the stories of men and women describe what their dogs mean to them was very special. It every case- their dog is their lifeline to freedom. A tour included the new kennels, vet clinic, puppy playground, the harness shop and the rooms where the clients live as they get acquainted with their new dog and develop a relationship that will change their lives. Thanks to the dedicated, caring staff at Leader Dog for allowing us to visit. Please invite the 5M2 Leader Dog Cabinet Chairs- Lion Emmy Koch & Lion Loretta Klenke to visit your clubs so they can give you more information about Leader Dog.

Congratulations to 24 Shakopee Leo's who celebrated their charter night on Aug. 14. No doubt in my mind that great things are going to be happening in Shakopee as these Leos begin their journey to serve those in need in their community & outside the community.

What an inspiring evening. Thank you to Lion Casey Pauly and Lion Matt Mulcahy for serving as their advisors and to Lion Anna & Lion Hilary for assisting with the formation of this LEO Club.

The Zone meetings for club presidents & secretaries are just beginning and I hope that if you hold these positions in your club, you make every effort to attend and network with the others in your zone. Valuable information will be shared and we don't want anyone to miss out. A big thanks to the Zone chairs for planning these meetings. Soon the regular Zone meeting will be taking place and I hope that all club members take advantage of the opportunity to attend. Since there will be no Region meetings this year- the Zone meetings will give you an opportunity to schedule a club visit with any of the cabinet chairs who will be happy to share valuable information with the clubs.

Only 4 more months before I get to start my next puzzle!!

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

John Bunyan

“We Serve”



DG NANCY'S ARTICLE CONTINUED

LCI President Aggarwal's program for 2017-2018 includes the "Power of We", Lions working together to change the world. By working together to form these new clubs, District 5M-2 has definitely been changing the lives of people in the Shakopee and Mayer areas. Their future impact on their communities and beyond will be felt for years to come! As President Lion Aggarwal says, "If all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible".

The month of August has brought the beginning of a new Zone meeting format for 2017 - 2018. In my July article I noted that we would not have Region meetings this year. To replace the Region meetings, we would be trialing a new process and have only the Presidents and Secretaries attend the first quarter (August or September) Zone meeting. The format for this Zone meeting is a semi-formal agenda allowing the attendees to openly discuss issues they feel are important. As of this writing, one such meeting has taken place with great discussion! I anticipate the same will happen at the remaining eight meetings going forward. The Fall Zone meetings, beginning in October, will be the usual format with all club members invited to attend. Cabinet chairs will also

be invited to attend and introduce themselves to the membership. Watch for additional information from your Cabinet chairs in upcoming newsletter and remember to invite them to your meetings. They are eager to share their wealth of information with you.

August brought us the announcement that PID Brian Sheehan of Bird Island, MN has been endorsed to run for 3rd Vice President of Lions Club International at the 101ST International Convention in Las Vegas, NV in June/July 2018. Congratulations to PID Brian and Lion Lori and look for additional information in this newsletter from PDG Joan and Lion Kevin.

Finally, before I close, I would like to congratulate Cologne Leo Jordon Knutson on being inducted to the first ever, USA Canada Leo Forum Advisory Council. Leo Jordon has represented her Cologne Leo Club, the Cologne Lions Club and District 5M-2 very well this past year. Not only has she been chosen to sit on the first ever USA Canada Leo Forum Advisory Council, but Leo Jordon was also a presenter at last year's USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha and also had the privilege of presenting in the general assembly room at the UN during Lions Day at the UN in 2017. Way to Go Jordon!!!!

Have a great September!

A NEW JOURNEY



*Lion Brian Thies
2nd Vice District Governor*

We Are Lions! 1.4 Million members strong. Have you ever looked at the numbers? One of the things I enjoy is running numbers and analyzing their outcomes. Our membership of 1.4 Lions served over 175 Million People throughout the world. Or to look at it another way, each and every member touched and served over 123 people. THAT'S AMAZING.

To bring it closer to home, our 5M2 membership of 2,443 served over 300,000. These numbers make us rival McDonalds with the number of people being served. Just think if we added 100 members, we could serve over 12,300 more people.

During the past month, Lion Rose and I had the occasion to wear our new "Official Dress" (anyone with ties to FFA will remember "OD" --jacket, white dress shirt and a tie ;) and experience our first Council of Governors meeting in St. Cloud on July 22nd. This was our opportunity to see first hand how the decisions of our Multiple District are made and to get to meet and network with the current District Governors as well as the 1st VDG and 2nd VDG's.

We heard an update from T.E.A.M Sheehan on the current state of PID Brian's campaign for International Third Vice President. It's official! He is now the endorsed candidate. This means he will be on the ballot in Las Vegas at the 2018 International Convention. PID Brian is asking for our support by attending the convention in Las Vegas as a voting delegate and casting our ballot for him. Not too bad for a

small town guy from Bird Island, Minnesota.

One of the highlights of the weekend was meeting and visiting with our Youth Exchange Students at a wonderful buffet supper prepared by them. Each student prepared a dish that their country was known for along with a few American favorites such as cheesy potatoes and funeral hot dish. It was fun sampling all the different flavors.

By the time you are reading this, we will be on our way to Portland, Oregon to attend the USA/Canada Forum. Last year was first occasion to attend a forum and what an awe inspiring experience. Great speakers, even better workshops, and fantastic networking with other Lions members from the USA and Canada. The forum is also graduation time for our Lions University Candidates. If you have never heard about Lions University, check it out at www.lionsuniversity.org. There are training modules for beginning Lions, club officers all the way to District Governor training. One nice thing about Lions University is that you can do the training when it fits into YOUR schedule.

Last but not least, thank you to all who attended the first cabinet meeting and Jungle Days in Glencoe on August 7th. It was a wonderful day to visit with our Lions friends throughout the district and the golf wasn't bad either. Thank you to the Hamburg Lions for hosting and fabulous tournament. A huge thank you goes out to the Green Isle Lions Team #2 on helping me bring the Jungle Days trophy back to Green Isle.

**Thank you one and all for your service to Lionism.
Where there is a need, there is a Lion.**



PDG Marvin Grimm

The Hearing Foundation article this month is a bit of personal observation. I took Lion Evelyn to the Paparella Hearing Clinic in early August for a hearing checkup. The Lions Children Hearing Clinic is in the same lobby.

As I was waiting, the Children's Hearing Clinic had a steady line of parents with children to see the doctors. In the three hours of waiting, I observed 3 young children with cochlear implants coming in to see the Doctors. I visited with one young mother, her son has had a cochlear implant for 5 years. He was there to have an updated unit put in. The mother said the Lions of Eden Prairie

were a God send as he would not have his implant without their help. There were children in baby baskets to teens that came to see the Doctors. A young mother brought her 1 year old daughter for her 3rd hearing test. One lady and her teenage daughter came there because of the possibility of getting help from the Lions. They came from 2 hours away. A very interesting visit seeing all the children come in. Seeing the Lions Hearing monies at work.

Lion Jeff Williams and PDG Marvin Grimm are available and will to come to your club to tell of the Hearing Foundations information. Email or call for a date.

MD5M Council of Governors Meeting



The MD5M Council of Governors met at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud MN on Saturday, July 22, 2017. At the Political Liaison Meeting PID Brian Sheehan discussed his run for International President next year in Las Vegas. Lion Brian will not run without the approval of Lions Clubs International. Their decision will be made by the end of August, 2107. If the campaign happens, we are hoping for 100 members from every District in MD5M in Las Vegas to show support for Lion Brian. Early Registration cut off is January 12, 2018. Watch your District Newsletters for registrations. The Campaign Committee is working with Sun Country on chartered flights from Minnesota to Las Vegas so watch for details. Lion Brian will be quite busy with his campaign in the upcoming months so if you need to contact him for any reason, please contact Lion Bert Nelson. The Sheehan Golf Tourney in Kimball MN on July 21 had 16 sponsors and 160 golfers. Thanks to all who contributed.

The Gavel was passed from Immediate Past Council Chair Todd Neumann to Council Chair Dennis Heinen. Six Districts in MD5M had total Lions Clubs donations to LCIF. Those Districts with 100% were 5M1, 5M2, 5M3, 5M4, 5M6 and 5M8. 86.5% of MD5M Lions Clubs participated in contributing to LCIF with a total donation of \$316,546.00. MD5M placed 2nd in contributions to LCIF just behind California.

The Council of Governors gave their okay to allow the Faribault Lions to contact all Lions Clubs in MD5M for donations to support their purchase of Braille & Talking Book fund, and the Vision Honduras to ask for funding in their mission trips to the mountains in Honduras. Lions Club Presidents be on the lookout for these requests in your inbox. All Lions Clubs need to contact their **State Representative (in MN) on the Charitable Gambling taxes before their vote in September/October which gives 50% of gambling money to the state of MN.**

There were over 30,000 Lions at the Chicago International Convention with 23,000 participating in the International Parade. There is a new Zone Chair Training online through LCI along with a new Officer Ebook. Diabetes Service patch for club activities that are reported on the Club Activity Reports through MyLCI so be sure your Club Secretary is turning in their reports.

A gathering will be at the MN State Capitol on Tuesday, October 10th for the White Cane Safety Awareness Day. There will be NO event at the MOA in October as planned for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Another event is being planned and details will come at a later date.

Can Do Canines have had a large number of puppies born recently and are looking for puppy raisers. If you hear the calling to raise a puppy please contact Can Do Canines.

The Diabetes Foundation will be running their calendar fundraising campaign this year. Please watch for details on purchasing your calendar days and buying the calendars. Their informational Diabetes Day which is held at various Wal-Marts throughout the Multiple is being planned.

PDG Bill & PDG Donna Landwehr are now New Club Chairs for MD5M. They are requesting every District start working on achieving 2 new clubs this year 2017-2018. Contact them for help in your district to reach this goal.

The MD5M Convention will be in Winnipeg on April 13-15th. Registrations will be in your District Newsletters and on all websites: District and Multiple. Remember that you will need a passport to cross the border or an enhanced driver's license or a picture ID with a birth certificate. We are hoping the have 1st International Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir as our visiting International Guest. She will be the first woman to serve as a Lions International President 2018-2019.

-Lion Cheri Appel, MD5M Public Relations

Global Action Team

Empowering Clubs through the Power of Action

The Global Action Team was built with a vision that one day every need in the world will be served by a Lion or Leo. It brings together the three key areas of Lions:

- Leadership development
- Membership
- Service

By unifying the Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Service Team (GST) as the Global Action Team, we will create synergy and new opportunities for clubs to grow and serve.

Our Mission – The Global Action Team will champion the vision of LCI & LCIF and build on the passion of our Lions and Leos through service.

Our Goal – To impact over 200 million lives through service, increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and provide learning opportunities to over 500,000 members by the year 2020.

You'll see the Global Action Team Difference

The Global Action Team can help you energize your members and take your club to the next level.

- Get great service resources and dynamic project support
- Identify leadership development opportunities to empower all Lions
- Find compassionate new members and keep current Lions coming back

You can do more good for more people when you have some extra help. That's your Global Action Team. **At the end of the day, it's all about service.**

Passionate volunteers. Dynamic leaders. Innovative service.



[Global Action Team Structure](#)

[Global Action Team Resources](#)

[Contact the Global Action Team Support Team](#)

Centennial Update

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator



Centennial Service Challenge:

As you can see above, the first Diabetes projects are being reported on MyLCI.

Congratulations to the Courtland Lions, Ellendale Lions, and the Lafayette & Area Lions for being among the first clubs in the world to report a Diabetes Project this year!

Centennial Community Legacy Projects:

We will be having a big emphasis on Community Legacy Projects this year. This is our last year of the Centennial Service Challenge, and therefore the last opportunity to receive recognition for our Community Legacy Projects. ***So far, 21 clubs in 5M2 have reported on a total of 33 Legacy Projects.*** I know that others have completed projects that would qualify, and even more have them in progress.

Centennial Community Celebrations:

Congratulations to the many clubs that have participated (or will participate) in their community celebrations! You have brought increased visibility and recognition to the role that Lions have in making our communities better places to live.

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

Centennial Public Relations Contest

Lions Clubs of MD5M January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017

District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:



If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

**** Attach only 1 picture page**

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? ___ Yes ___ No



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



International Director Brian Sheehan
Endorsed Candidate by Lions Club International
 for **3rd Vice President of Lion Clubs International!!**

Past International Director Brian Sheehan is acknowledged by LCI as the endorsed candidate for the office of 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. He will be seeking election to this office at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018.

MD5M (of which 5M2 is a part of) is one of the largest districts in the world and it will be 100 years since a member from 5M district became International President, PIP Ewen Cameron 1921-22. If Brian is successful in Las Vegas, he will become President in 2021. We now bring forward to you the absolute best that MD5M has to offer, PID Lion Brian Sheehan.

Lion Brian exemplifies the heart of being a Lion. He brings to the table an extremely diversified background of experience and knowledge in leadership, membership, mentoring, and business savvy. He can communicate and relate to Leos, Lions, staff, or to a CEO and Head of State. Lion Brian is energizing and has demonstrated the capacity to unite Lions into working together for a TEAM effort! He has been very dedicated to the Lions Organization and knows that our strength lies in having strong individual clubs which excel in giving back to their communities and also the world. He knows it's easy to be dedicated to this organization when you see all the great things we do.

Lion Brian and his wife Lion Lori will need your help. They need our support at the LCI Convention in Las Vegas June 29-July 3, 2018. We need to send a strong delegation to Las Vegas to cast our vote to get him elected as 3rd Vice President. Please consider going to the International Convention as a voting delegate. If you have never experienced an International Convention, this will be a fantastic experience! Each club president will be receiving more information soon.

Lion Kevin and PDG Joan Blank, T.E.A.M. Sheehan Co-Chairs



Special Thanks to 5M2 Host families for Lions Youth Exchange:
 Troy and Patty Schulze from Stewart;
 Mary & Michael Pegram from Mankato and
 Jim & Cindy Walters from Chaska.

TECH TOPICS

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Technology Coordinator

Facebook

After having spent my year as District Governor encouraging clubs to have a Facebook page, I would like to pass along some of the things I learned along the way.

Page vs Group vs Account:

While any of these structures can be used for a club, by far the best way to go is to establish a Facebook Page. A Page can be viewed by anyone, can be "liked" and "followed" by anyone, and provides useful statistics that give insight into the effectiveness of your page. A "Group" can work OK, but is better used as a discussion forum among like-minded people. Membership in a group is more limited, as someone must approve people wanting to join a group, and statistics are not provided. Some entities do have a Page and Group(s), but they serve slightly different purposes. An account is what an individual has. You have to ask people to "Like" you, which is even more limiting than a group.

Administrators:

Have more than one Administrator. Administrators can control who can post to the page and assign people other page roles. Don't be stranded if your Administrator takes off!

Editors:

Your page can (and should) have several (to many) Editors. Editors can initiate posts directly on the page, and can also "Share" other posts to the page that they find on other pages. This increases the number of posts on your club page, and provides information and increases interest in your page by both club members and the public.

Club Members:

Encourage all your club members to "Like/Follow" the Club Page. When an interesting post shows up on the club page, they should "Share" it to their personal timeline. Then all of their "Friends" will get a notice, and will be able to see the post. This is the true power of Facebook to spread the word about a club project or event.

Other Pages:

Your Editors should be reasonably active Facebook users, and should "Like/Follow" other Lions related pages. Good pages for them to follow include: 5M2 Lions, MD5M Lions, Lions Clubs International, Lions SMiLE, Other Lions Clubs in the District, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, Lions Hearing Foundation 5M, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Project New Hope MN Veteran's Retreats, etc. When something that would be of interest to club members is posted on a page that is followed, the Editor can "Share" that post to the club page, and everyone who "Likes/Follows" the club page will get a notification, then can "Share" the post on their personal timeline.

Conclusion:

Facebook is more than cat videos (although there are plenty of those available). It is a cost effective (free) way to provide information to a vital target demographic for our Lions Clubs. There are over a billion users on Facebook. Some of them may want to come to your pancake breakfast, some may be interested in your service projects, and some may even join want to your club when they see all the great things you are doing in the community!



PEACE POSTER CONTEST

As we move forward with 101 years of Lions, we have another milestone to celebrate. This year is the 30th Anniversary for the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Our youth like celebrations, so this is a great year for Clubs to continue serving local youth by supporting the Peace Poster contest or for you to join in the fun

and start a new contest. With 30 years of experience, Lions International has great tools, ideas and information available to support your Clubs contest. The kits make it easy and provide you with everything you need to get started. The website is helpful and showcases past winners and some very talented contestants. As Peace Poster Co-Chairs, we are here to help you and look forward to hearing from you. We Serve. Check out the Lions International website at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/youth/peace-poster-contest/index.php>.

This year's contest theme is "The Future of Peace." This art contest provides an opportunity for you to connect with the youth in your community and for your youth to think about the issue of peace, what it means to them and express their individual vision of peace. The contest gives your club endless ways to promote Lions as you may be communicating with schools or clubs, students, their families and friends, newspapers and community members, businesses etc. With the encouragement of a past club president, I started and chaired our local contest for over ten years. When I was out and about in town, instead of Hi Paula, I would often hear- Hey, I know you. You are the Peace Poster Lady. I love this as I am identified as a Lion, have the opportunity to discuss Lions and maybe a parent or a student will decide to become a Lion.

I encourage you to get started and contact your Peace Poster team with any of your needs. You can reach Lion Paula Stephens at 952-797-4116 or stephenspm@gmail.com or Shirley Hesperheide at 507-665-3175 or 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, 2017. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2004 through November 15, 2006.

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.

PEACE POSTER CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



Thanks for vision! Thanksgiving for Vision. So often we all wonder what our lives will be like when and if our vision is compromised. We all recycle eyeglasses knowing that Vision Honduras and all such programs will make the world a better place for the vision disabled.

Attending the event Thanksgiving for Vision is something we all might hope to accomplish on our Lions' bucket list. Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Earle Brown Center, Brooklyn Center. All our club presidents are receiving invitations. Most importantly, even if your club president and guest cannot attend, every club might want to honor the invitation. It is very special to know that the doctors and staff of the Department of Ophthalmology take time every autumn to thank the Lions in this way.

This event is a celebration of restored vision. The morning begins with an educational seminar

focusing on the research being done at the University. The great luncheon following features an inspirational speech by a person or family directly benefited by the research and clinics. Guaranteed to make you feel glad that you are a Lion!

Since the 1960s, 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.

The history of our partnership is amazing. As months go by, I plan to mention some thoughts about how this partnership will take us forward with the planned LIONS EYE INSTITUTE.

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.

PEACE POSTER CONTINUED

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.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

Contest Deadlines

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, 2017. Posters sent to the 5M2 District Governor will not be judged. The 5M2 winning poster will be sent to the Council Chairperson by December 1, 2017.

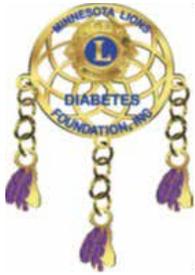
Monetary gifts will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place (\$300, \$200, \$100 respectively) from

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 Hesperheide, 507-665-3175;
hespy@usfamily.net



DREAM CATCHER NEWSLETTER

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
 "Catch the Dream: Life Without Diabetes!"
www.mnlionsdiabetes.org



----- Fall 2017 Edition -----



The Foundation is excited to announce a new partnership with Walmart, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the Minnesota Lions Clubs called **WALMART WELLNESS DAYS**. This effort will bring an innovative approach to wellness that brings critical health screenings and care to people in our communities by offering: free blood glucose testing, blood pressure and vision testing and immunizations.

Our Lions will help lead this life-changing initiative by greeting shoppers during specific Walmart Wellness Days and encourage them to participate in getting their blood glucose tested to see if they are "at risk" for type 2 diabetes along with other health screenings and immunizations. Those shoppers participating in this health fair will receive a free water bottle – a great incentive to participate!

Exciting news! This effort falls right in line with the newest Global Service Framework from Lions International which now includes Diabetes! It is one of the five service areas Lions are working on with our goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. As part of the Global Service Framework challenge, Lions International has set a goal of increasing diabetes service projects by 5% this Lion's year.

How your club can get involved and get credit for a diabetes service project: We are asking Lions Clubs to partner with MLDF by recruiting 4 Lions to be greeters at their local Walmart stores on **Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10a.m. – 2 p.m. during Walmart Wellness Days.** If you have not heard from your MLDF Trustee(s) yet regarding a Walmart in YOUR area, please contact them for further instructions. The "behind the scenes" work is done! All you need to do is put on your Lions vest, show up at your local Walmart at your scheduled time, and start connecting with people!



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



DG Mark Eyre from 5M10 will be our Liaison this year. Our incoming trustees are Julie Arney, 5M1; Brian Rykhus, 5M2; Donald Kuehl, 5M3; Andy Brostrom, 5M6; Robert Olson, 5M6; Kimberly Stommes, 5M8; and Kevin McNichols, 5M10.

IS YOUR CLUB REMEMBERING TO FEED THE PIG?

Wanda Breimhorst and the Jordaness Lions Club sure are! She presented the MLDF with a check from monies collected by "feeding the pig".

If your club does NOT have a pig to feed, please contact your MLDF Trustee right away to get one!

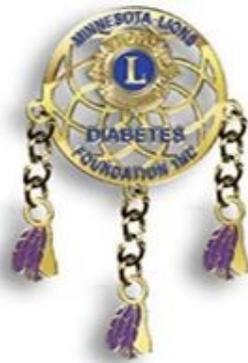
Dream Catcher Calendar Fund Raiser Underway--



Plans are underway for the 2018 MLDF "Catch the Dream - Life Without Diabetes!" Calendar Fundraiser. It's not too late to reserve your spot on the 2018 Calendar. By purchasing a spot, you will be supporting diabetes research to find a cure. Choose a date to honor someone special, post your club's activities or a special club event, or even purchase your anniversary date! You can pick from 365 days for your spot. There are three different options to choose from!

- **Option 1:** For \$100 (\$90.00 tax deductible) you can choose a person's name, honored Lion, award winner or a family member who is special, or showcase a special event to be recognized in our printed calendar. This name or event will also be posted on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. Web calendar in addition to the printed calendar, and a Dream Catcher Pin will be mailed to the designated person.
- **Option 2:** For \$200 (\$190 tax deductible) you will receive the Option 1 package **PLUS** a 50 word message and picture on the MLDF Facebook page. What a great way to show that special someone you care!
- **Option 3:** For \$500 (\$490 tax deductible) you will receive the MONTH for your advertisement/picture/ coupons to be featured on the top half of the printed calendar. A printed calendar and a Dream Catcher Pin will be mailed to you. Your name and message will be seen on this calendar by Lions and people throughout Minnesota!

More details can be found at our website www.mnlionsdiabetes.org or contact your MLDF Trustee. Let's fill the dates on this calendar and make 2018 the BEST YEAR ever! The **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15, 2017**. The calendars will be available in December...just in time for gift giving!!



Once a club or individual accumulates \$1000 in donations to the MLDF, they are eligible to receive a Dream Catcher Award.

An application can be found on our MDLF website at mnlionsdiabetes.org or contact your district trustee for more information.

Please remember to apply for these beautiful and important awards!

CLUB PROJECT IDEAS FOR DIABETES AWARENESS AND ACTION:

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event in your community. Need more information on Strides? Find it on the LCI website: www.lionsclubs.org
2. Organize a community support group for parents with diabetes.
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's camp for diabetes (Camp Needlepoint in Hudson, WI and Camp Sioux in Park River, ND).
4. Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
5. Support your nearest diabetes foundation.
6. Distribute current educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a local health fair or community event.

Lions International has added Diabetes to the Global Service Framework. It is one of the five service areas Lions are working on with our goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. As part of the Global Service Framework challenge, Lions International has set a goal of increasing diabetes service projects by 5% this Lions year.

Need some ideas for your club to reach that goal? Attached are some service project ideas.



Lions Clubs International

25 Project Ideas for Diabetes Awareness and Action

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event in your community.
2. Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's camp for diabetes.
4. Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
5. Support your nearest diabetes foundation.
6. Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes and vision screenings.
7. Distribute current educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair or other event.
8. Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
9. Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.
10. Sponsor a child in need to attend a diabetes camp.
11. Donate current diabetes books to your local library and insert a bookplate to identify your club's donation.
12. Participate in World Diabetes Day events on November 14.
13. Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
14. Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website.
15. Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.



16. Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.

17. Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.



18. Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.

19. Work with health care professionals to provide "at-risk" populations in your community with screenings and educational materials.

20. Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs and materials.

21. Promote community resources and materials available online from LCI partner organizations (NDEP, DECA and IDF).

22. Hold a fundraiser for a local diabetes camp or foundation.

23. Provide financial assistance to people in need to help them obtain medicine and supplies for the management of their diabetes.

24. Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.

25. Provide translated diabetes educational materials to schools, libraries and physician offices.



Lions Clubs International
HEALTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT
300 W 22ND ST
Oak Brook IL 60523-8842 USA
Phone: 630-468-6728
Fax: 630-571-1692
programs@lionsclubs.org
www.lionsclubs.org



First, I would like to thank Lion Shirley Hesperheide for her commitment and years of service in promoting Leader Dog in our district. I know I have big shoes to fill, but will try to do my best in promoting "Leader Dog" in our district.

I am Lion Loretta Klenke from the Prior Lake Lion's Club. I became a Lion when my husband PDG Harry was beginning his District Governor journey. But I have learned along the way about the excellent programs Lion's support.

Yes, we were honored to visit Leader Dog facility in Rochester, Michigan to observe their programs and facilities. Of course, this was prior to all the current renovations to the site. I have seen pictures, and does not even look like the same facility. Much more modern and dog friendly. Thank you to all the clubs who assisted with donations in making this dream come true for Leader Dog.

District Governor Nancy has a goal of having at

least three program chairs visit each club during her governor year. We would like to assist DG Nancy in reaching her goal by visiting your club and updating you on Leader Dog.

A service dog gives a visually impaired and or deaf/visually impaired individual the ability to travel and live independently. What a gift. So many of us take our sight for granted. We currently have 47 active Leader Dogs in Minnesota. Historically 281 dogs have been placed since the existence of Leader Dog in our state. If your club has not received a Leader dog update within the past two years, please contact your Leader Dog 5M2 chairs to schedule a club visit. My contact information is lmklenke@msn.com or phone 952-445-0289. Please leave a message if we are not home when you call. My other Co-chair is Lion Emmy Koch of the Hutchinson Lion's. Her number is Cell 952-510-0588 or e-mail emmykoch@hotmail.com.



VDG DIANA AND LION DUANE VISITING LEADER DOG





**HAMBURG
LIONS WOULD
LIKE TO
THANK ALL
OF THE
LIONS WHO
CAME OUT TO
GOLF FOR**





**CONGRATS TO THE
WINNING TEAM!**



JUNGLE DAYS 2017





**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.

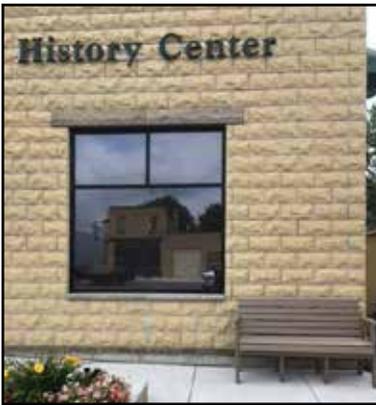
METRO CHILDREN’S WATER FESTIVAL: SEPT 27

Water resources can be used in agricultural, industrial, household, recreational, and environmental activities. Over 97% of the planet’s water source is salt water and 3% being fresh water; fresh water is a renewable resource yet the world supply of groundwater is continuously decreasing. Such an importable resource should be used appropriately and educated on for future generations. The Metro Children’s Water Festival intends to do just that, educate elementary age students on water as a resource and the event is in need of volunteers. Over 125 talented and enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help educate over 1,800 4th graders about the state’s water resources! The 2017 Metro Children’s Water Festival will be held on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 1265 Snelling Ave N, St Paul MN on Wednesday September 27. Volunteers are provided breakfast and lunch while volunteering; each position is different (3-7 hours), most are expected to go 8AM-3PM. Volunteering with the MNDNR at this event is a great way for clubs to volunteer together in large numbers in a way that reaches a large number of people (students, an area of focus for Lions!) all at one time! Volunteers needed are for the following: Area Guides, Water Arcade Team Members, Greeter Guides, Water Drops (costumed mascots), Presentation Helpers, Compost Station Helpers, Lunch Helpers, Set Up. Take Down crew, and Floaters (help with last minute roles as they arise).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteer positions are filled in a first come-first served basis. Check out the MNDNR’s web listing on the event for further details: <http://dnr.state.mn.us/volunteering/opps/index.html#Southern>. If interested in volunteering, prospective volunteers are asked to send their names, email addresses, phone numbers, and volunteer interest to Andy at aedgcumbe@co.carver.mn.us (volunteer coordinator).

LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES JORDANESS LIONS



Legacy Project Dedication: As the Jordanness Lions near completion of our Legacy Project, we took time to recognize what the project means to us and to celebrate with a dedication ceremony during our August membership meeting. Jordan mayor Tanya Velishek cut

the ribbon along with the project planning committee, Lions Donna James, Betty Huebner, Deb Barker and Wanda Breimhorst. We wanted the project to consist of something that would be a reminder of service and something the community can enjoy. In total there will be 6 benches and a couple of tables placed in various locations around the community.



Jordaness Lions had a great time joining the Jordan Lions for a social outing to a St. Paul Saints game. The Saints didn't have a good outing but fun was had by all!



Jordaness Lions helped out the Scott County Fair board for our annual project working the beer garden on Friday afternoon during the Scott County Fair. Pictured is just one of the groups working the various shifts throughout the afternoon (during a mini break in the customer activity of course).

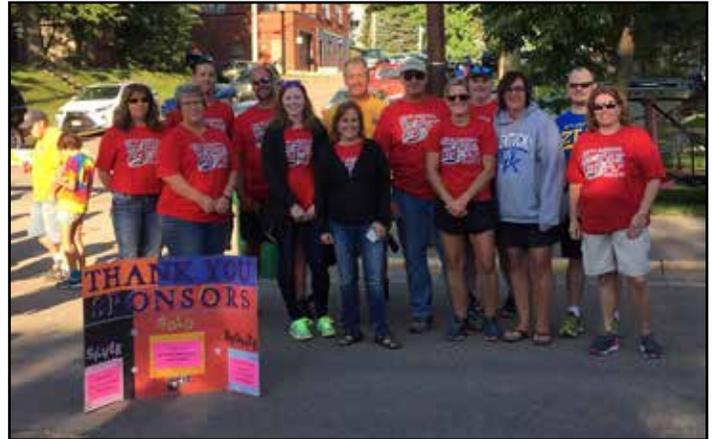
VESELI AREA LIONS

The Veseli Area Lions held two events in August.

We had a great time at our first National Night Out on August 1st. The evening was our way to celebrate the Lions Centennial Celebration and give back to our community. We served 480 pieces of pizza, cookies and refreshments. We were able to give away 8 bike helmets donated by Mayo Clinic Health Systems - New Prague. Guests at the event were: The Veseli Warriors Baseball Team, Lonsdale Fire Department, Rice County Sheriff, Rice County Canine Unit, Rice County Water Patrol & North Memorial Ambulance Service. Veseli Area Lions Club members helped

to make the evening a success!! Many community members attended and expressed their gratitude for getting the community together! We also showcased past Lions events which led to interest in Lions membership!

On August 12th we held the 10th Annual ZJ's 5K Fun Run/Walk during Lonsdale Community Days. This year's proceeds will go to: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, MN Lions Diabetes Association & Hannah Foster of Elko New Market. This is an annual event hosted by the Veseli Area Lions and the Malecha Family.



HAMBURG LIONS

The Hamburg Lions made three Hamburg children very happy when they won bikes & helmets given away at National Night Out. Lions served free root beer floats at National Night Out.



ARLINGTON LIONS

LCIF MONEY AT WORK! This is the dedication of the Lions Center in Arlington. The Arlington Lions applied and received a grant to rehab their park building which was the Lions meeting place also. With the grant and money from the city they put in new plumbing, heating/air, new color & ceiling, new paint. The city named it the Lions Center. It is available for other events and activities.



LAFAYETTE LIONS FINISH KIDDIE PARK FENCE

After removing the old park fence earlier this summer, the Lafayette Area Lions finished the installation of a new fence around the kiddie park last week. It took two days of work by the Lions and a representative from the fence company, Rohlfin's of Cleveland, to install the new white vinyl fence around the playground area.

Nine Lions worked part or all of the two days. Joe Maidl organized the project, with

Mark LeGare, Dale Bjorklund, Arden DeBoer, Dwight DeBoer, Mark Dick, Andrew Maidl, Steve Sjostrom, and Ruth Klossner assisting.

The kiddie park improvement is being done in

cooperation with the City of Lafayette as a Lion's Centennial Community Legacy Project. During this, the centennial year of Lions International, Lions clubs all over the world are connecting with their communities by completing Legacy Projects to improve their communities.

The Lafayette Lions have long maintained the Lafayette kiddie park, putting up the fence to keep the kids safe and purchasing and installing park equipment. With the fence needing work, it was decided to replace it as a continued legacy to the community.

Additional pea rock was added to the play area and, in the near future, a new Lions sign will be installed at the park.



Mark LeGare and Joe Maidl straightened and tamped the first post for the kiddie park fence while Dean Koppelman of Rohlfin's drilled the second hole. The posthole digger made the work faster and much easier!



After the holes were dug, the posts were set in, pounded down to the right height, then tamped and filled with dirt and Sakrete. Workers are, from left: Steve Sjostrom, Dale Bjorklund, Joe Maidl (back), Mark Dick, Dwight DeBoer (hidden), Dean Koppelman from Rohlfin's, and Mark LeGare. Others helping with the project were Arden DeBoer, Andrew Maidl and Ruth Klossner.



Fence assembly was pretty simple. After the posts were in place, a bottom rail was installed between them, pickets inserted into pre-made holes, the top rail put in place over the pickets, then that was hooked into the posts.



The completed fence makes an attractive enclosure for the kids play area.

NYA WEST CARVER LIONS

NYA West Carver Lions members participated in the National Night Out events in Norwood Young America on Tuesday, Aug. 1st, 2017.



HUTCHINSON LIONS



Orange Spectacular
Sponsored by Upper Midwest A-C Club
July 21-22-23, 2017

Hutchinson Lions working the 26th annual Orange Spectacular!



SHAKOPEE LEOS CHARTER NIGHT



Charter night was Monday, August 24, 2017 - Sponsored by the Shakopee Lions and the Shakopee Valley Lions

Below: PID and endorsed candidate for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International Brian Sheehan was the second speaker of the evening. PID Brian spoke on Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

Above: Shakopee Leo charter members with DG Nancy and IPDG Steve.

Right: Lion Hilary Wickenhauser spoke on how being a Lion has helped her grow in community service, communication and leadership skills and the opportunities she has experienced through Leos and Lions.



PASSING THE GAVEL...



5M2 LIONS' NEWS

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

15TH OF EACH MONTH...

Submit your club events and

Lions program articles to:

5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com



5M2 Club Request for Governor's Visit

Fill out this form and send it to me at the address below. Dates fill fast. I will confirm your request as soon as I receive it.

Today's date: _____

Club Name _____

Name and address of meeting place location: _____

Dates in order of preference: 1st _____

2nd _____

Time of meeting: _____ If social, time? _____

Dinner: Yes/No and Time _____

Joint meeting with another club? Yes or No

Which club? _____

Contact person: (Name, address, telephone, email)

List any functions you would like the Governor to do while present:
(Awards, inductions, installation of officers, etc.)

Send this request to me at soon as possible:

DG Nancy Mathwig

PO Box 944

Arlington, MN 55307

(507)964-5765 (H) or email me at:

nmathwig@hotmail.com

WHERE WILL DG NANCY BE IN SEPTEMBER?

Sept. 6	Midwinter Convention Mtg - Lafayette	Sept. 20 - 24	USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Portland, OR
Sept. 7	Local Lions Meeting		
Sept. 11	Faribault Lions Club	Sept. 25	Zone 7 Pres/Sec Meeting - Mankato
Sept. 13	Zones 2 & 5, Pres/Sec Meeting - Hamburg	Sept. 28	Zone 6 Pres/Sec Meeting
Sept. 14	Alden Lions Club	Sept. ???	Zones 4 & 8 Pres/Sec Meeting - TBD
Sept. 18	Zone 9 Pres/Sec Meeting - Kiester	Sept. 30	Thanksgiving for Vision

The Northfield Cannon Valley Lions Club
Celebrating a Defeat of Jesse James Days Event

Western Steak Fry

Rodeo Site – Highway 3 South, Northfield, MN



Everyone is Welcome!

Friday and Saturday Evening

September 8th & 9th

From 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm



Steak Fry Menu:

8 oz Top Sirloin Steak Dinner.....\$12

Pork Tenderloin Dinner.....\$10

Ground Round Dinner.....\$8

All Dinners include: Baked Beans, Corn, Bread, Pop or Water

The Lions Food Stand at the Rodeo grounds is also open all day on Saturday and also during the **Tractor Pull on Sunday**

Serving: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Nachos w/Cheese, Beverages, Pickle on a Stick, Popcorn, Chips and Sweets

All proceeds go back to our community, the Lions Eye Bank and Hearing Center.

We contribute to over 75 major causes to help mankind make a better life.

GREAT FOOD***GREAT PRICES**

Support the Lions and Have Fun Doing It!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

7 PM
ALDEN-CONGER
HIGH SCHOOL GYM

Top 3 of all Branson Shows for 6 years!
BRANSON SHOW AWARDS...
...Morning Show of The Year 3 times
...Male Entertainer of the Year
...Female Entertainer of the Year
...Emcee of the Year
...Young Performers of the Year
...Christmas Show of the Year



Reserved Seat **\$25**
General Admission **\$20**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: Alden Lion Members

RESERVED TICKETS: Call Eunice Newman @ 507-383-9956

Sponsored By: Alden Area Lions



Albertville Lions Club Presents the 1st Annual



Saturday, September 9th, 3pm til 11pm
Albertville MN - Main Street - Lions Park

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, Old and New are welcome
Cruise In, Show off your ride, have a cold one and enjoy some food and music!



3:30pm - Chopper
"The Worlds Nuttiest DJ"



8pm - Live....
The Rock'n Hollywoods!



This is a free event for Spectators & Cruisers



Food & Drink - 3pm

Pig Roast (shredded pork sandwich) / Grilled items / Beer & Beverage Tent



For info, Email: albertvillelions@gmail.com - follow us on Albertville Lions facebook

New Auburn Lions 9th Annual ROAST BEEF DINNER



Sunday,
September 24th

Serving: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Roll, Dessert, Milk & Coffee

New Auburn City Hall
10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

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



All Proceeds go toward Community Projects



PROJECT
Pillowcase

Pillowcase Sew-a-thon

Join us in sewing pillowcases for pediatric patients at the MN Lions Childrens Eye Clinic and MN Lions Hearing Center. These pillowcases will be included in care packages for each child to take home with them as a source of comfort after their procedures.

Friday, September 15 6:00p - 10:00p
Saturday, September 16 9:00a - 5:00p
Cologne Academy
1221 Village Pkwy., Cologne, MN 55322



- ★ **Bring your sewing machine**, regular or serger, and thread
- ★ Fabric will be cut and ready for stitching
- ★ **Don't know how to sew?** That's OK! We'll have jobs for you to do!!

Sponsored by the Cologne Lions Club
with support from the Lions Clubs of Dist. 5M2





T. E. A. M.



Together Everyone Achieves More

PID Brian Sheehan MD5M Candidate for 3rd Vice President LCI

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian and Lori!! Brian has received the endorsement from the Executive Officers of LCI to run for 3rd International Vice President at the convention in Las Vegas in 2018. So we need to make plans to attend the convention and vote to get Brian elected.

The International Convention is a great experience. There are plenty of activities to do along with enough free time to visit the host city. A Lion can participate in seminars; enjoy entertainment shows by fellow Lions and professionals, sign up to help with a community project, walk in or watch the International parade and more.

T.E.A.M Sheehan will be working to help you with any questions that you might have about attending the convention. Ask your club president or secretary who your T.E.A.M. Sheehan captain is for your district.



The International Convention will be held at the MGM Grand hotel. The delegation hotel for MD5M is the Luxor hotel which is only 15 minutes away and is reasonably priced. You can find the room rates at [lionsclubs.org / LCICON](http://lionsclubs.org/LCICON). After January 12, the delegation hotels tend to fill up quickly, so early registration is good.

To register: go to Lions clubs international website lionsclubs.org and click **LCICON** on the right side of the Lions Emblem at the top. There you will find information about the convention. Please visit this website often as LCI updates the information especially closer to the date of the convention which is June 29 – July 3. To find registration information such as fees and forms, click on **FOR ATTENDEES** in the yellow strip at the top. The early bird registration fee is \$150.00 through January 12, 2018. The deposit for rooms is \$200.00. You can type in your information on the registration form and print it out. You will need your club number and membership number which you should be able to get from your club secretary. You can use one form for both you and your companion that will be sharing a room.

There is a place to enter your arrival date and departure date for the hotel on the registration form. T.E.A.M. Sheehan is working on getting a group flight to Las Vegas at a discounted rate. Go ahead and mark down dates on the form. You can notify LCI if your arrival and departure dates change afterwards just as long as you give them plenty of notice.

This is an exciting time for all of us in MD5M! Let's start to make plans to attend the International Convention in Las Vegas and help elect our own PID Brian Sheehan to the office of 3rd VP! More Information such as getting credentials for voting, activities to do, travel plans, etc. will be forthcoming in future newsletters.