



## District 5M-2 Cabinet Agenda

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The October Cabinet meeting of the District 5M-2 Lions was called to order by DG Christy Trutnau. Second Vice District Governor Shermayne Cross led the Cabinet in the pledge of allegiance. First Vice District Governor Lisa Kaufmann provided the invocation. District Governor Christy Trutnau established protocol and welcomed the cabinet members to the meeting. Roll call was taken Lion Pam Koenen and showed 31 members & 2 guests present. Guests were introduced by DG Christy.

Adoption of Agenda – one addition under Old Business – the Winsted Club.

Motion by Dave Williams, Second by Joan Blank to approve the agenda as modified. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report - Lion Pam Koenen, Secretary - Correction: results of a vote were not stated. The correction was made before the meeting began. Motion by PDG Anna Wickenhauser, second by Lion Wanda Breimhorst to approve as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Lion Sue Vos, Treasurer

Motion by PCC Thies and second by PDG Bleckeberg to approve as emailed. Motion carried.

### Council of Governor's Report

- Information from COG- DG Christy Trutnau
  - Kindness Award – came down to 3 districts, 5M-9 won
    - The project was a walking trail, dog park, community garden
    - January 1 – Lions can now get a MN Lions license plate - the first year \$25 goes to LCIF, in subsequent years it will be \$5 that goes to LCIF.
    - At parades moving forward – use blue parade shirts. New parade shirts can be ordered. Looks like the old shirt, but is lighter material, runs smaller than the old shirt. \$38 – more from extended sizes

### Comments DG Christy Trutnau

- Service Reporting update – 59% for service reporting, Zone chairs work with clubs.
  - Sales Force is scheduled to come out in January. It is delayed and will be released gradually, but not sure of an exact date. Make sure personal contact information for all members is updated. Will be more difficult to change.
  -
- District 5M-2 Membership Update – up for the month (8), down 14 for the year. We are the lowest in the Multiple by 30+ members. PCC Brian Thies predicts a strong finish.
- PID Deb Wasserman questioned about whether there was a district microphone and speaker.
  - There is. It will be at the next meeting.

### Communications

- Camp Confidence- DG Christy Trutnau
  - Would like to be added to the Parade of Green.
  - Discussion – pro and con. Some clubs are making individual donations even though it is not on the Parade of Green? If we add Camp Confidence, are we going to ignore Camp Sweet Life?



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DG will send a letter to Camp Confidence indicating that we are not adding to the Parade of Green.

### Old Business:

- Lions Lights on for Life- update.
  - Will be left as a line item, PDG Rick Wagener is looking to bring it back.
- Budget Approval- DG Christy Trutnau
  - A committee met to
  - Motion by Darlene Breamer, Second by Wanda Breimhorst to approve the budget as printed. Motion carried.
- Dues
  - Motion by Anna, Second Bleckeberg to take the motion regarding dues from the table. Motion Carried. Discussion – concern that doubling the dues will be a hard sell to the membership. There was discussion about a slow increase rather than increasing all at once. Dues have been flat for 21 years. DG Christy presented information on an alternative plan:

The last time 5M-2 raised its dues were in 2002, when they were set at \$8.60. Since then dues have remained flat, while inflation has gone up just over 70% in the last 21 years. If dues would have kept up with inflation, they would be set at \$14.68.

While the district has reviewed areas to try and tighten its budget and cut expenses where it can, the reality is the district has a budget shortfall. In addition to continuing to look for ways to stretch our dollar, increasing 5M-2 dues is an option that should be explored.

A smaller committee of 5M-2 Lions met to find a path forward and are recommending the following phased-in approach to dues increases: (DG Christy, 1VDG Lisa, 2VDG Shermayne, PCCs Brian and Glenn, PDG Mike Vos and Lion (Treasurer) Sue Vos)

#### **July 2024 (\$3.00 increase)**

5M-2 Administrative Fund	\$5.70 to \$8.30
5M-2 Adult Companion Fund	\$0.50 (No Increase)
5M-2 Intl Convention Fund	\$1.00 (No Increase)
5M-2 Special Fund Mid-Winter Convention	\$1.40 to \$1.80

#### **July 2025 (\$1.00 increase)**

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### July 2026 (\$1.00 increase)

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5M-2 Adult Companion Fund	\$0.50 (No Increase)
5M-2 Intl Convention Fund	\$1.00 (No Increase)
5M-2 Special Fund Mid-Winter Convention	\$2.00 (No Increase)

2027-2031 + 5% inflation adjustment each year.

Anticipated 5M-2 dues

- 2027 \$14.28
- 2028 \$14.99
- 2029 \$15.74
- 2030 \$16.53
- 2031 \$17.35

Motion by Steve to table the motion to the next cabinet meeting, Lion Rose seconded. Motion to lay on the table was withdrawn.

Discussion on budget – some things are place holders – not all money allocated will be spent each year, will not have a balanced budget – we don't know how many members we will have each year. Motion to raise dues \$7 fails.

PCC Glenn made a motion to do a phased in increase of dues starting in 2024 - \$3, 2025 \$ 1, \$2026 - \$1 and a 5% inflation adjustment from 2027-2031. Second by PCC Brian. Question about what the International and Multiple dues increases are that will go into effect in 2024. International increase is \$3, \$2, \$2 (starting in 2024) and the multiple is \$.50. District treasurer sends dues statements to the clubs. It is up to the clubs to pay the increases or pass on to membership. COVID helped us to not have travel expenses for 2-3 years – the effects of not raising dues were not noticed. We need to cut expenses or raise more funds. Budgets are based on membership. This would be a recommendation from the cabinet to the membership at the Mid-Winter. Motion Carried. Clubs need notification 30 days prior to the convention. This proposal should be in the newsletter and by zone chairs at club visits. There should be hard copies so members can see actual numbers and rational.

- Winsted Club - on September 29 the club charter was cancelled.
  - Members that were still involved have gone to other clubs – 3 to Silver Lake. The rest were dropped in good standing so they could join other clubs, some to Howard Lake (District 7).

### **New Business:**

- GMA Quarterly Zoom Meetings- DG Christy
  - Quarterly instead of monthly
  - Next meeting in December.



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- Kidsight Camera- PDG Harry & Lion Margie – October Kidsight calendar was distributed. There is need for another camera. Harry and Margie have been running cameras around the district. There are 5 cameras in the district, including 2 owned by clubs. There are 3 in the district owned by the foundation. There are funds in the foundation, Lion Harry will be on the Kidsight Foundation agenda to request another camera. More schools in our district are requesting vision screenings. Looking for support from the Cabinet to the Foundation. There is over \$12,175 from 5M-2 Parade of Green with the Foundation. – the original money came from grants through LCIF.

Motin by Wanda, second by Kathleen to recommend purchase of another camera for District 5M-2. Motion carried.

### **Zone Reports: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lisa Kaufmann**

Zone 1 - Lion Emmy Koch – no report

Zone 2 - Lion Don Wickenhauser

There are 9 Lions clubs and 2 Leo clubs in Zone 2

Year to date we are at +1 for a total of 530 members in good standing

Zone 2 Zone meeting will be Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at The American Legion in Chanhassen

I am scheduling club visits

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Monkey

Zone 3 - Vacant

Zone 4 - Lion Perry Mulcrone – no report

Zone 5 - Lion Jennifer Malecha – no report

Zone 6 - Lion Rose Ann Valdez – no report

Zone 7 - Lion Darlene Breamer

Zone 7 clubs have been busy with various fund raisers and supporting their communities. Zones 7 & 8 met in New Richland on September 12, 2023 for a President

and Secretary meeting. We had a good turn out and club officers got to visit and hear what other clubs have been doing. A lot of good ideas were shared.

Waterville Lions hosted the Fall Zone 7 meeting. We had five clubs attending. We were able to do the Buddy Bag Project. We did about 56 bags. There were several program chairs that gave us current information on what is happening in their programs.

I am looking forward to judging the Write Off competition entries.

Wells Lions are scheduled to host the Spring Zone meeting.

According to my last club health assessment our Zone had 181 members.

Submitted by Zone 7 Chair Darlene Breamer



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### Zone 8 - Lion Ebenezer Howe III

Zone 8 meeting was on October 28. Freeborn County Lions are collaborating on raising funds for an inclusive playground. Have built a portable ring toss game to raise funds this summer and for Octoberween. \$10,000 has been donated so far.

### Cabinet Reports: 2 VDG Shermayne Cross

- Can Do Canines: Lion Ruth Ann Marsh & Lion Denise Treu
  - November 11 open house at Can Do Canines in New Hope
  - Usually 3 open houses a year
  - Whelping and growth center opened in New Germany.
    - Looking for volunteers
    - No tours planned, need to maintain a sterile environment
- Constitution & By Laws: PCC Brian Thies – no changes to report at this time.
- District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks

I would like to thank DG Christy for allowing me to again be on the cabinet. I continue to ask Lions members to report any individuals that have passed away this past year. An information card is being passed out to the presidents or secretaries of clubs. The members who have passed will be included in the Memorial Service at the 2024 5M-2 Convention in Mankato. If you have a photo available, we would like it enclosed with the email or other correspondence that is sent to us. If it is unavailable, perhaps we will be able to locate one another way. Also a short note telling us a bit about your deceased fellow member: Why Lions was particularly important to them and what they were involved in, in the club. An questions, please call either Lion Rose Thies (612/756-1316) or PDG Eunice Rucks (507/317-7157)
- Environment: Lion Diane Hesse
  - Lion Wanda reporting
  - Environmental Photo Contest
  - Deadline – January 16 to submit to Lion Diane – club member and location of photograph.
- Global Extension Team (GET): IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg & Brian Rykhus

Lion Brian Rykus and I have met a few times via phone and have attended the last GMA meeting. We have made a list of potential towns start with.

I have started the planning process for a woman's' branch club in Blooming Prairie.  
Respectfully Submitted  
IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg
- Global Leadership Team (GLT): IPCC Glenn Kaufmann & 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann
  - COG PID Bruce – there is a potential widening the path to district governor



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- Global Membership Team (GMT): PCC Brian Thies & 2VDG Shermayne Cross
  - The district is down 14 members year to date. This is similar to past years at this time. There is ongoing work to establish a branch or new club in Credit River Township. Please continue to ask one as we move forward with Mission 1.5.
- Global Service Team (GST): Lion Julie Beckius & Lion Brooke Sterbenz
- Global Membership Approach (GMA) Champion: PDG Joan Blank

Mission 1.5 is off to a great start in 5M2. I have attended four Zone meetings where I have introduced Mission 1.5 to all the Lions attending, asking them to ask just one new potential person to attend a meeting or a service project to help their club grow and to grow in service. I also highlight the GMA process if a Lion feels their club could use some help. Along with my presentation, I ask Lions to “Accept the Challenge” of Mission 1.5 and give them the opportunity to have a photo op with the DG Christy. I wrote an article for Mission 1.5 for the November newsletter and DG Christy will be sending the pictures taken so far. It has been fun! I plan on attending at least 3 more zone meetings.

DG Christy and I hosted my first GMA quarterly meeting, and I was very disappointed with only two of the 7 zone chairs attending by zoom. The DG Team, GMT, GLT and GET were well represented and we had a good discussion on many topics. It was beneficial for the two zone chairs, but it would have been so worthwhile for the other zone chairs to attend. DG Christy and I decided to have a “Zone Chair” only meeting the beginning of December to gather feedback from the zone meetings and see what went well and what improvements can be made for the spring zone meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Joan Blank  
GMA Champion

- Historian: PDG Steve Wasserman
  - I am currently working on a PowerPoint presentation consolidating what we have for 5M2 History. I plan to have it on a laptop computer that will play at the Historian display at the Midwinter Convention.
- Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos - nothing to report at this time. DG Christy needs to select dates for spring.
- Leader Dogs: Lion Loretta Klenke & Lion Lori Kurtz
  - Leader Dog has their “Sponsor a Puppy” campaign opened to promote raising of puppies to be great
  - Leader dogs in their program. Leader Dog raises their own dogs through there Hosting Leader Dog
  - Mothers through with birthing if able. They have their own veterinary services at the facility in



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Rochester Hills Michigan. Dogs may receive medical services in the area where they live. Leader Dog is always looking for puppy raisers. A family or even prisons when participating in the Leader Dog program of puppy raisers. One would raise puppies till 18 to 24 months of age and train the puppies with toileting and other training exercises per Leader Dog guidelines. Respectively Submitted Lion Loretta Klenke, Lion Lori Kurtz

- LEO Clubs: Lion Hilary Wickenhauser- 3 Leos clubs, Cologne Leos had Tricks or Treats on the Trails this afternoon.
- Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt & Lion Ebenezer K. Howe III  
Liberty Day program is going again with schools starting, we have given out some Liberty Day booklets and have attended some Zone meetings. As of now we have booklets but may need to order some in the future. We are trying to get this program back to what it was years ago.  
Lions Ebenezer and Denny, Cochairs for Liberty Day.
- LCIF: PDG Anna Wickenhauser  
DG Goals to Date:  
Individual Donations: 9 out 76  
Club Donations: 14  
Total Lions Clubs: 64  
Funds Raised: \$11,349.00  
LCIF Goal: \$61911.00  
To reach our goal we need \$50562.00.  
How are we going to accomplish that?
  1. Promote #Giving Tuesday.
  2. Set up LCIF Trainings in person or via Zoom-email with information will come next week.
  3. Club Visits/Zone Chair Meetings/Convention.
  4. Fun game at the Midwinter Convention-profits going towards LCIF.
  5. Increase of Club Donations by 10%.
  6. Increase Individual Donations.
  7. Increase social media/emails/newsletters.
  8. Have 75% of the DG Cabinet make a one-time donation or set up reoccurring donations
  9. Making sure every club has an information packet on LCIF.Did you know that we are the 2nd largest district in membership! We have approximately 2300 members-WooHoo!!!



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Save the Date – Saturday, April 13, 2024 – Gala at Prairie Events Center – Parkers Prairie – fundraiser for LCIF. Paint the Town Green event. Melvin Jones awards can be present by PIP Brian Sheehan at that event. More information will be in the newsletter.

- Long Range Planning: PDG Harry Klenke  
We as Lion's must continue to plan things to help our communities. Times have changed and we need to change with them. We need to reassess what our clubs are doing and what new needs our communities have. Individually we need to think of ideas that may work for our clubs. Reminder to clubs to attempt to get new members and attempt a new project. Zone meetings attendance is great place to steal other clubs' ideas.  
Respectfully submitted PDG Harry Klenke
- Midwinter Convention: Lion Julie Beckius and Lion Bobby Paulson
  - Lion Lisa handed out posters about the convention. 5M-2 Lions Activities email needs to be corrected.
- MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: Lion Chuck Toltzman & Lion Kris Ziskovsky  
Hello Lions,  
The months of July, August and September were slow. There was not much going on. However, the Lions of 5M-2 were fundraising for the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. I received many checks for the Foundation. I want to thank all the clubs that donated this past quarter. Keep up the great work. October has been different. I have been to four Zone meetings so far this month, with one more Zone meeting to attend this month. November, I plan on attending the last three Zone meetings. And I have a club visit to the Plato Lions on the 27th .

I want to give a big shout out to the Hamel Lions and the Hamel Rodeo. These past two years the Hamel Rodeo has invited the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation to be their primary advertisers to the Rodeo. They donate a part of the gate fees for the first night to the Foundation. And the board of trustees set up a booth there to talk about childhood cancer. Last year they donated \$10,000.00 to the foundation. We felt very honored to receive these funds. And we were asked back again this year. We once again were there for three days of fun with these rodeo fans. And we were once again honored with a donation of \$15,000.00. These cowboys and cowgirls are the best. We are again asked to be a part of their rodeo next year. What an honor. Thank you, Hamel Rodeo fans. You are the best! Thank you, District Governor Christy, for asking me to be on this foundation. I am truly honored.





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Lion Chuck Toltzman

5M-2 MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Trustee

- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Jerry Wawrzyniak & Lion Mary Mayer
- MN Lions Hearing Foundation: PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg & Lion Wanda Breimhorst  
Since my last report I have attended a Hearing Foundation meeting in St. Cloud on October 7.

We have been looking into hearing test screener that are somewhat similar to the Kid sight eye screeners. We are looking at screeners that would be easy to use, not take too much time to test an individual and of course cost.

Our budget has been set, our finance committee motioned approve the 2023-2024 agenda, and motion was passed.

D-feet walk committee meet they are in the beginning stages of the planning for the one at the Arboretum in Chaska and the one in Bemidji, MN.

Public Relations committee is working on new pamphlets to be handed out and something different had out at the state fair.

I have been collecting a few hearing aids and eyeglasses at Zone meetings  
Respectfully Submitted

IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg

- MN Lions KidSight Foundation: PDG Harry Klenke & Lion Margie Jacobson  
Kidsight is having a good problem. More Lions clubs are wanting to get on board with the program. The month of October clubs are asking for cameras. We need to get more training sessions scheduled.

Schools have heard about our program and want to use it. School nurses are talking amongst their fellow nurses and are interested in the program. Their one misconception is that we can just hand cameras over to a let them operate on their own. We have to remind them that this is a Lions project.

We are having good success in clubs that having done this before. It has been tough for Harry and Margie to get the camera's everywhere they are needed but we have had great cooperation from some of our great Lions and they are moving are the cameras to whomever is scheduled next. We may need to purchase another camera for the district. Some clubs have already purchased cameras. Some have talked about purchasing cameras on their own. We will try to get club's the information



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they need to do this. But purchasing a camera is not a simple process, there is additional costs including purchasing extended warranties and updates on camera to name a couple of things. We hope to have a good discussion on Kidsight at the forthcoming cabinet meeting.

Kidsight will be operating the silent auction at the Multiple District Convention in Winnipeg. Looking for donations of items.

Respectively submitted PDG Harry Klenke, Lion Margie Jacobson

- MN Lions Vision Foundation: Lion Wendy Goldsmith & Lion Hilary Wickenhauser
  - Thanked everyone who supported Eye Ball and silent auction -- \$4700 raised.
  - No cases at Mid-Winter convention
  - Clubs should contact for Helen Keller amounts
  - Lions Save Lives campaign – organ/eye donations
  - MN Lions Vision Foundation and Life Source have a positive relationship again.
    - Hospitals in Twin Cities will be returning to donating beginning January 1.
- Newsletter: Lion Missy Meidinger
- Project New Hope: Lion Darlene Wondra

We had a full house for our September 29 – October 1, 2023 at Good Earth Village near Spring Valley MN. We also had 2 very successful Care Givers Retreats in September and October. We are still looking into places to hold retreats. We are filling up our retreat due to the PR committee with ads on the TV and radio.
- Protocol: Lion Meg Tibodeau
- Public Relations: Lion Meg Tibodeau & Dave Sebesta
  - Looking for current brochures for the PR kits.
  - Any chance of a virtual tour for those facilities not able to offer tours
- Social Media: Lion Dave Williams
  - 1092 followers – invite friends to club and 5M-2 websites
  - Post pictures!
- Special Olympics: No Report
- TEAM Sheehan Foundation: PDG Joan Blank

The Foundation Board meets every other month and we had a meeting last night. I continue to burst with pride that 5M2 is leading the districts in donations with a total of \$9,050 from both club and personal donations. The present balance in the Foundation fund is \$56,234.62.

The Board presently has three subcommittees: one working on pins and medals, one working on a trifold and the third working on the grant application. The grant



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application has been approved. The Board now needs to decide when clubs can begin submitting a grant application and how many grants will be awarded starting when. It has been a bit hard to finalize plans going forward as IPIP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan are extremely busy with LCIF, but they are also the ones who will be constructing our website.

Our next meeting is December 19, 2023. We hope to have the trifold and medals completed by that time.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Joan Blank  
5M2 Director

- Technology: Lion Todd Schansberg
  - Please submit suggestions

- Youth Exchange: No Report

- Youth Outreach:

- LCI Essay Contest:

2023-2024 Theme: "Dare to Dream"

A Listserve posting including the contest theme and rules, as well as my contact information, was sent to Minnesota Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired at the beginning of the school year. I have not heard from any teachers in 5M-2 so anticipate no essays will be submitted this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Debra Wasseman

- Peace Poster:

The Peace Poster project is winding down for the clubs- their job now is to pick a winner or 2 (depending on how many kits they ordered) and to have them mailed to me with a postmark of November 15 or earlier. I have attended 2 Zone meeting (to date) and have a few more on my schedule. Attending the Zone meetings gives me an opportunity to thank those who have participated and also to encourage other clubs to give it a try. I am asking 4 (1 more than previous years) non-Lions to judge all of the posters. I am really excited to see the creativeness of our youth once again for this year's contest. I will then to submit the winning District poster to the Council Chair by December 1 for judging on the Multiple District level. I set a goal to add 3 new clubs to the Peace Poster contest this year. I called 9 club presidents and emailed another 5 and asked them to consider participating. These were all in areas that had schools that could participate. All of the presidents sounded interested and said they would put it on their agendas if not for this year then for next year. I met with the president & Peace Poster Chair of the Le Sueur Lions and they will be participating for the 1 st



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time in many years. I was glad to welcome them back. I hope to meet my goal- all I can do is Dare to Dream.

Diana Kroells

Peace Poster Chairperson

### ■ Write-Off:

This year's theme is using International President Dr Patti Hill's theme, "Changing the World." Zone chairs and club presidents received the information regarding the contest in August. I'm excited about the interest this year and am grateful to the Zone chairs for their willingness to assist with the essay contest. Entries for each club are due to zone chairs by 11/10/2023 and a winner selected from each zone by 11/20. Winning zone entries are to be sent to district chair by Dec 5 and will be judged by Dec 20. The top 3 entries from the district will be invited to the Mid-winter convention.

Lion Deb Koehnen

Write-off Chairperson

### ● Comments:

#### ○ PID Debra Wassermann

- No comments beyond what was shared about LCIF and the Council meeting.

#### ○ 2nd VDG Shermayne Cross – thanks to everyone who brought food.

Have been attending Zone meetings and visiting clubs with DG

#### ○ 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann

- RLLI – served as a facilitator
- ELLI – March, 2024
- Brown paper bags for area food shelf
- Policy Manual and Budget considerations for 2024-2025
  - Items for conversation
  - Establishing a budget committee
  - See handout
  - PCC Brian – there is a Budget Committee set forth in the by-laws

#### ○ DG Christy Trutnau

- Prize for the best Halloween costumes
- Thanked everyone for being at the meeting and participating in the costume party.
- Game --

### ● Adjournment Motion by PCC Brian, second by PDG Kathleen – Motion carried



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### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

#### Cabinet Meetings:

- Friday, February 9, 2024 - District 5M-2 Convention
- Sunday, May 19, 2024

5M-2 Mid- Winter Convention- Country Inn & Suites, Mankato- February 9-11, 2024

MD5M Multiple Convention- Winnipeg, MB – April 19-21, 2024