



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Driven to Serve

Lion Brian Thies, District Governor



Add another busy month to my log book of District Governor. Lion Rose and I were able to complete 10 club visits, visit the Leo Leadership camp, attend the council of governors, a cabinet meeting, five zone meetings, Thanksgiving for vision, three pork chop dinners, two diabetes walks. With the holiday season soon upon us, all I am missing is a Partridge in a pear tree.

I had the opportunity to deliver stuffed lions (think a teddy bear in the shape of a lion) to the Children's Hospital at the University of Minnesota along with Lion Kim of the Green Isle Lions. What a great facility! I was so impressed by the thoughts that went into the design and construction to improve the quality of care that the children receive and also how excited the staff was that the Lions are joining them in the fight against Childhood Cancer. They have seen the impact of Lions in Vision, Hearing and Diabetes at the University of Minnesota. They know Lions is a great organization and we know how to make miracles happen.

Rose and I paid a short visit to the Leo Leadership Camp at Camp True Friends in Annandale past Saturday afternoon and evening. When we arrived, the Leos were braving the elements, but their warm spirit showed through as they participated in a rock climbing tower and zip line challenge course. This course helped them to learn self confidence and teamwork in supporting others.

I also tried to help with the Escape Room Challenge. Think of this as six young students and me trying to solve multiple puzzles including elements of Chess, Battle Ship, Jenga and other board games while competing against the other teams and the clock to solve the ultimate puzzle. I don't know how much I helped, but I do know we have some active and enthusiastic Leos in 5M2.

Lions Anna, Hilary, Don Wickenhauser all deserve a huge round of applause and a multitude of our thanks for not only volunteering their weekend to participate in this camp but also all the preparations that went into it. I know for a fact that the Leos went home with more leadership skills and friends than when they arrived.

Another fun fact to note about Camp True Friends is that a number of the cabins where the Leos slept are sponsored by Lions Clubs of various communities. This is also the same camp where Camp Sweetlife is held. If you get an opportunity to visit, take it. It is so great to see all the

good things that Lions do there.

We also enjoyed our time during our club visits. Thank you for allowing us to join in your fellowship, excellent food and even an opportunity to work on a service project with the Courtland Lions. It gives you a good feeling when you can serve with other Lions side by side. I was able to welcome 12 new Lions members during those visits. Great Job. I hope we have 100 more new members by the time my year comes to an end. I know it can be done. All it takes is for each member to ask someone to help on a project. Once they see how much satisfaction you can get just by serving, they will be asking you "what do I need to join". Another great way to introduce them to Lionism is to have a Membership night. Invite a member of the cabinet who can speak on our awesome Lions Projects and Foundations.

For those of you who have been following our travel opportunities (never say challenges, always opportunities), I am happy to report that we had nice weather and dry roads to travel to Mahnomen for the Council of Governors. All the snow from last week was gone and we even had a hotel room ready and waiting for us. It was truly a good trip.

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Get Your Lion On!



Lion Anna Wickenhauser
1st Vice District Governor

"Today I Will not Stress over Things I can't Control"

I have this saying beside my computer on my desk. It is supposed to remind me to not feel so overwhelmed. Does it work? I will be honest with you-not

always. Some people thrive in stressful situations while others curl up in a ball and retreat. We all handle stress in our own way. Is some of my stress self-inflicted-ABSOLUTELY. I tend to let things go until they are past deadline or just skate in under the wire. My monthly newsletters are a prime example of that. RSVP'S are another something I am trying to get better at. I know how frustrating it is to have to ask people repeatedly to do something so simple....but yet, I find myself doing it? Lions are the great procrastinators.

Speaking of Lions, I want to share with you about my experience at 1VDG Training in Mahnomen, October

17-19. It was intense, thought provoking, exhausting but overall it was FUN! Some repetition of things that we were already taught but some new stuff that we were lucky enough to be introduced to. The Partners in Service for the 1VDG Team had the opportunity to put on the Hospitality Room from Wednesday night thru Friday lunch. Then the DG'S Partner in Service Team took over for Friday supper and Saturday lunch. All in all, it was a productive and great couple of days. We got the chance to really bond with our Team and reassure each other that we are all overwhelmed equally! That in itself creates a special bond.

But the thing that I took away from the training was the fact that I was not in this alone and that we have a mighty support group guiding us along the way. It was a gentle reminder that there is no "I" in TEAM and that we just have to reach out to someone if we need it. Do you sense that there is a certain feel to this newsletter? There was a lot of training about Teamwork and the GAT Team going forward. We learned about NAMI-more to come about that...It's another whole Newsletter Article.

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I want to thank our club's secretaries for their increased efforts in reporting our activities in MyLion. Just this past week, our reported activities increased in the people served category by 24,000. And we have gone from 20% to 40% of clubs reporting. AWESOME JOB!! If you are still having issues, PLEASE, PLEASE reach out to me (by phone at 612.756.1315 or by email at roseco@frontiernet.net and I will help you or get you in touch with someone who can. This is so IMPORTANT that we toot our own horn and report all the good things we do as Lions. It is such a great recruitment tool when you can say how many people each member of your club has impacted.

Make your plans now to attend our Mid-Winter Convention February 14-16 in Mankato. Bring your sweetheart (or come by yourself and possibly find someone in Mankato) and spend Valentine's Day with us. Fun and merriment are sure to happen.

NEW MEMBER CONTEST UPDATE. Last summer I announced that I would be offering the prize of a meal package at the 5M2 Midwinter for the member and the Club in 5M2 with the most new members by December 15, 2019. Currently the contest is very close. Let's sprint past the competition with 5-10 new members in November.



Leos Camp



Bears and Pillowcases donated...

Did You Know...



Lion Glenn Kaufmann
2nd Vice District Governor

Hi Lions. Lion Lisa and I are enjoying our trip around the district to all the zone meetings. It's been a great way to hear all of the swell ideas your clubs employ to give back to your communities. We also get to hear the frustrations that come along with most service organizations. The

number one frustration? "We know there are great folks in our community, but how do we reach them as Lions?"



Did you know other than just asking someone to join your club, the number one way to find new members is by hosting a Membership Growth Event? What kinds of things can be included with an event like this?

- Use Lions Club International videos that compliment your club's activities.
- Identify a speaker from the community who has benefited from one of your club's service projects.
- Secure either a senior or junior member of your club or district as your keynote speaker to talk for 10 to 15 minutes. You need someone who can energize and engage an audience with their service journey as a Lion.
- The club president (or designee) highlights club's accomplishments, meeting times, dues and extends an invitation to join.

- 5M2 has two Public Relations Displays available for events to highlight what Lions Clubs are all about. This can go a long way in selling Lions' impact!
- Make perspective members feel important. What are they passionate about?
- Someone should be at the door to collect membership applications and fees.

Our club held a successful event last year in conjunction with our 30th Anniversary, we had a great time and were able to recruit seven new Lions to our club. Don't think of it as a Membership Drive, it can be a lot of unnecessary pressure on club members. Remember, more members = more service. A well planned Membership Growth Event might be your club's key to finding those great folks in your community who want to get involved!

Friends, Family, Neighbors

Invite For Impact



November Governor's Travels

11/3	Courtland	11/18	Convention Mtg. Montgomery
11/4	Ellendale	11/19	NYA
11/6	Wells	11/20	Henderson
11/7	Zone 4 Belle Plaine	11/23	Jordan
11/8	Victoria	11/25	Waterville
11/10	Carver	11/28	Thanksgiving
11/11	Gibbon		
11/12	Byron		
11/13	Zone 1 Lester Prairie		
11/16	Russell, Manitoba		



PUBLIC RELATIONS KIT

The district now has two Public Relations Kits available for clubs to use for special events and fundraisers. If your club would like to arrange to use a kit, please contact the following:

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|-----------------|---|
| Northern Clubs: | Lion Troy Feltmann
Lester Prairie, MN
troyfeltmann@gmail.com
C: 320-282-6520 |
| Southern Clubs: | Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman
Albert Lea, MN
tomar73@charter.net
R: 507-373-8702 |



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Has your club ever thought about doing a “big” project? Have you worried it was too “big” for you to accomplish alone? LCIF has a number of grants available that you could consider applying for to help you make the difference you want to make. The table below lists all the grants 5M2 has received. For some of you this listing probably brings back memories of conversations about the project, how your club could be involved, and what to do to make it happen. I am always looking for stories about these projects and would be interested in hearing from you.

Grant Description	Amount	Date
EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	10,000.00	5/6/1992
PURCHASE WATER TANKER/FIRE ENGINE	25,000.00	3/13/1996
TORNADO RELIEF	10,000.00	3/30/1998
ESTABLISH LIONS EYE BANK IN LITHUANIA	10,000.00	1/25/2000
LIONS-HABITAT HOME – MANKATO	55,364.00	6/13/2000
EQUIP RADIOLOGY UNIT AT SIBLEY MEDICAL CENTER	65,000.00	11/26/2001
LIONS-HABITAT HOME - ALBERT LEA	13,750.00	6/21/2003
EXPAND BATHING AND THERAPY ROOM FOR DISABLED SENIORS	15,261.00	3/31/2005
CONSTRUCT NUTRITION CENTER IN SENIOR CENTER	31,483.00	4/15/2010
EXPAND LIONS QUEST	19,365.00	8/19/2010
FLOOD RELIEF	10,000.00	9/28/2010
RENOVATE LIONS SENIOR FACILITY	35,000.00	8/14/2016
CAMP SWEET LIFE DIABETES GRANT	37,5000	8/17/2019

For information about available grants and their criteria, you can check the LCIF website (<https://lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>) or contact me.



LIONS DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

CHANHASSEN – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, 55317

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – 100

Contact person – Denny Majewski – dmajewski@fmsc.org 763-267-6315

COON RAPIDS – 401 – 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, 55433

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM – 140

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM - 100

Contact person – Martin Bownik – MBownik@fmsc.org 763-746-2957

EAGAN – 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite #136, Eagan, 55121

Shift times and # of reserved spots - 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - 100

Contact person – Lisa Burns – LBurns@fmsc.org 763-951-7452

There's No Politics in Lions!

But Lions have been, and should be, involved in politics. Imagine the world without newborn hearing screenings. It was the MD5M Lions who were responsible for getting legislation requiring those hearing screenings enacted.

Occasionally, such as now, there occurs an issue that requires Lions to take action. Outside organizations are attempting to put Lions Gift of Sight, formerly known as the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, out of business. This means that eyes donated in Minnesota will be shipped to the west coast and the valuable eye research done at the University of Minnesota in fields such as Macular Degeneration will be without valuable tissue.

The Council of Governors has added an Advocacy Coordinator position to help coordinate Lions efforts when needed throughout the Multiple. All directors in all supported foundations, from the Vision Foundation, Diabetes Foundation, Hearing Foundation, KidSight Foundation, Special Olympics and Canadian foundations need to be ready to be advocates for their respective activities to their legislative bodies.

But more than that, MD5M needs Lions who are willing to write their legislators, follow up and perhaps even attend hearings to show their support for issues affecting Lions and their programs. It would be wonderful if 30 or more Lions would volunteer to be Advocates besides those who are Foundation directors. Sample letters, talking points and prompt notice of hearings will all be provided.

If you can help, please email your name and email address to the address listed below so I may get in touch with you when needed. This doesn't occur often, but when it does, we need to be ready.

Thank you for your consideration, help and service!

Lion PID Mike Molenda
MD5M Advocacy Coordinator
MD5MAdvocates@gmail.com

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5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM

MARCH 27-28, 2020

St. Cloud River's Edge Convention
Center/Kelly Inn
10 4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN

Watch for additional information in future
newsletters!

PDG Nancy Mathwig, 5M2 GLT Coordinator

Liberty Day

Liberty Day

The Declaration of Independence
The Constitution of the United States

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 Lions-affiliated program in the United States with the objective of providing non-partisan 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 dthewitt@hickorytech.net
Lion David Sebesta (320) 587-5690 dave_sebesta@hotmail.com



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!!

Is your club having a special occasion (anniversary, community event, organizational night, membership drive, special fundraiser, etc.) coming up?

A special invitation is appropriate for the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor. If they are already scheduled and unable to attend, they would still appreciate being included and invited.

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs

Liberty Day booklets are now available and all interested Lions Clubs should contact Dave Sebesta or Denny Hewitt to get the booklets they need.

Tech Tips

Steve Wasserman
5M2 Technology Chair

Who Are You?

Protecting one's identity in the digital age can certainly be a challenge. Identity theft seems so pervasive and its consequences so tragic that we might be tempted to retreat to a safer time before all this online shopping, banking and whatever it is those millennials do these days. The truth is though, that unless you pick up your paper check at your employer, walk directly to the bank to cash it, then make all your purchases and payments in cash and in person, you are susceptible to loss. Oh wait, even then, you might have your pocket picked or lose your wallet on the way to the grocery store.

Understanding that we all like the conveniences afforded by using checks, credit cards (and Apple or Google Pay, Venmo, etc.?), and that we hate to write checks, lick envelopes, spend money on postage, etc. I would suggest that online shopping and banking can be just as safe (and probably a whole lot safer) than handing your credit card to the person at a store. Of course, if we want to support local business, like to hold merchandise in our hand before purchasing, or just like the social aspects of shopping, that's perfectly fine. I think we all live somewhere on that continuum from a real person to an online persona. Regardless, there are some simple precautions we all can take to minimize our risk of identity theft and resultant loss.

A word about Passwords:

We all know we should use strong passwords, have a different password for each website we use, and change them frequently. Really? How many of us actually do that? And how do we remember them? We know we're not supposed to write them down. The solution is to use a **Password Manager**. There are several very good ones available, some free, and some with charges for advanced features. Basically, a password manager is a web service that stores all your passwords and automatically fills them in on web pages you go to. You basically have to trust one website and remember one password, and the manager does the rest. I have used **LastPass** for many years. I use it to generate and remember complex passwords (such as h&Ejsc\$ziJhzUrc3o0kqLbXkrNZJ2AvZyQ3#JSI3*HyrST!HEqf6Ro) for websites I use. I have one master password (it's 22 characters including numbers, capital and lower case letters and a special symbol. It's based on my first driver's license number and a simpler, shorter password that I use when I'm not so concerned with security, so it's easy for me to remember) that provides access to 180 passwords such as the one above. Now, even LastPass can be (and has been) the victim of a data breach, but I can change my master password then use it to change my other passwords, and it certainly minimizes my risks. Here are links to the PC Magazine roundup of best free (<https://www.pcmag.com/roundup/300318/the-best-password-managers>) and paid password managers for 2019 (<https://www.pcmag.com/roundup/300318/the-best-password-managers>) **Everyone who does any business online should use one of them!**

Danger Will Robinson!

Did you know that the robot only actually said that once in the three seasons of *Lost in Space*? Am I showing my age that I even use that phrase? (Maybe I just caught it on Netflix). These days, however, most credit card and banking sites will provide you with **Alerts**. **You have to sign up for Alerts. Do it!** I now receive an email any time any money is deducted from my checking account. I get a text message (most of the time before I leave the checkout line) any time any of my credit cards are used. **Discover has called me** to ask if I had just made a purchase in Rome, Italy (I had, and forgot to tell them I was travelling). I also get an email every month from **Discover** informing me that no dark web use has been made of my personal information. I have had fraudulent purchases made on my **Discover** and **Best Buy** cards and been alerted to them. Both companies immediately cancelled the charge, cancelled my account number, and sent me a new card. I got the **Discover** one the next day by **FedEx** (I must be a good customer). **Sign up for alerts from your bank and all your credit card companies!** (to be continued...)

2019 MD5M Leo Conference was a Success!



Greetings,

The 2019 Leo Conference is under our belt. We had a total number of 56 Youth and 10 Chaperones along with 7 Guests.

Lion Cindy Walters came and spoke about Lions Youth Exchange- she said because of coming to speak at the Leo Conference there has been an increase in Youth going out and more interest as a whole in the program.

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie came and spoke about the Pin Traders Scholarship and gave each Leo a Ziplock baggie with 25 assorted pins. It was fun seeing the kids trading and wearing them around all weekend.

I am very happy to report that we had 2 DG's and their wives come and have supper on Saturday night and do the Escape Room with the Leos. They got to tour the Woods with VDG Anna, get a bit cold and find out about what we do at Camp. After supper she gave them a walk around and showed them the 4 cabins we were assigned to this year. It was a great experience having them there.

Thank You DG Jim and Jan Kugler and DG Brian and Rose Theis for braving the elements and joining us for the

evening.

We received sponsorships from District 5M2 and the clubs of Chaska, Cologne, Eagle Lake, Hamburg, Nicollet, and Victoria of 5M2; District 5M4; and District 5M7 along with the clubs Andover, Anoka, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park of 5M7.

The total number of Leos broken down by District:

5M1:	7
5M2:	16
5M4:	6
5M7:	23
5M8:	4

Our theme this year was "Diversity" and what it means. The Leos has some fantastic thoughts on the subject. We also did Team building and Leadership games, had a company come in and do an Escape Room, froze our fingers and toes off doing the Challenge Course and Zipline, did some service projects and made leadership vision Boards and My Intent bracelets.

To see more pictures Like us on Facebook at MD5MLEos.



Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



Positive news! Christy and I are just back from the July MLVF meeting. Honestly, we suffered a bit of gloom and doom during the past eighteen months when SightLife and CorneaGen entered the Minnesota eyebanking market. Per Gift of Sight (our Lions Eye Bank) and the staff at the U of M Department of Ophthalmology and Neurosciences, we now smile a lot more. Working super diligently, Gift of Sight has been able to expand tissue collecting efforts into parts of North Dakota and Galveston, TX. We are now close to expansion into parts of Montana. We have much to be thankful for! Of course, we know that the nonprofit status of Gift of Sight and our 60-year relationship with them is everything to the best of individual eye care and expanded research.

This places us closer to our long term goal of establishing Lions Eye Institute in the Upper Midwest. Of course, the Surgery Center portion of this is already in place and our financial goal is being met. In 2016,

100 service cases were done at the Surgery Center; in 2018, 2,000 were done. Growth on campus! Another positive step is the inroads made with our Minnesota Legislature. Hopefully this will be the year when law is past limiting eye tissue donations so that they can never become part of a for-profit entity.

Meat of the matter. If not already, clubs will soon receive a letter signed by Lion Lyle Goff, Board Chair of MLVF. We hope all clubs are seriously planning donations at Parade of Green and even any other time. We have a 60 year legacy of pride and ownership in our eye bank and ownership in all aspects of the foundation. Maybe a bit extra green as an anniversary gift? All adding to your Helen Keller Tribute accounts.

Lions Christy and Mary are anxious to visit your clubs and share the passion of Lions' original mission. Plus we hope to see many of you at our fall zone meetings. As directors, we continue to View Forward. Our past is great and our goals will continue to be met. We are your directors ready to serve. Give us a shout – maryspille@gmail.com or christy1135@gmail.com. Together, "WE SERVE" continues.

Hearing Foundation News



The trustees for your Minnesota lions hearing Foundation have been busy with Zone meetings and Club visits. I have done 1 Zone meeting and one more is scheduled, 1 club meeting and 2 more club meetings

are scheduled.

Fall Foundation Board meeting was held on October 5 in St. Cloud, MN. At that meeting we approved \$107,000 for research projects at the University of Minnesota.

The Foundation has recently furnished hearing aids for an individual who could not afford them but really needed them. Money for these was in the form of credits from the Starkey Company for hearing aids the Lions collect and turn over to Starkey. The Starkey Company refurbishes these hearing aids and then distributes them to people in other countries, much like the eye glasses that are distributed. The hearing aids the gentleman got were brand new ones.

Lions, keep collecting those hearing aids. They change the lives of many people all over the world.

It is time for clubs to be thinking about the Mid Winter Convention in February. Your trustees to the MN Lions Hearing Foundation would like to challenge all of the Lions Clubs of 5M2 to participate in the Parade of Green. We would like 100% of the Clubs to donate. The money raised goes to help the U of M with Hearing research, new equipment and to improve facilities. Last year we were very close, as only a couple clubs did not donate.

Note name change: Parade of Green Checks made out to Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

We are always available for Club visits.

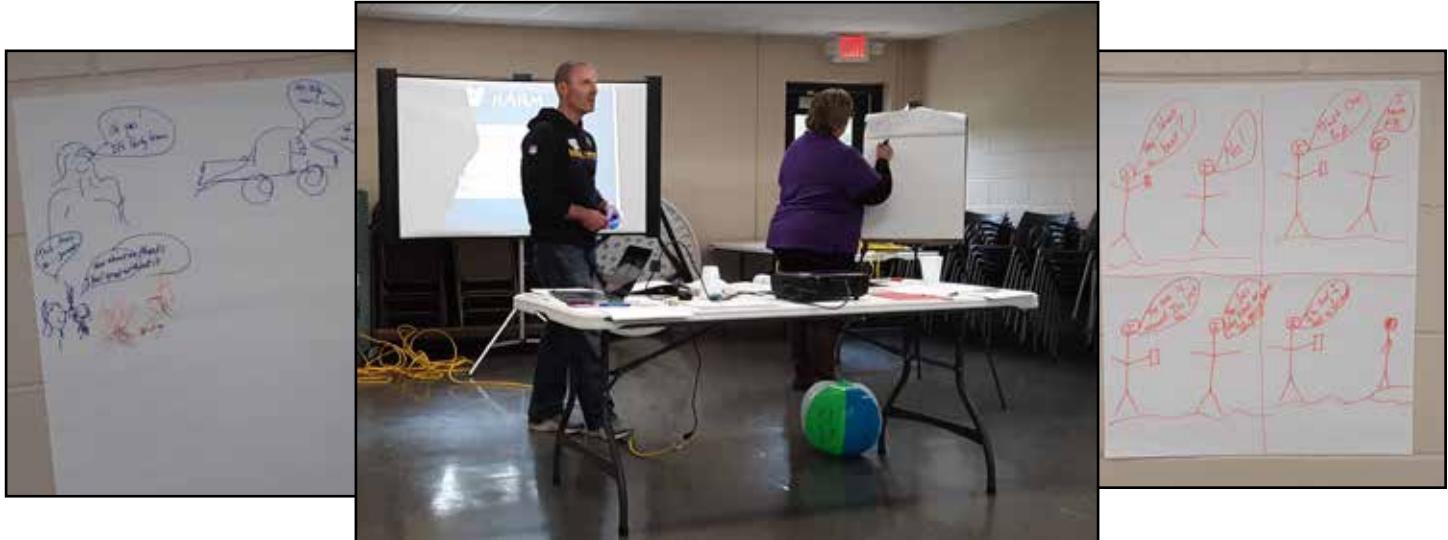
Lion Vern Bremer 507-462-5318

PDG Marvin Grimm 952-448-9465

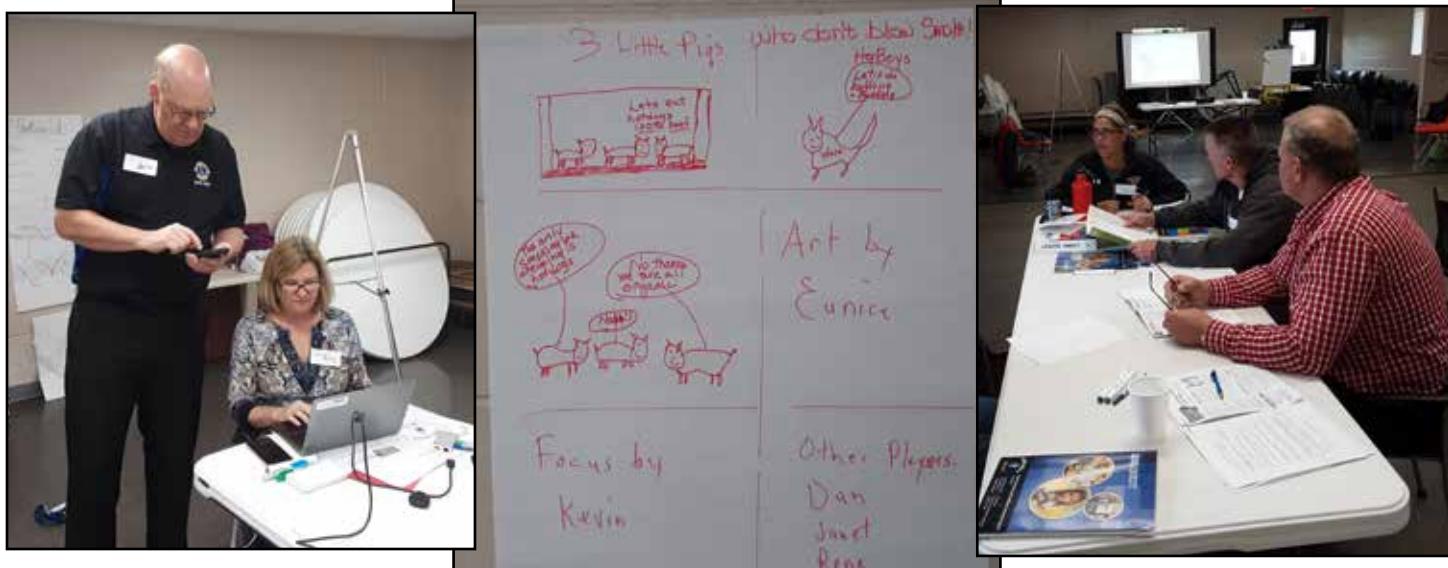
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Lions Quest Training



On Friday, October 4, 2019, there was a Quest Training program held in Arlington. In attendance were DG Brian, 1st VDG Anna, Past PDGs, teachers from Sibley East. Quest Co-Chair Lion Janet, Arlington, Waterville and Winthrop Lions. Training was done by an excellent trainer from LCI. The Quest program will be starting in Sibley East Middle School and there are a couple other interested districts. Lion Janet Hall 320-455-7927 and Lion Janet Knakmuhs are available for programs.





Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

IT'S BACK!!!!!!

Join in on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest!

Internationally the Environmental Photo Contest was cancelled but this year MD5M is planning on bringing it back! The Environmental Chair for MD5M is finalizing details on how the contest would work but while we wait START TAKING THOSE PHOTOS! Below is the information that was distributed for 5M2 in the years past when we participated in the International Contest guidelines which may change this year. Once finalized rules are made they will be posted in the newsletter

we also always encourage email submissions as to reduce the environmental impact of mail delivery, but do understand limitations in technology use/ access can be difficult for emailing

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment.

Photos should focus on the following themes:

- Animal Life**
- Landscape (urban or natural)**
- Plant Life**
- Weather Phenomenon**

**This year an important improvement to the process is being made:
option of EMAIL SUBMISSIONS! Email submissions can be sent to**

lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

**Submission emails will need to include the signed submission form.
One way to attach this signed form is by printing and signing the form,
either scanning or taking a picture of the completed form, and then
attaching that image/document along with your photo in the email.**

Each club is allowed only one photo submission, so please communicate with your club before submitting. Photo submissions, either by print or email, need to be submitted by TBD

Those interested and with questions can inquire for further details to
lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

All photos must be submitted with the following form:



Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

2019-2020 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM

All submissions due by TBD

DISTRICT _____ CITY OF CLUB _____ STATE _____

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER _____

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

*Please note: Only one photo will be accepted from each Lions Club in the 5M2 district
*photos must be original photos, unaltered and without people in the images**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my individual club. By signing below I certify the photo is an original, unaltered photograph taken by myself and I grant permission for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to use my attached photo for submission to further judging and any other showings and uses.

Club President (please print) _____

Club Secretary (please print) _____

Photographer's signature _____

8"x10" printed submissions must be sent to the following by TBD:

lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

**Email submissions will need to include attached signed submission form along with photo
email is preferred method**

**Lion Kate Pattison
506 W 10th St
Mankato, MN 56001**



Childhood Cancer

The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation has adopted a new logo! Pins have been ordered and we hope will be available at the MidWinter Convention.

An update on our matching fundraising goal: The University of Minnesota Foundation and the Children's Cancer Research Fund have EACH agreed to match funds raised by Minnesota Lions, dollar for dollar, up to our goal of \$100,000! Thus, our generous contribution of \$100,000 becomes \$300,000 for the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital to research and provide services for childhood cancer survivors – like Minnesota Gopher football player, Casey O'Brien.

District 5M2 has been most generous in this endeavor, contributing over \$8000 of the approximately \$40,000 that has been raised thus far! Way to go, 5M2 Lions!

The Foundation has received a most beautiful and generous donation from the Green Isle Lions Club – the quilt, pictured below, with the colors representing the five most common childhood cancers. (They are also represented on our new logo.) We had hoped to conduct a raffle in conjunction with the Multiple convention in April, but the logistics just won't allow us to do that. Watch for more information in the coming months!



If you are on Facebook, like us at https://www.facebook.com/MN-Lions-Childhood-Cancer-Foundation-106271427419671/?modal=admin_todo_tour to keep up on what's happening!

Your 5M2 Childhood Cancer directors are anxious to come visit your club and present our story! Please contact Lion Sandy Schneider iamnotmartha@embargmail.com or Lion Tom McCarthy tpmcc0526@yahoo.com to schedule a presentation.



Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 14-16, 2020
City Center Hotel, Mankato Minnesota

NOTE: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

Last Name	First Name	E-mail address
Address or PO Box	Club Name	Phone Number
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs
Guest or Spouse Last Name	Guest or Spouse First Name	Address if Different

Please follow these instructions to register for the convention:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions.
Visiting dignitaries and invited guests will be the only exceptions.
 - Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
 - Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
 1. Check and form(s) mailed to:
Lion Loretta Klenke
602 East 170th St.,
Jordan, MN 55352
 2. Call Lion Loretta (952) 445-0289 with questions – leave a detailed message
 - **Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be directed to Lion Loretta or Lion Loretta at the above address or leave a detailed phone message.**
 - Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
 - Postmarked on or before January 12, 20120– Full refund
 - Postmarked between January 14 and February 2 – 90% refund
 - After February 2 – no refund
- Convention Fees:**
- Early registration (postmarked before January 8) \$15.00
 - Regular registration (after January 8) \$20.00
 - **Meal Packages:**

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		All Meal Package \$69 (Includes Sat. Lunch, Sat. Banquet and Sun. Brunch)	
		Saturday Lunch \$22	
		Saturday Banquet \$34	
		Sunday Brunch \$15	
		Friday Night ID Supper (by invitation only) \$20 (Note: not included in all meal package)	
Total Meal Cost			
Total Registration Fees			
Grand Total Meals & Registration			

*** Name tags will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in and must be worn to allow entry to meals and events.



Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 14-16, 2020

MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

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 10, 2020.

Mail to:
 Mankato City Center Hotel
 c/o Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
 101 East Main Street
 Mankato, MN 56001
 Phone: 507-345-1234
 Fax: 507-345-1248

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

****CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY
TO CANCEL****

Special Requests: _____

**Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but
we will try to accommodate as best we can.**
 **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**

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be received
by January 10, 2020 to receive the Lion's 5M2
Mid-Winter Convention discounted rate.
**Reservations received after this date will be booked
at standard rates.**

Arrival Date – Select One

Thursday, February 13
 Friday, February 14
 Saturday, February 15

Cost for Three Nights

<input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed	\$362.58
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Queen Beds	\$362.58
<input type="checkbox"/> King Bed w/ Sofa	\$399.85
<input type="checkbox"/> Poolside w/ Two Beds	\$399.85

Cost for Two Nights

<input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed	\$241.72
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Queen Beds	\$241.72
<input type="checkbox"/> King Bed w/ Sofa	\$263.90
<input type="checkbox"/> Poolside w/ Two Beds	\$263.90

Cost for One Night

<input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed	\$120.86
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Queen Beds	\$120.86
<input type="checkbox"/> King Bed w/ Sofa	\$131.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Poolside w/ Two Beds	\$131.95
<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Access Room Required (room contains one Queen bed)	

Exp Date: _____ / _____ (mm/yy)

TO GUARANTEE ROOM:

Credit card number is required
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)
 OR
 Pre-payment by check for one-night stay
(with remaining balance due at check in)

***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. _____



2019-20 DISTRICT 5M2

Zone Lion of the Year



Do you have a club member who deserves a pat on the back? This is your easiest opportunity to take care of them.

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives each District the opportunity to give well deserved recognition to one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our motto "We Serve".

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who has earned the respect of his/her peers & community.

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2020 Spring Zone meetings. Any club member can complete this application and return it to 1st Vice District Governor Anna Wickenhauser by January 31, 2020.

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items of years of service as a Lion, involvement in club activities and involvement in the community. Use a separate sheet to complete this information and attach the bottom of this form. You cannot nominate yourself.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club Member: _____

(Signature and Date)

Mail nomination and signed completed form to:

1st Vice District Governor Anna Wickenhauser

13650 County Road 41

Cologne MN. 55322

LIONS', LEOS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Courtland Lions Club



Four 3rd Graders from Immanuel Lutheran School in Courtland received their dictionaries. These dictionaries help students understand not only the spelling and definition of words, but where the words come from and how to use these words properly. Lions Dawn Juberien and Charlette Abbas did the presentation.

DG Brian and Lion Rose helped the Courtland Lions fill Halloween bags on Monday, October 14. The 150 bags were given to children 0 to 9 at the Courtland Lions Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26 from 2 to 4 p.m.



The Courtland Lions recently distributed Liberty Day booklets to the Immanuel Lutheran 5th/6th Graders. The booklet contains information regarding the U.S. Constitution. Lions Charlette Abbas and Dawn Juberien did the presentation.

Come take a book, leave a book at the "Little Library". With lumber donated by Lion Hillard Johnson and money from the Courtland Lions and friends in the community, two "Little Libraries" were recently built and put in place in Courtland. One is in the Lions Park and the other at Red Shoe Park. Rohn Stukert of Courtland used his talent to build these libraries.



Lake Crystal Lions Club



The morning of Oct 12th was cold and damp but this did not stop the Lake Crystal Lions, family and friend from the Adapt-A-Highway service project.



New members installed at the Oct. General Meeting

Welcome New Member Hannah Mendenhall.

Pictured here with President Lion Taylor Gronau, new member Hannah Mendenhall, sponsoring Lion Tony Jacobs and 5M2 District Governor, Lion Brian Theis.



Welcome New Member Adam Finney



Pictured here with President Lion Taylor Gronau, new member Adam Finney, sponsoring Lion Bill Anderson and 5M2 District Governor, Lion Brian Theis.

Induction of new officers was done by District Governor, Lion Brian Theis at the October General Meeting

Pictured here left to right: Past Lion President Lion Tom Farrell, Lion President Lion Taylor Gronau, 3rd VP Lion Ryan Yunkers, 1st VP Dee Pendegast, 2nd VP Barb Overlie, Secretary Tony Jacobs and 5M2 District Governor, Lion Brian Theis



Pictured first Row: Lion Dee Pendegast, Lion Glen Wiens, Lion Todd Jacoby
Second Row Lion Dave Richard, Lion Chuck Stabenow, Lion Tom Farrell
Back Row: Lion Tony Jacobs and Lion Taylor Gronau

Side Photo: Lion Barb Overlie, and Gail Anderson

LAKE CRYSTAL Lion
Annual Fall Pasta Feed
Held Oct 12
All proceeds go towards
scholarships give to
LCWM students



Jordaness Lions Club



In an effort to support literacy in Jordan, the Jordaness Lions take part in the Dictionary Project each year. The club is thrilled to take on this project, and is happy to report that over 130 dictionaries were handed out to Jordan's third grade students this year!



Hamburg Lions

Hamburg Lions passed out dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Emanuel Lutheran School in Hamburg. Pictured with the students is their teacher and Principal & Lion Todd Bentz.



Victoria Lions Club

October 1st saw rain, rain, rain and more rain and still the 20 High school teams participated in the 32nd annual

At the start:



Victoria Lions cross country meet. This event is one of the largest cross country meets in Minnesota.

And the finish:



A Victoria Lion runs to help a runner who had slipped, no injury thank goodness.

Victoria Lions are hosting another great event on November 8. A great pork chop dinner. The event will be in our new Pavilion in Victoria Lions Park, 8339 Victoria Drive.

The dinner starts at 4:30 until 7:30. It is a great deal
\$10 – 1 pork chop with fixings and dessert
\$12 – 2 pork chops with fixings and dessert
\$6 – Kids 10 and under

Mankato Lions Clubs Diabetes Walk



5M2 Leadership Team



 <h2 style="text-align: center;">VESELI AREA LIONS HAM & EGG BREAKFAST</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday November 3, 2019 8:30 - 12:00 pm Most Holy Trinity Church Basement Veseli, MN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serving Scrambled Eggs and Ham, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Pastries, Milk, Juice and Coffee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adults \$8.00 (13 and up) Children \$4.00 (ages 5-12) Under 5 Free</p>  	  <p style="text-align: center;">COURTLAND LIONS ANNUAL FALL PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, November 3, 2019 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Bring a food item for the food shelf. Bring used eyeglasses & hearing aids for recycling.</p> <p>A portion of the profits goes to the Community Flag Fund, the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf and other local outreaches.</p>
 <p>We Serve</p>   <p>We Serve</p> <p>The Victoria Lions would like to invite you to</p> <h1 style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">eat and drink</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">THE PORK CHOP DINNER AND A CASH BAR COST: \$10.00 - 1 PORK CHOP + FIXINGS + DESSERT \$12.00 - 2 PORK CHOPS + FIXINGS + DESSERT \$6.00 - KIDS, 10 AND UNDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.8.2019 4:30pm-7:30pm Lions Park Pavilion 8339 Victoria Drive Victoria, MN</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">BRUNCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARVER CITY HALL 9AM - 1PM \$11/PERSON AGES 6 - 12 \$9 - UNDER 6 & VETS FREE HOSTED BY THE CARVER LIONS CLUB @ 316 BROADWAY, CARVER</p>



Arlington Lions Club
will host a free presentation on



**VAPING?
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**

Thursday, November 21, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Arlington Community Center

Presenter: Brett Nelson

Community Health Planner with Meeker McLeod Sibley
Community Health Services

Brett will present statistics on tobacco and what's going on around the community and will go into detail on the specific types of products and how they are marketed towards kids. He will dive into detail on vaping products, health effects, what makes them appealing to youth, how kids hide these products, and how addicting they are.

HAMBURG LIONS TURKEY BINGO



Ham, Turkey, Sausage, & Meat/Cheese tray

25 games for \$10.00 - door prizes after each game
Also, meat raffles throughout the evening

Friday November 22nd, 7:00 P.M.

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.

Hamburg Community Hall
Hamburg, MN

Hamburgers, Beverages & Popcorn available

Proceeds used for Lions Projects
Donate your old eye glasses for reuse



Jordaness Lions Holiday Fashion Show 30th year

Please join us for a fabulous afternoon of
DENIM & Diamonds
some things never go out of style

Saturday, November 23, 2019

The Ridges of Sand Creek, Jordan

11:00 - 12:00 pm social hour

Noon luncheon

12:45 pm program

Attire: Denim & Diamonds, of course

Silent Auction, Raffles, Wall of Wine and fun entertainment
Seats are limited.

Tickets \$25.00 and must be purchased before event

Contact a Jordaness Lions member or call Donna Will 612-599-2646

Proceeds benefit the Lions Gift of Sight, Jordan Holiday Baskets for the Needy, Jordan Area Food Shelf and other community projects

Receive a free raffle ticket if you bring hygiene items or paper products for the Jordan Food Shelf

FREE VALET PARKING (tips accepted)

SAVE THE DATE

5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020

Driven to Serve.....Truckin' to Fun



Friday:

- Welcome
- Necrology
- Entertainment:
The Tuxedo Band

During Entertainment:
Dress as your favorite
trucker

Saturday:

- Seminars
- Business Meeting
- Afternoon Activity
- Banquet
- Entertainment:
Minute Games

Sunday - Brunch



Don't forget about Parade of Green

