



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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DG MARVIN'S WOOD CUTS

As we head towards the end of my Governor year, I still want to continue to keep membership and retention a focus. One of my goals is to raise membership in District 5M2. At this point we are doing well but let's keep the "pedal to the metal". We have two clubs that have added 12 members. Could that be an incentive for other clubs to

add at least one? "Just Ask" is all it could take to gain a new member.

When we have these new members, we need to mentor and have orientations to get them excited about being a new Lion. We also need to keep our members, retain them, so as not to have a lot of drops. If there is a member that is not happy or not taking part in activities, find out what can be done to bring their interest back. They joined Lions for a reason. Find out what it takes to get them involved and be a happy, helpful Lion. It could be a small reason they are thinking of leaving Lions. Find out what the reason is and fix it. We need to retain the Lions that are now members.

Want to learn more about District 5M2? Go to the 5M2 District web site, find the history bar and click on it. There are many interesting areas about 5M2.

Have you registered for the MD5M Convention in Mankato, April 21-24? The convention is hosted by District 5M2 and the committee wants this convention to be the best ever. Some help is needed to make this event happen. If you don't want to attend the whole convention, think about attending on Saturday. You must still register for the day. Send your registration to Lion Charlotte Abbas. There are seminars, a business meeting, and the Saturday evening banquet. Come and attend at least part of this convention. Get the Multiple Convention experience where you can meet Lions from all twelve districts in our Multiple.

In September, 15-17, the USA Canada Forum is held in Omaha, Nebraska. Omaha is a short drive to attend a forum with thirty some seminars, great

speakers and entertainment. If you have not attended a USA Canada Forum, this is a good chance as it is close to our District. If you have never attended a Lions International Convention, the Forum is the next best thing to take part in.

"Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted." David Bly

DG MARVIN'S WOODY TRAILS

- April 4 Zone 8 Meeting – Blooming Prairie
- 5 Club Visit Watertown
- 6 Zone 1 Meeting – Lester Prairie
- 7 Club Visit New Richland
- 11 Club Visit Keister
- 12 Club Visit Owatonna
- 13-15 Journey for Service
- 18 Zone 3 Meeting – Shakopee
- 19 Club Visit St. Peter, noon
Club Visit Chaska
- 21-24 MD5M Multiple Convention, Mankato
- 25 Club Visit Winsted
- 26 Club Visit Albert Lea Lake View

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PENULTIMATE POINTS



DGE Steve Wasserman

“Don’t work for recognition, do work worthy of recognition.” That quote from American Author H. Jackson Browne, pretty well describes what we do as Lions. None of us do what we do for the recognition that may come our

way. But we all do things that are worthy of recognition, and sometimes that recognition does come our way. Such is the case with the 5M2 Zone Lion of the Year. Having the privilege of naming the recipient and presenting the recognition has certainly been an honor for me as we have gone to the spring zone meetings. It is truly inspiring to read of all the contributions those Lions have made to their club and their community.

Now, you may think that the quote above would be in conflict with my urging you to report on projects in the Centennial Service Challenge areas so that your club will qualify for and receive a banner patch. I really don’t see it that way though. I urge you to do the projects because they meet important needs in our communities. It’s way more important to do the projects than it is to report on them. So why report? I think that reporting on MyLCI and earning banner patches is important in a number of ways:

- The recognition is offered. Recognition is somewhat like a compliment. I was taught that the appropriate response to a complement was a simple “thank you”. Accepting the banner patch is the polite thing to do.
- If giving recognition is important (and I think we all believe it is), then receiving recognition is

equally important. We all need to be appreciated. It helps keep us going, inspiring us to even more service.

- Our earning a banner patch is really a way of providing recognition to others. The patch brings recognition to our Club, our District, our Multiple District and our International Association.
- Accepting the banner patch is, in itself, a form of service:
 - I think that the recognition your club receives makes a positive impression on the public, opening doors to recruit new members and to discover and meet even more needs in your community.
 - Your club earning a banner patch may inspire other clubs to do more service projects in more areas, thereby earning a banner patch for their club and opening more doors to increased membership and service in more communities.
 - Your club earning a banner patch adds to the statistics being compiled by District 5M2, Multiple District 5M, and Lions Clubs International. Setting, meeting and exceeding significant goals brings recognition to our great organization, opening doors in Minnesota and all over the world.

No, we don’t work for recognition, we do work that is worthy of recognition. When we do that work, it is important that we complete the task by filing the reports and accepting the recognition that comes with having done so.



Cheers to Albert Lea Lions for 12 new members.

Cheers to Shakopee Lions for 12 new members.

Cheers to District 5M2 for receiving an award at the Council of Governors meeting for 2nd Quarter Membership Achievement, 2nd Quarter No Dropped Clubs Award, and a banner patch for District Achievement for Centennial Service Challenge.



Cheers to all clubs that have received new members.

Cheers to all the Lions who have made and served pancakes and breakfasts this past month.

Cheers to all the Lions who worked at the successful Fish Frys.

Cheers to all the Lions who take time to attend the Zone Meetings.

MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK.



1st VDGE Nancy Mathwig

Can you believe it? Has spring really arrived in southern Minnesota? I keep waiting to wake up in the morning to white ground again! I'll take any spring-like weather that we are given.

Zone meetings are off to a great start! It is so fun and educational seeing the different clubs interact,

have fun and educate each other on their various projects. And did I say – have fun! Laughter is good for the soul and there has definitely been laughter at the Zone meetings. Last evening at Zone 6, two of the Northfield Leos presented a report on the WWII Hometown Heroes program their club sponsored in December 2015 in Northfield. I am really excited to hear the program during the 2016 MD5M Convention in Mankato on April 22 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. If you know a WWII veteran in the Mankato or Northfield area who would be able and willing to travel to the Verizon Center in Mankato to participate in the program, please contact me or Zone 6 chair, Lion Brian Rykhus.

District 5M-2 has some amazing Leos! Several of the Cologne Leos returned yesterday from a trip to New York City where they participated in Lions Day at the United Nations. Their Leo advisor, Anna, informed me that they are putting together a power point and would be willing to visit your club and tell you about their great experience. If you are looking for a meeting speaker and want to "Engage our youth", think about calling the Cologne Leos and set a time for a presentation. They will also be in Mankato at the convention and I'm sure will be more than willing to update you on an individual basis.

History facts for April - The following clubs will be celebrating anniversaries during the month of April:

- ✓ Hamburg Lions 34 years
- ✓ Mankato Key City Lions 39 years
- ✓ Northfield Leos 14 years
- ✓ Winsted Lions 6 years

Hope to see you at Multiple in Mankato in April! Come Canoe with 5M2 at the Bend in the River II.

2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Omaha, Nebraska

Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org

Centennial Update

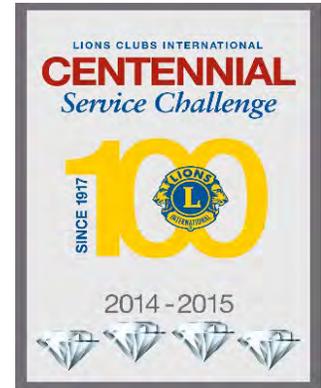
By DGE Steve Wasserman. 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

Centennial Service Challenge:

According to statistics posted on the LCI website, the Lions of the world have now provided service to more than **72 Million** people in the four Centennial Service Challenge Areas!

In our district, **48 clubs** have now reported on projects serving **62,178 people**, more than half of our 2014-2015 total of 101,040.

This month **Albert Lea Lakeview, Blue Earth, Faribault, Plato, and Stewart** completed the requirements for earning a “**Four Diamond Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patch**” by reporting on projects in all four areas of the challenge. They joined **Chaska, Courtland, Ellendale, Jordan, NYA West Carver, Lake Crystal, Mayer Watertown, Prior Lake, Silver Lake, Veseli, Wells, and Winthrop** giving us a total of 17 clubs that have earned the Four Diamond Banner Patches. Another 20 clubs have reported on at least two, so a total of 37 of our 64 clubs are at least half way toward earning their Four Diamond Patch. Last year, we had 35 clubs earn the Four Diamond Patch, and we had 49 clubs report on projects in at least two areas.



MD5M Convention:

The MD5M Convention will be held April 22-24 in Mankato. At this year's convention, service projects in each of the four CSC areas will be taking place. The **Northfield Leos** will be holding their “Hometown Heroes” Event, **Food For Kidz** will be packing meals, **Used Eyeglasses** will be collected, and there will also be **paper recycling** of all unwanted paper used at the convention. ***Congratulations to the Convention Committee for this GREAT opportunity!***

Centennial Legacy Project:

Plan Your Legacy Project

Every club is encouraged to connect with community by completing a Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. **Legacy Projects are visible gifts that commemorate our Centennial** and address specific needs in your community. Take this opportunity to create a lasting legacy of your service contributions and earn special Centennial recognition by completing a Legacy Project and reporting it on the MyLCI Service Activity Report.



Visit the [Centennial Community Legacy Projects page](#) and start planning your project today!



MINNESOTA LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER, INC

A BIG THANK YOU to all the Lions Clubs who collected and brought used eyeglasses to the Mid-Winter Conventions to be recycled. Mission teams will deliver them free of charge to people in need in developing countries. Old glasses give new life!

On March 3 we transported 83,500 pairs of glasses to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Eyeglass Recycling Center in Rosholt. There they will be sorted, cleaned, graded, categorized by prescription and packaged in preparation for distribution.

Please keep in mind that all types of glasses for children and adults are needed, including very strong and very weak prescriptions. Reading glasses and sunglasses are also recycled.

Please note:

We do NOT recycle any eyeglass cases, broken plastic frames or loose lenses.

Please do not wrap each pair of glasses in paper or plastic bags of any kind. It only makes more work for you (and us).

When you are in need of more collection boxes, contact PDG Bob Hoofnagle:

Tel: 320-252-0243

E-mail: vetteman92@charter.net

Your outstanding support and assistance in the Lions eyeglass collection efforts can change the lives of many across the globe.

See, Serve and Smile!

Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Inc.
Sauk Rapids

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!



*PID Debra Wasserman
GLT Coordinator*

Hopefully all clubs are making significant progress recruiting and electing club officers for the upcoming Lions year.

Those taking on these positions will have the unique honor of being Centennial officers. A once in a lifetime opportunity! Here are some dates and information that I hope are helpful to your process.

March & April: Recruit and elect club officers.

By May 1: Complete Officer Reporting (formerly PU101). This has been getting easier, and can be done online in MyLCI by your Club Secretary. They should go to "My Lions Club", "Officers", and then select "Next Year" by clicking the "Select Term" Button. Once they have entered all the officers, they can go to "My Lions Club", "Reports", and select "Lions Club Officer Report for Next Year". When they click on "View/Print" they will get a report that they can save and email to DG Marvin Grimm (evmargrimm@comcast.net).

Sunday May 22: Club Officer training held at Bethany College in Mankato. DGE Steve and I share the goal of having every club represented at this important event. Specific details will be emailed to clubs.

2016-2017 promises to be an exciting year in Lions, as we continue to prepare and then celebrate the Centennial of Lionism. You can get the year off to a great start by electing and reporting club officers, and attending the Club Officer Training Event!

REMINDER – CLUB SECRETARIES!

Once your annual election of officers is held, you will need to complete the PU 101 form for both Lions Club International and for District Governor Marv. You can complete the form one of two ways:

- o Following your elections, go to LCI and log in to My LCI. Under My Lions Club, Officers, Select term – next year and add your new officers. Then go to Reports, Lions Club Officer Report for Next Year, print and either email or hard copy mail to DG Marv Grimm at 523 Skyview Ln, Carver, MN 55315. District Governor Marv needs to have the form no later than May 1st in order to forward it to the multiple Executive Secretary for the Multiple Directory.
- o The second way you can complete the PU 101 is to fill in a hard copy form and mail that form to DG Marv. A downloadable copy of the PU 101 form can be found on the district website under Forms and Award Applications.

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



Wow! Pat yourselves on the back, Lions of 5M2. Your generosity at Midwinter served many of our causes with financial benefit. Including some after-the-day contributions, we collected \$18,277. We are so appreciative!

Reports do remind us that there are several Helen Kellers eligible to many of our clubs. Give Diana or Mary a shout if you wish to verify your club's total. Recognition is important and these are a great way to honor either club members or community members/businesses.

Financial support is critical everywhere, of course. If you are an online Amazon shopper, you might consider donations through Amazon Smile. When you log into your account, type "Amazon Smile" in the search bar and you will then be prompted to register the charity of your choice. Type "Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation" to link this cause to

your account. From this moment forward, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to MLVF. Could not be much easier to make those dollars at up!

And one more donation topic. When you attend Multiple in Mankato, you will definitely want to peruse the Silent Auction/ Bucket area. We are gathering so many great items for you to view and collect! MLVF and Camp Confidence will be honored to help you collect treasures. And, not to forget, our raffles will end at the Sunday Brunch – both the advance raffle ticket drawing and the live auction bidding.

Good dates to remember – April is National Donate Life Month. April 30 is the date for Spring Vision and Hearing Foundation tours at the University.

Together "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs – dianakroells@embarqmail.com or mkspille@embarqmail.com.

2016 JOURNEY FOR SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

CITY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Faribault	8 a.m.	Perkins Restaurant	S&D Wasserman: 507-332-2792
Waterville	8:25	Lake Region Life	Marie J: 507-649-1034
Waseca	8:45	McDonalds	Brent Koehler: 507-835-9899
Owatonna	9:05	Profinium Bank	Duane L: 507-451-2147
Blooming Prairie	9:40	City Center Offices	Paul Fiebiger: 507-438-1348
Ellendale	10:00	Lerberg's Grocery	Allie Larson: 507-648-2310
New Richland	10:20	Star/Eagle News	Charles Espe: 507-465-0153
Albert Lea	10:55	McDonalds	Don S.: 507-553-3090
Albert Lea C.L.	10:55	McDonalds	Tom Ferleman: 507-373-8702
Albert Lea Lake View	10:55	McDonalds	Susan Bowman: 507-256-4669
Alden	11:15	Newspaper Office	Pam Teague: 507-294-3061
Keister	11:35	First State Bank	Rick Gorman: 507-294-3433

LUNCH

Wells	12:30	Farmers Insurance	Larry Majeski: 507-553-6192
Minnesota Lake	12:45	Frandsen Bank & Trust	Vern Breamer: 507-462-3518
Blue Earth	1:30 p.m.	Country Kitchen	Stephan Robins: 507-526-7125
Winnebago	1:45	Royer Plumbing	Don Selvig: 507-866-4695
Amboy	2:40	Bottoms up Café	Jill Teague: 507-674-0236
Lake Crystal	3:15	Kevin's IGA	Anthony Jacobs: 507-726-6304
Mankato	3:35	Best Western Inn	Mary Pegram: 507-625-4883
Mankato Key City	3:35	Best Western Inn	Wayne May: 507-388-8233
Mankato Sunrise	3:35	Best western Inn	Mark Wheeler: 507-338-5067
St Peter	3:55	1st National Bank	Micheal S.: 507-387-1600
Nicollet	4:15	Ron's Pine Street Café	Denny Hewitt: 507-232-3394
Courtland	4:35	312 Foothills Road	Charlette Abbas: 320-212-8956
Lafayette Area	5:00	Citizens Bank	Robert Wise: 507-359-5350
Gibbon	5:20	D's Pit Stop	Donovan Bentz: 507-834-6636
Amer Best Inn & Suites		2 Rooms	Gaylord, MN: 507-237-5860

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

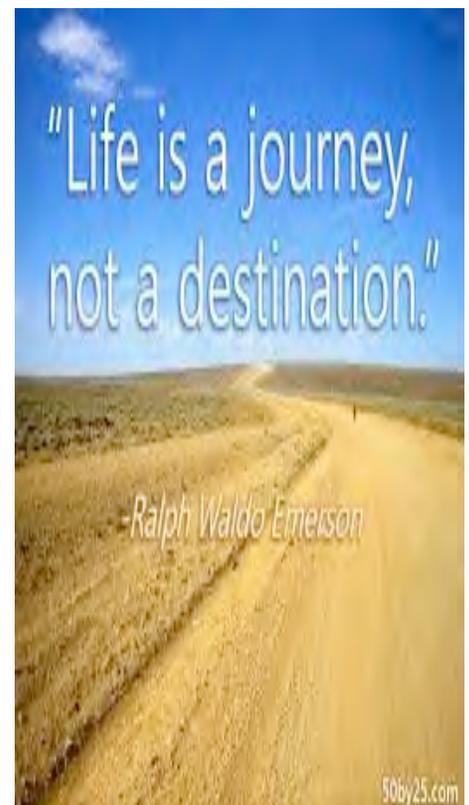
CITY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Winthrop	7:45 a.m.	Hahn's Dining & Lounge	Tom McCarthy: 320-647-2292
Sibley East Leo Club	8:10	Gaylord Jr. High	Dan Hislop: 507-964-5286
Sibley East Sr. High Leos	8:35	Thomas Hardware	Mike Feterl: 507-964-5812
Arlington	8:45	Thomas Hardware	Eunice Rucks: 507-964-2733
Green Isle	9:00	Cornerstone Bank	Sue Vos: 952-873-4200
Hamburg	9:15	State Bank	Diana Kroells: 952-467-2992
Norwood/YA	10:00	Klein Bank	Charles Venske: 952-442-1388
West Carver	10:00	Klein Bank	Pat Clark: 952-467-2289
Plato	10:15	Plato Home Center	Bev Wilkens: 852-467-3153
Glencoe	10:30	Bump's Cafe	Ron Dahlke: 320-864-5237
New Auburn	10:45	Post Office	Barbra Schutte: 320-864-4702
Brownnton	11:00	Security Bank & Trust	James Lindeman: 320-328-5715
Stewart	11:15	City Hall	Elvera Trettin: 320-562-2500
Hutchinson Lioness	11:35	Kamrath Chiro Office	Zandra Jindra: 320-587-7004
Hutchinson	11:35	125 S. Main St (E side of St)	Gerald Plath: 320-587-7321
Silver Lake	11:50	Pat's Café (next to Legion)	Joyce Zajicek: 320-248-7683

LUNCH

Lester Prairie	1:00 p.m.	Community State Bank	Jason Blashack: 320-395-2463
Winsted	1:20	Crazy Coffee (Hwy. 1)	Geo. Schulenberg: 320-485-2443
Watertown	1:35	Citizens Alliance Bank	Scott Casity: 952-443-2203
Mayer/W. Dandy Lions	1:35	1 Blk S. on Main (E side)	Deb Koehnen: 952-955-3079
Chanhassen	1:55	Am Legion Parking lot	Glenn Kaufmann: 763-568-6867
Victoria	2:15	Klein Bank	Todd Triethart: 952-443-3270
Waconia	2:30	Security Bank	Brian Reister: 952-657-1045
Cologne	2:45	Community Center	Scott Rynerson: 952-466-2813
Cologne Leos	2:45	Community Center	Anna Wickenhauser: 952-446-9993
Carver	3:00	Community Hall	Evelyn Grimm: 952-448-9465
Chaska	3:10	Community Bank	James Courneya: 952-484-0492
Shakopee	3:20	Stonebridge Bank	Robert O'Brien: 952-445-5205
Shakopee Valley	3:20	1100 4th Av.	Meghan Griebel: 952-224-6933
Prior lake	3:35	Velishek Auto	Dave Velishek: 952-447-2237

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

CITY	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Jordan	8:00	McDonalds	Todd Schansberg: 952-492-6055
Jordanness	8:00	McDonalds	Betty Huebner: 952-457-8317
Belle Plaine	8:20	Coban's Liquor	Rex Ernst: 952-378-3670
Henderson	8:45	Road Haus	Ron Walters: 507-248-3516
Le Sueur	9:00	Herald Office	Wm. Ingersoll: 612-756-2597
Le Center	9:25	Home Plate	Ronnie Factor: 507-357-4939
Montgomery	9:40	Fred's Parking Lot	Walter Miller: 507-364-5216
Veseli	10:00	Malecha Trucking	Jenny Malecha: 952-656-3342
Lonsdale	10:20	Malecha Trucking	Julie Lowy: 507-744-3835
N.E.W.	10:50	New Market Bank	Laura Vogel: 952-240-6943
Northfield	11:25	Riverside Park	David Ludescher: 507-645-1123
Northfield C.V.	11:25	Riverside Park	Mark Carison: 507-301-3339
Northfield Leos	11:35	Riverside Park	Alice Nasby: 507-645-7398



**Celebrating
Riding**



**years of service
miles for those
who served**

Are you ready to Ride? Are you ready to have some Fun? Are you ready for the District 5M-2 Bike-a-Thon? Are you ready to help our Combat Veterans adjust back to Civilian Life?

Why not answer all of these questions with a resounding YES and make plans to ride in the 100-mile Bike-a-Thon that will be held this fall. This one-day Bike-a-Thon will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24. All proceeds and funds raised will go towards our Lions Project New Hope, which has set up camps around the State of Minnesota. These week end retreats are available to all returning Combat Veterans and their families at absolutely no cost to the Veterans! Counseling is also available (at no cost) if so desired.

The Bike-a-Thon is being hosted/planned by the Waterville Lions Club, and the 100-mile trek will take place on the scenic Singing Hills Sakatah Lake State Trail. Depending on the weather, riders will be heading out about 6:30 a.m. thus allowing the 100 miles to be completed by 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. that

evening. There will be 'sag wagons' for relief if needed, fresh water along the way and possibly some snacks. More definite times, parking areas and other pertinent information will appear in following stories in this Newsletter when the Bike-a-Thon date gets closer.

A lot of Bike-a-Thons require prior registration --- we DO NOT. Often there is a registration fee for participants in marathons --- there WILL NOT be a 'fee' for ours. Quite often a goodly portion of funds collected go towards administration and/or expenses --- NOT OURS as at least 95% of the funds collected will go to help our Veterans via Project New Hope!

For good exercise, a very good time, good fellowship and a lot of fresh air --- get that bike out of the basement, garage or storage area and come join us for a Great Time and a Great Cause. Our Combat Veterans put their lives on the line for us every day... we, as Lions, can lead the way in helping them to re-adjust to civilian life. Support Project New Hope!

YOUTH EXCHANGE



CHOOSE NOW!

Is there a country you've always wanted to visit???

HOST an International Student from there.

HOST a student that has similar interests as your family, such as sports, hiking, music or cooking.

HOST a student the same age as your son or daughter.

Talk to your friends and relatives about HOSTING an International Student this July. By bringing 3 or 4 youth into your community you can each do different activities with them. This way you all can enjoy learning about several cultures.

So far 26 students from 15 different countries have applied to come to Minnesota. More than 30 will apply.

HOST Family applications can be downloaded from

www.lionsclubs.org, filled out and sent to your district chair.

In addition to hosting, districts are encouraged to sponsor an activity during Camp Spicer such as a picnic or the rock climb. Contact your district chair to find out how you can help.

Int'l. Youth Exchange is a 501c3.

If your Lions Club has Charitable Gambling Funds we encourage you to donate.

Make checks payable to:
Lions Int'l. Youth Exchange Camp Spicer
1915 Waterford Circle, Chaska, MN 55318

Again THANK YOU for all of your "Parade of Green" donations this year.

For more information contact:

Lion Janet Hall - lionjanethall@gmail.com,

Lion Chris Hall - hall@hutchtel.net or

Lion Cindy Walters - cjwalters@me.com.

CAN DO CANINES

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained dogs for people with disabilities and provide them free of charge to those in need.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is Natalie Regenscheid. Natalie now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind thanks to Hearing Assist Dog Nadia. Read their story below.

NATALIE REGENSCHEID & HEARING ASSIST DOG NADIA



Natalie Regenscheid of St. Peter, Minn. was born with severe hearing loss, but was confident she knew how to take care of herself. It wasn't until she lived on her own that she began to realize she might need

help.

At night, without her hearing aids, she wouldn't know if there was an emergency. Her audiologist suggested Can Do Canines, but Natalie worried an assistance dog might make others stare and she wouldn't be able to live a normal life. After being partnered with a two-year old black Lab named Nadia, however, her worries vanished.

"Now that I have an assistance dog, I've realized it's OK to have a disability. This is my reality," she says. "And I get to bring my dog to work!"

Nadia accompanies Natalie everywhere, including her jobs as a personal trainer and fitness instructor. She alerts Natalie to sounds by nudging her and leading her to the source. If someone is at the door, Nadia alerts enthusiastically if she knows the person, more tentatively if she doesn't. Natalie feels confident to move into her own place now that Nadia is with her. Since Nadia came into her life, she is happier and has a more positive outlook. She also feels safer at night.

"Now that I have an assistance dog, I've realized it's OK to have a disability. This is my reality," she says. "And I get to bring my dog to work!"

Natalie is amazed at the generosity of Can Do Canines' donors and supporters like the Lions Clubs. "These dogs are expensive to train," she says. "I was shocked that Can Do Canines could give Nadia to me for free."

Natalie is paying it forward by encouraging friends and family to support Can Do Canines so others can benefit as she has.

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

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

2016 MD5M CONVENTION

Time is quickly passing and soon the 2016 MD5M Convention will be here! District 5M-2 invites you to Come Canoe with 5M-2 in Mankato, MN, April 22, 23, and 24, 2016. An exciting, fun-filled and informative weekend is planned. A tentative agenda is available under conventions, MD5M at www.lionsmd5m.org or www.5m2lions.org along with the registration form and hotel information. Registration cost is now \$110.00 per person.

Friday will begin at noon with a Centennial Service project for Relieving the Hunger by Partnering with Food for Kidz - Stewart to package nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. 1PM - 3:00. Engage our Youth as the Northfield Leos Club present their "Hometown Heroes" program, a program featuring local veterans - including some who were in WWII, sharing stories about their military lives. 3PM-5:30.

The Raffle room will have lots of items. Chances can be purchased in Raffle room. NO CREDIT CARDS.

In addition to fun and the business of our Multiple District and Foundations, several informative seminars and speakers are planned. On Saturday following the noon luncheon, convention attendees will have the opportunity to hear four informative speakers. First will be Dr. Michael Garwood, a professor in the Department of Radiology and Associate Director of the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Garwood will update us on the research being done for Diabetes.

Following Dr. Garwood will be Dr. Sandra Montezuma, ophthalmologist at the University of MN who will update attendees on the new "bionic eye" surgery. Joining her will be 5M-2 Lion, Tim Lindbo, a bionic eye recipient.

Third on the agenda is Kathleen Breen, Director of Lions Engagement at Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, Michigan. Lion Kathleen will enlighten us about Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Lions Clubs role.

Final speaker on Saturday afternoon will be Lion Hanna Elshoff from the Chatfield Lions Club in District 5M-1. Lion Hanna and her solar powered bike, "ELF", have been touring the eastern United States on "Hanna's Dream Ride" promoting Lionism, Leader Dog and hoping to obtain former President Jimmy Carter's signature. Hanna will share how her dream was fulfilled when she met and had lunch with former President Carter and Rosalyn.

Our International guest for the weekend and speaker at our Saturday night banquet will be Immediate Past International President, Joe Preston and his wife, Lion Joni.

On Sunday morning we will be challenged to look at our own personal dreams as we listen to Jerrid Sebesta, former meteorologist at KARE 11 in Minneapolis. His challenge to us will be to pursue our own personal dream with a passion.

District 5M-2 hopes to see you at the Bend in the River II in April!

Membership growth leads to healthier clubs and stronger districts and communities. But sustained growth requires more than just chartering new clubs and inviting new members. It requires a commitment to retaining members. Here are some simple strategies that can help increase membership satisfaction:

- Encourage your clubs to engage their Lions in service to keep them happy and coming back year after year. The Centennial Service Challenge is a great opportunity to engage members in service to their community.
- Remind your clubs that they can earn special recognition in the Centennial Celebration Membership

Awards, which rewards Lions for inviting and retaining new members.

- Share LCI resources like the Membership Satisfaction Guide and Your Club, Your Way! brochure to give clubs helpful tools to increase membership satisfaction and empower Lions to lead and share ideas.

I hope you'll continue to make membership growth and retention a priority. Together we can strengthen our association, keep clubs healthy and impact more lives through service.

DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA
YOUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

97th Annual MDSM Lions Convention

***Come Join us at
the Bend in the River
II***

***April 22,23,24, 2016
Verizon Center,
Mankato, MN***

***Sponsored by District 5m2
Lions Clubs***

Come Canoe with 5M2





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"Bend in the River II"

97th MD5M Convention
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-2



Registration Form

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Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	USD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
Saturday Brkfst	XXXXXX	USD \$ 20.00	USD \$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2016 Convention

Total Submitted: \$ _____

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas
 312 Foothills Road
 PO Box 133
 Courtland, MN 56021
 paandmaabbas@hotmail.com

Convention information:
 Maynard Rucks @ king70@frontiernet.net. or
 Nancy Mathwig @ nmathwig@hotmail.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.

LATE PHOTO SUBMISSIONS FROM 5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION!



5M2 CELEBRATES ZONE LIONS OF THE YEAR...



DGE Steve Wasserman presented the Zone 2 Lion of the year to Chaska Lion Jay Molnau.



1st VDGE Nancy Mathwig presents the Zone 6 Lion of the Year award to Lion Norma Musel from the Faribault Lions Club.



1st VDGE Nancy Mathwig presented the Zone 7 Lion of the year to Lion Ann Coleman from the Mankato Sunrise Lions.



1st VDGE Nancy Mathwig presented the Zone 9 Lion of the Year to Lion Lioba Forman from the Albert Lea Lake View Lions.

UPCOMING ZONE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Zone 8 - April 4; Hosted by Blooming Prairie Pizza Cellar; RSVP by March 28th

Zone 1 - April 6; Hosted by Lester Prairie Lions Lester Prairie City Hall; RSVP by March 30th

Zone 3 - April 18; Hosted by Shakopee Lions Shakopee KC Hall; RSVP by April 11

Journey for Service: April 13-16

97th MD5M Convention: April 22-24

Verizon Wireless Center Mankato Hosted by 5M2

Region/Zone Chair Training
May 21, 2016 - Treaty Center, St. Peter

LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES COLOGNE LEOS

We're back from the United Nations!



On March 6th, my fellow Leo member Jordon and I flew out to Manhattan, New York for the Lions Day at the UN (LDUN). We were accompanied by our Leo advisor Anna Wickenhauser, along with former Cologne Leo Hilary Wickenhauser.

Every year, the LDUN focuses on various themes and topics for the convention. This year, the topic was about Gender Equality and Peace. There were many different speakers advocating for Gender Equality and why it's so important to have in our world. Several goals were shared between the Lions and the United Nations. However, the greatest goal at the UN was "Let's make the world 50/50 by 2030." Meaning, let's eliminate the affliction that is called gender inequality and promote equality between women and men.

We made many wonderful memories and created new friendships with other Leo and Lion members. In addition to bringing back memories, we also brought back different ideas and projects that our Leo Club could carry out. Keep an eye out for our new upcoming projects!

Thank you to everybody who supported and contributed towards our great experience!

Leo Raven and Leo Jordon



LONSDALE LIONS



Above - New Lonsdale Lion: Sponsor, Lion Micki Ziskovsky, New member, Lion Scott Pelava and DG Marvin.
Below - These members received membership Chevrons - Lion James Mahler, 25 years; Lion Harry Tuma, 25 years.



COURTLAND LIONS

Lion Tom Nash became the newest member of the Courtland Lions on Monday, March 14. Lion Wally Sagmoen is Lion Tom's sponsor. The Courtland Lions welcome Lion Tom into our Lions Den! A big Lions' ROAR goes out to him. Lion Wally Sagmoen, new member Lion Tom Nash, and Lion President Charlette Abbas.



CHANHASSEN LIONS



DG Marvin visited the Chanhassen club on Feb 22nd. We gave a "Worker Bee" award to Lion Kevin O'Neill (holding the award). This is an annual club award given to the Lion that always shows up to work our various events.



This photo is of Jim Way (center) being recognized at the meeting as the club nominee for the Zone 2 Lion of the Year. Pictured in both photos is Lion President Glenn Kaufmann and of course DG Marvin.

SHAKOPEE LIONS

(Right) Lion Brian Norris received a Progressive Melvin Jones Award for many years as Shakopee Lions Treasurer. Past President Steve Menden received a Melvin Jones Award but was not present to accept it.

(Below) Lion Jon Balvance received the Helen Keller Award for many years as the newsletter editor for the Shakopee Lions newsletter.



The Shakopee Lions received 9 new members on February 24. 7 were present to be inducted by DG Marvin.



Left to Right: Lion Troy Ciernia, Lion Justin Cotton, Lion Jay Vander Leest, Lion Larry Holm, Lion Bob Cote, Lion Matt Gasson, Lion John Canny.

PRIOR LAKE LIONS



Membership Chevrons for Prior Lake Lions. PDG Harry Klenke, 20 years, Lion Robert Kempton, 10 years, was absent.

VESELI AREA LIONS



Photos from the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party that was held on March 19, 2016. We were able to involve three of our local youth groups, The Webster Willing Workers 4-H, The Boy Scout Troop 323 & the Local Lonsdale Ambassadors.

WINTHROP LIONS

The Winthrop Lions Club nominated Lion Duane Nelson as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Duane twice served as president of the Club, has been instrumental in several of its projects, including participating in Relay for Life, Omelet breakfasts and the dictionary project where dictionaries are presented to third graders. Lion Duane has often donned the "Winthrop Lion" costume for FunFest Parades, dictionary presentations and Lego League Challenges at the Winthrop Library.



Shown are Lions 1st Vice President Dave Schauer, Lion Mary Nelson, Lion Duane Nelson, Lion Treasurer Joe Wersal, Lion Secretary Patty McCarthy and Lion President Tom McCarthy.

We had a total of 58 children and their parents come to the event in Veseli and received donations to the Lonsdale Food Shelf.



JORDANESS LIONS



Jordaness Lions hosted their annual Fish Fry on March 11th. A delicious meal of all-you-can-eat fish, side dishes, and homemade desserts were prepared and served to several hundred Jordan community members. Pictures show some of the Jordaness Lions working hard to make sure the food is just right and waiting to greet our guests.



The Jordaness Lions in addition to spending time together at meetings and service projects, like to get together just-because and have a fun social night. We plan social activities several times throughout the year. On Friday March 18th several members enjoyed each other's company at a crafting night. A great time was had by all and they each went home with a great new spring home decoration.





The Chanhassen Lions Club

Together with

The Chanhassen Fire Department

Will hold our

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, and Scrambled Eggs

**Sunday, April 3, 2016
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

At the Chanhassen Fire Station
7610 Laredo Drive

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

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

www.chanhassenlions.org



Don't miss the Northfield Cannon Valley Lions

Spaghetti Dinner!

Thursday, April 7, 2016

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Northfield Ballroom
Highway 3 North

\$10.00 Age 11 & up, •\$5.00 Age 6 – 10, 5 & Under - FREE

Menu

Spaghetti with
Meat Tomato Sauce or
Melted Butter
&
Salad
&
Bread Sticks
&
Bars
&
Milk / Coffee



100% of the proceeds benefit Lion's projects

Missed School Days

Childhood cavities cause a lot more than pain. Each year, about 51 million hours of school time are lost by children with infected teeth.



Caregivers of children with infected teeth must often miss work which can mean lost wages and perhaps loss of job for too many absences. Some caregivers can't afford to stay home so their

children go to school in pain, making learning difficult for them and often for their classmates. Improve your child's opportunity to learn by keeping the teeth healthy. Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Oral Health Project website minnesotaoralhealthproject.com and liking us on Facebook.

Cavities can be prevented.



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How Do You Spell Fun?

Jordaness Lions

2nd Annual Event

Friday, April 15

Food Service starts at 6pm

Bingo starts at 7pm

Play 14 games for \$15.00

Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard,
Jordan, MN

-Prizes: Turkeys, Hams and More Money Prizes!

-50/50 Raffle and Meat Raffle

-Daubers will be available for purchase

-Improved sound system

-Food, Pop and Beer will be available for purchase.



Fun for
All



Saturday, April 23

1:45-2:45 p.m.

2nd Floor Meeting Room

MD5M Multiple Convention, Mankato

Please join us on this day for a Public Relations/Newsletter Seminar. We will have discussion of your areas, ideas, changes you feel is needed and basically a roundtable visit. If you have items you would like to share, please bring at least 20 copies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me—Cheri. I will be out of state from March 3-15th.

We look forward to meeting you all and matching that name with a face. See you on the 23rd!

Lion Cheri Appel

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WATERVILLE LIONS TURKEY DINNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

WEM SCHOOL CAFETERIA

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M

ADULTS - \$10.00 CHILDREN 5 -10 YRS.\$ 5.00

Preschool FREE

TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY,
VEGETABLE, ROLLS, SHERBET AND BEVERAGE

PROCEEDS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Henderson Lions Club

Spaghetti Feed



Henderson Community Building

Sunday, May 1
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Adults	\$9.00
Children 5-10	\$5.00
Under 5	free

Proceeds to be used for Henderson skating rink improvements

Mark Your Calendars,
clean up your clubs,

Jungle Days 2016

Monday, August 1, 2016

Hosted by the Jordaness Lions

Creeksbend Golf Course
26826 Langford Ave, New Prague

- 4-Person Scramble
- \$85.00 per golfer
- Registration: 11:00 AM
- Shotgun start: 12:30 PM
- Dinner / prizes: 5:30 PM

****Registration forms available in May**

and plan to have fun!!

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