

# **5M-2 DISTRICT**





### Lion Christy Trutnau -District Governor

April Showers bring May flowers, its raining as I am writing this newsletter. Hard to believe its May already!

I happy to report that all the Zone meeting have been completed and I have enjoyed the creative ways our Zone chairs worked to make the meetings engaging and informational. I hoped everyone liked the new way the Spring Zone meetings were done this year.

I attend the multiple convention in Winnipeg April 18th-21st, it was a wonderful convention, with 5M-2 well represented. It started off with me thrown in Lions Jail Friday night by our very own Diabetes Chair Lion Steve Jobe... thanks for letting me experience my first time behind bars! There were somethings at the multiple level that were voted on and I wanted to give you an update on the results. MD5M had two candidates running for International Director (PDG Dennis Kelly III and PCC Bert Nelson). PCC Bert Nelson won the election and is the endorsed candidate for our multiple. PCC Bert will now be placed on the ballot as one of the options for ID at the International Convention in Melbourne Australia in June. Those attending the International Convention, hope you will consider voting for PCC Bert.

The International Convention Committee for 2029 had asked for increase in dues of \$1.50 starting July 1st, 2024, through January 31, 2029, to help with the cost of putting on the International Convention here in Minneapolis in 2029. This dues increase has passed. You will see the dues increase starting in July with the following breakdown, the first half of the dues will be \$1.00 and then the second half of the dues will be \$.50.

Another thing on the ballot at the convention was to not count PDG's (Past District Governor) towards the delegate count at the district and multiple conventions. So, what does that mean for your club.... If your club has a PDG in it and let's say your club is eligible for 3 voting delegates, the club will now be able to have the 3 delegates plus the PDG or PDG's eligible to vote at the district and multiple conventions. Any questions regarding this please let me know.

At the multiple convention 5M-2 has two outstanding Lions received prestige awards. Lion Sue Vos was presented with the MD5M Hall of Fame Award and PDG Joan Blank was presented with the Al Jensen Award. Congratulation to both Lion Sue and PDG Joan on these outstanding achievements, you both are very deserving of this recognition, and are great examples of what Lionism is. Thank you for you all you do for 5M-2 and the Lions Organization!

Most of the clubs should have had their elections for new officers in April, soon it will be time to install these new officers. Consider doing an installation ceremony or having a special event to honor the previous board members and to recognize the new board members starting in July.

There are many installation scripts online at lionclubs.org. Some clubs have asked the District Governor, Vice District Governors, Zone Chairs, or Past District Governors to help install new board members, if you are interested in that please reach out we would be happy to assist.

Journey for Service is coming up May 1st through May 3rd. I am looking forward to seeing you on this journey.

Remember to continue to report you service activities in the new Lions Portal and if you need any assistance, please reach out to 1VDG Shermayne and she can assist you.

Thank you to the clubs that have already planted or donated to our Tree project. We are getting close to our 500 Tree goal, but why stop there let's see if we can surpass our goal and plant a lot more! If you have already planted/donated make sure to enter that in the Lions Portal and let the Global Service Team (Lion Julie Beckuis and Lion Brooke Sterbenz) know and remember to #lionsgogreen on your social medica page.

Thank you all for the work you are doing for your club, your community, and the Lions Organization!!

"Without change there would be no butterflies" by Walt Disney



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DG Christy Trutnau

### **DG Christy's On The Move**

May 1st though May 3rd- Journey for Service

May 4th - Officers Training Mankato

May 7th - Eagle Lake Club visit (rescheduled)

May 8th - Veseli Lions Club Visit

May 10th- Daugher (Kortney) graduates from College

May 12th- Happy Mothers Day!

May 13th - Glencoe Club Visit (rescheduled)

May 15th- Wells Club Visit

May 16th- Silver Lake Club Visit

May 18th -GAT Summit

May 19th - Cabinet Meeting in Le Sueur

May 22nd- Victoria Lions Club Visit

May 27th- Happy Memorial Day

### A note from the editor

Hello 5M-2,

I would like to apologize for the delay this month. Unfortunately, my daughter fractured her back, so it has been a busy time around home right now. I appreciate all of your patience!

I am excited to continue to see all the great work 5M2 Lions are doing throughout the summer months!

Lion Missy





### LCIF Gala

Parks Prairie, MN - February 13, 2024 Raised: **\$57,000!** 

### Since July 1, 1979 to June 30, 2023:

- 5M-2 has received \$385,988 in grants, first grant received in 1992.
- MD5M and the Districts have received \$8,150,495 in grants.
- 5M-2 has donated \$1,788,980.
- MD5M and the Districts have donated
   \$17,048,9780.













Submitted by DGE Lisa Kaufmann



# **May Flowers**

Lion Lisa Kaufmann District Governor Elect

The joke in my article last year was April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrams, still one of my favorites. This April brought the LCIF Gala to Parkers Prairie, there is a page of photos from the event further back in this newsletter. It was AWESOME to have IPIP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan there in person and THAT'S A FACT JACK! The event not

only raised money for LCIF it provided an opportunity to learn about the LCIF grants and money raised in MD5M since July 1, 1979 through the 2023 Lions year. Of the ~\$17 million raised by MD5M and our districts, half of it has come back in the way of grants. Many Lions equate LCIF with disaster relief, in reality there are numerous grants in many different areas our donations support.

During the event 100 Lions received either their first Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or a progressive MJF, this represents \$100,000 in donations to LCIF. As a reminder, whenever you reach \$1,000 in donations to LCIF you are eligible for a MJF or you can honor another individual with a MJF, they do not need to be a Lion. Many clubs use the MJF to recognize members of their clubs for what they do in support of Lions and serving others. Any dollar amount you are able to donate to LCIF is greatly appreciated and the money is put to good use not only at home but around the world.



Switching gears, the LCI Convention is the end of next month already. It seems like we were just at the Mid-Winter Convention. Lion Glenn and I are looking forward to visiting Melbourne, Australia along with the fellow DGEs from MD5M. We will have our final day of training, time to celebrate the great year IP Patti Hill has had and welcome in our new president, Fabricio Oliveira as he takes the oath of office. This is also the time when the DGEs will take their oath of office, then our ribbons are pulled signifying the work we have done over the last few years to be ready to lead our districts. We do not lead alone, thank you to all of you in 5M-2 who have stepped up to serve in leadership roles within your club, to be a zone chair, serve on the cabinet or on the MD5M cabinet for the 2024-2025 Lions year. We will continue to prepare for the year ahead on May 4th at the Rise to the Pride Officer Orientation in Mankato.

We are Lions, we are family, and WE SERVE!



Lion Shermayne Cross 1st Vice District Governor Elect

# **The Merry Month of May**

The Month of May has arrived. The world is waking up from a long very short winter. I just came in from weeding my rock garden and will be harvesting the first rhubarb by the end of next week. Bob was fishing off the dock a week ago and caught ten sunfish that were shared with neighbors. Nothing tastes better than that first fish fry unless it is the first

donut of the resort season. I love to watch the tulips emerge and bloom, the grass turning green and the green hue that is present as the trees begin to leaf out. A changing world around us in nature as well as in our Lions organization. New officers, directors, committee chairs, both in our clubs, districts and beyond. Do not forget that there are still two months left in the current Lions years to finish our goals, report the new officers in the new Portal, attend officers training and plan your summer festivals, fundraisers and activities.

We have completed all the Spring Zone meetings which were a lot of fun. Some Zones had speakers, or round table discussions, or finished their Buddy Bag projects that were started last fall, recognized the Zone Lion of the Year in each zone, enjoyed great fellowship with other Lions, and ate many delicious meals. I hope you enjoyed these meetings as much as I did. Thank you to the clubs who hosted and to all the Lions who attended.

The new Portal went live on April 15. Invitations to join are/have been sent to all Lions in the US. Have you gotten your invite? Just follow the prompts to join and in two clicks you should be in the new program. Yes, there will be a learning curve, yes, we may get frustrated trying to figure out where everything is, yes, it will take time, but we can do this. Your District Governor team is ready to help and learn with you. If you are an officer, new or returning for 2025-26, there will be Officer Training on May 4th at Bethany College in Mankato. New format, new place with many fun activities for everyone and a chance to learn about the Portal. Please join us!

On May 18th in Sauk Center, the Multiple GAT team is holding a GAT Summit from 9-4. Please see further information in the newsletter. On May 19th, the last Cabinet meeting of DG Christy term will take place in LeSeuer. The DFeet Hearing Walk will be June 1 at the Arboretum in Chaska as well as Diamond Park in Bemidji. Lots and lots of festivals, breakfasts, dinners, etc. will be held around the district this spring and summer. Watch the newsletter/Facebook for further information.

Until next time..."Be Kind, Help Others, Have FUN, Make a Difference in Your Community"



# **Brownton Lions**

The Brownton Lions started out by doing our spring ditch walk. Thanks to all who came out & helped. We served a brat supper when we were finished.

Had 3 guest from the McLeod Food Shelf which included Pete Hallberg from the Lester Prairie Lions, thanked us for our continued support. Talked about the importance of the food shelf program.

Went thru the students that qualify for the scholarship program. Did our 1st & 2nd readings & reached out to many programs which help the area kids. Brownton Days, summer rec & summer enrichment, bike a thon, McLeod for tomorrow, just to list a few.

President Jan Messner



# **Stewart Lions**

Our St. Patrick's Day Bingo was enjoyed and well attended. The Easter Bunny made it to our pancake, sausage and egg breakfast March 24, despite the weather.





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the Stillwater Area High School from June 23-25.

Stillwater Area High School will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 2,500 athletes will be competing in basketball and track and field throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in Victory Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

The Lions have played a major part in this competition for many years, and will once again host the Opening Eyes screening. As part of the Healthy Athletes program offerings, Opening Eyes provides a complete eye exam, conducted by eye doctors and eye care professionals. During the Opening Eyes screening, Athletes have the opportunity to receive new eye glasses, sunglasses or sports goggles, free of charge! Opening Eyes is presented by Lions Club International.

Opening Eyes in Minnesota was first undertaken by Lions Clubs of 5M5, but we need you to make this screening happen! Opening Eyes volunteers directly impact the health of SOMN Athletes! Volunteers will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes, and also meet Lions from other clubs and other districts. Volunteers will receive a Summer Games Volunteer t-shirt and Volunteers working over six hours will also receive a complimentary lunch.



### Summer Games volunteer shifts available:

- Friday, June 21, 9:00 pm 1:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 22, 8:15 am 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 22, 11:45 am 4:30 pm

### Lions Club volunteers are needed for a number of roles, including:

- Assisting doctors
- Conducting initial eye chart exam
- · Directing and escorting athletes
- Athlete registration

TO REGISTER VISIT:

# SOMN.ORG/LIONS

These volunteer shifts are reserved for Lions & Friends of the Lions registration. Lions Club members, family and friends are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer!

> Questions? Please contact: Lion Ray Moonen, 952.201.7031; moonen@myinfmail.com Lion Jim Cain, 763.232.0790; jhcain2@gmail.com. Lion Laura Maki, 507.964.5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net

Special Olympics Lions Clubs International

Opening Eyes®





# **Waconia Dandylions**





We are "pawsitively" excited to be a Sponsor for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Meet Toffee, this absolutely adorable Golden Retriever puppy that we are all smitten with and proud to be a part of this amazing opportunity.



Toffee will have an important job after she turns one to complete training to build her guide dog skills and become a Leader Dog she was born to be. Ultimately, Toffee will be matched with a client and together will train for 25 days to learn how to travel safely...together. When they return home, Toffee's partner will have freedom, companionship and lifelong skills for safe and independent travel.

Let's give Toffee some Dandy love!!





We are in the process of working on our annual April diaper drive, we've donated \$3,000 in diapers.

We raised money for the annual Waconia City Fireworks.

Waconia DandyLions and Hoppers Bar and Grill raised \$1,500 to make this year's fireworks display even more spectacular!

The fireworks are completely funded by donations from businesses, organizations, and community members. Even a \$5 donation helps us host the show this year and for years to come. Donate today through Venmo: @WaconiaFireworks.



"Peace Without Limits " Peace Poster Theme for 2024-2025 Contest

As I write this article, I am trying to think of what I would draw if I were an 11,12 or13 year old entering the Peace Poster Contest for this year. I am always amazed as to how the minds of our youth depict the contest theme each year.

Perhaps this year, your club can give students in your area an opportunity to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. Last year we had 22 clubs participate (36%) and I am hoping that a few more clubs will join in this year. (My goal this year is to reach 40%) I would be happy to come to your club to explain the process, but you can also find all of the information you need by just googling "Lions International Peace Poster Contest" plus you will see some amazing posters too.

You will have until October 1 to order the kit, but I would not wait that long. Remember, the kids do need some time to create the poster so the sooner they have the information- the sooner they can get started. You do not need a kit for each student- you need 1 kit for every entry that you will be sending on to the District Contest. Usually this is one entry per club however some clubs choose a winner from each school in their area, so they would need a kit for each of those entries. Remember also, that an organized youth group such as scouts or 4-H does qualify. LEO Clubs do not qualify but a LEO may participate in a sponsored school.

# Thank You 5M2!!!

Pam and I would like to thank everyone who helped with my campaign to become the endorsed candidate for International Director. Your help throughout this endeavor made it possible.

We would also like to thank all the Lions from MD5M who supported us and voted for us in Winnipeg. We are truly honored and will do our best to represent this great multiple.

Now it is off to the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia to have my name put on the ballot. We wished we could take you all with us. Wish us luck!!!



### **NYA West Carver Lions**



The NYA West Carver Lions inducted our newest member at our March meeting. Shown are Lion Mary Spille, Lion Pat Clark, and our new member Lion Joyce Saarloos.



Newest Lion was inducted at our April meeting. Pictured above are Lion Mary Spille, Sponsor Lion Pat Clark, new Lion June Flewelling, President Lion Mary Balzum.

# Can Do Canines to Host Open House May 18

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer



department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



# **Lions hold annual Lafayette Easter Egg Hunt**

Lafayette area kids had a great time when the annual Lafayette Lions Easter Egg Hunt was held the Saturday morning before Easter. Nearly a hundred kids turned out to pick up candy-filled Easter eggs, then get a treat bag with a chocolate bunny and a small stuffed farm animal.

Held on the grounds of the former Lafayette Charter School, kids were divided into three age groups—three and under, four-through six, and seven-through ten—with each having a set location of the grounds to hunt.

After the kids had picked up their initial quota of 15 eggs each, it was "free for all" as the kids were sent out to clean up the extra eggs.

Others benefitted, from the event, too. Extra treat bags of bunnies/animals were delivered to The Lodge Assisted Living in Winthrop for the residents to enjoy. Others were given to the First Lutheran/Bernadotte Lutheran Sunday School kids when they sang at the Easter service at Bernadotte.

The Lafayette Lions sponsor the event every year, holding it outdoors on the former Lafayette Charter School property if possible, or indoors if the weather is bad.

A number of Lions members arrived early that morning to scatter 2,000 brightly colored candy-filled eggs. The eggs are purchased from National Entertainment Technologies, Inc. (netegg.us) in Missouri, an organization that employs disabled veterans. The eggs are assembled and prepared in sheltered workshops. NETEGG directly contracts six sheltered workshops, employing about 140 workers to assemble candy- or toy-filled eggs all year round.









# **Le Sueur Lions Staying Busy!**

The Le Sueur Lions wanted to take our fundraising in a new direction with that being said the Lions started selling 400 tickets to our 52 raffle In November 2023. They sold out fast and Tuesday, January 2nd was our first drawing at The Le Sueur Bar.

Each week have two winners which is then posted to our Facebook page. All of this was possible because of Rosie Goggin and her committee.









On Saturday March 30th, 2024 at 10am the Le Sueur Lions Club had our annual Easter Egg Hunt at The Le Sueur Community Center due to the chilly weather. But that didn't stop the almost 300 kids in search of goodies the Easter bunny left behind. All the kids were excited to meet our wonderful Easter bunny (Lion William Ingersoll).







On April 6th, 2024 the Le Sueur Lions attended the retail and business expo held at the Le Sueur Henderson High School. We met with many different people in our community and told them about all the wonderful projects and efforts the Lions have spent their time doing throughout the year. Some of our upcoming projects including Pioneer power, our golf tournament which will be held on June 10th, and Giant Days.











On Monday April 15th, the Le Sueur Lions Club attended the Zone 6 meeting which was held at Gustavus Adolphus College by the St. Peter Lions Club. All the lions who attended help make buddy bags which there purpose is to make kids more comfortable if they were to ever need the police, fire department, or ambulance. We had an amazing guest speaker Dr. Wendy Goldsmith who is from the Lions Vision Foundation. In her presentation she spoke on many different programs the Lions Club has to help with sight. To end the night our zone 6 chairwomen Roseann was given the award for 10 years of wonderful Service to the Lions Club and the community.



The Le Sueur Lions meet with the Le Sueur ambulance and police department to distribute the buddy bags that were made at the zone 6 meeting on Monday April 15th.



On April 16, the Le Sueur Lions had a guest speaker come to our monthly meeting, Darlene Wondra from Project New Hope. She gave an amazing presentation and discussed with us on the many different benefits this project has for veterans throughout Minnesota and across the nation. Project New Hope was away to provide veterans and their families education, skills, and training necessary to manage their everyday life after wartime service. She went on to tell us about the various camps they have for veterans and their families which is no cost to them. The camps have lodging, meals, fun activities and quiet reflection time for all family members. Project New Hope is a great way to give back to those who have given so much already.



Once a month the Le Sueur Lions Club partners with the Le Sueur Rotary Club to put together 73 backpack bags each weighing 7.25 pounds for the 2024 school year at Park Elementary.







The Le Sueur Lions were busy at the 47th annual Pioneer Power swap meet & flea market on April 25th - 28th. Even though it was cold and rainy we had a great time, and we love surviving

our community.





June 10th Le Sueur Country Club 11:00 a.m. Start

Annually the **Le Sueur Lions Club** hosts a fundraising golf tournament and this year we have a special challenge for our fellow **Lions clubs**...

### EARN MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB!!

Grab your clubs and your fellow golfers as only the first 8 teams will be accepted. Our exclusive Lion's club tournament will see which club wields the fiercest swing. The entry fee is \$600. The winning team gets 20% of the entry fees for their club and bragging rights for the year! \*\*\*

So what are you waiting for? Spots will fill fast so send your club's team registration in today and we will see you on the green!

\*\*\* Minimum 3 teams needed for event, hosts are excluded from participation.

Lions Club Name:		
Address:	Phone:	
City, Zip:	Email:	
Golfer 1 Name		
Golfer 2 Name		
Golfer 3 Name		<u>====0</u> 5
Golfer 4 Name		

### Golf Event Contact Info:

Lion Mark Amundson mamundson132@gmail.com 651-276-6353 Lion Phil Lee vettedude55@gmail.com 612-756-0257 Make Checks Payable to:

Le Sueur Lions and mail to: P.O. Box 28, Le Sueur, MN 56058

### **Carver Lions**

We held a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross. We are happy to report we exceeded our goal of donors.

Our annual pork chop dinner was held on April 26th. Although the weather was a bit gray and

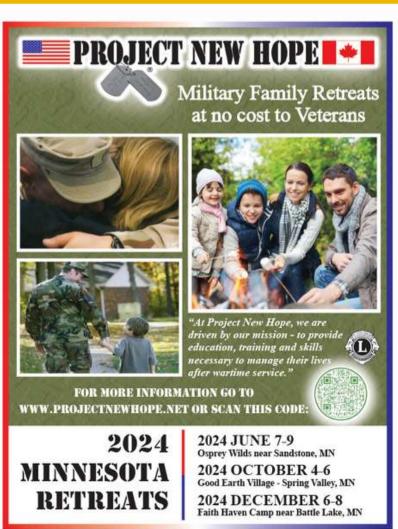
rainy, we had a great turnout.















# **BEGINS: APRIL 24 | ENDS: MAY 30TH**

Can you take some surveys and support

Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc?

### NO COSTS TO YOU!

(except a little bit of your time on your computer or cell phone)

Camp Sweet Life will receive \$1.60 for each survey you do!

YOUR
OPINIONS =
FUNDS FOR
CAMP

In 2023 we earned over \$11,000 to keep the cost of camp down and provide scholarships for our kids with type 1 Diabetes!



# How it works:



 Text CAMP to 90412\* to sign up or use the QR Code



 Choose Camp Sweet Life and give your opinion (up to \$1.60 per opinion)



3. Create up to \$120 of impact for diabetes camping!



Choose Camp Sweet Life Adventures

Take Surveys (25 max per day / 75 max per total email and
must be quality surveys - take at least 1 min per survey)



# BE A FUNDRAISING "SUPER STAR!"

(No cost to you except volunteering your time to complete surveys)

# **BEGINNING APRIL 24TH - MAY 30TH**

Help Us Reach our Fundraising Goal with HundredX & Get a FREE Camp Sweet Life Hoodie



As an added bonus for those who participate, we are offering a FREE 2024 Camp Hoodie!

What is the Goal?

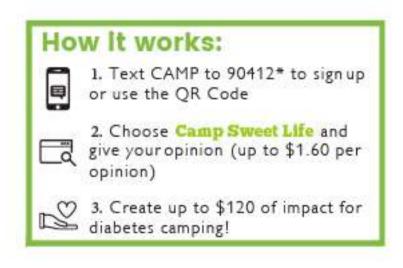
To keep the cost of Camp down!

How?

Each person does 75 surveys! We can raise up to \$40,000

To get your free CSL 2024 Hoodie Complete your 75 surveys by following the instructions below





Once you've completed the 75 surveys needed for a free hoodie you will be contacted by Rene Maes | rene.maes@campsweetlife.org to get your hoodie size. Hoodies will be delivered at camp in July or alternate arrangements.

Please take your time to complete the surveys. Feedback will automatically be kicked out by the system if a pattern of responses is detected or if the surveys are completed in under 45 seconds.



# KIDSIGHT TRAINING WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2024 LIONS CENTER located in FOUR SEASONS PARK 1ST AVENUE SOUTH ARLINGTON, MN SIGNIN/SOCIAL 6 PM TRAINING TO BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

For new camera users and refresher

RSVP BY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

To PDG Harry Klenke <a href="mailto:lm.klenke@outllook.com">lm.klenke@outllook.com</a>
Phone 952-445-0289 or 913-952-8134

Lion Margie Jacobson lionmargie11@gmail.com

phone 507-649-1034

# REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



# IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024

WHERE: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320) 253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night https://www.bestwestern.com/en\_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3

TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm Program: 7:30 pm

DRESS: Black and White attire (Notice we didn't say "black tie")

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON (Not a typo!); CAPACITY: Only 280

# NO GIFTS PLEASE: THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION ONTO THEIR HOME!

### ONLY IF YOU INSIST:

Consider bringing a check payable to "LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation"

Name(s)		District #
42220122022202220122022202	Email Addres	is:
Dinner Choices: Top Sirloin	Chicken Breast	Vegetarian

Mike Molenda 1462 Featherstone Court Hastings, MN 55033-9181