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LIONS & SERVICE: A PERFECT FIT

Lion Diana Kroells District Governor Thank You ! Thank You ! Thank You ! I don't think I can say "Thank You" anough to all the

"Thank You" enough to all the Lions who helped make the 2019 Mid-Winter Convention a success. Zone 5 Lions, led by

co- chairs, Lions Dar Mondor & Mona Bruers, did a great job keeping things on target. Were there some glitches- well of course there were- as always when you gather almost 300 people together- small things can go wrong. Did they overcome them- you bet they did. Lions Dar & Mona handled every situation with a true Lion's spirit of professionalism. Even when the band didn't show up-Lion Dar just opened her purse-found the card of a local DJ, made a phone call and we had music!! (Well, maybe it wasn't quite that easy).

Thank you to Lion Duane for all of his support and encouragement to get me through the convention. He knows when I am stressed and reassures me that everything will be fine. Season that with some encouragement and compliments and I am good to go. Thank you for watching my power point over and over and over to make sure it looked okay.

Thank you to all of the Lions who participated in the Eyeglass Sorting Service Activity during the convention. You made a difference to the Sauk Rapid Lions by going through all of the boxes of eyeglasses and discarding the cases, broken glasses & loose lenses. Please Lions- remember- remove the eyeglass cases.

Thank you to all who served on the various committees and did their reports at the Business meeting. I appreciated the time you spent preparing for the meeting.

Thank you to ID Nicholas Xinopoulos and Lion Gretchen for attending our convention. I hope everyone at the convention had an opportunity to speak with him. He really tried to talk to everyone there.

Thank you to all who attended the seminars. My goal this year was for you to hear seminars about projects the Lions support- LCIF, Hearing & Vision with some of the speakers doing testimonials to the work

that Lions do. I think I accomplished that. We had a large variety of speakers for Saturday. Thank you to the Waconia Lions Rick & Joe for their presentation on the veteran's project their club did last April. On Sunday my niece (by marriage) spoke about how PTSD affected her life and the life of her 2 young children. Her husband (my nephew) committed suicide almost 3 years ago after serving 2 years in Iraq. Lion Darlene Wondra- Project New Hope chairperson talked about the camps available for veterans & their families.

Congratulations to our leaders for being elected into their new positions: 2nd Vice District Governor Elect - Chanhassen Lion Glenn Kaufmann, 1st Vice District Governor Elect- Cologne Lion Anna Wickenhauser, & District Governor Elect - Green Isle Lion Brian Thies. As I write this article, Lion Brian is already out in Oak Brook IL. taking his DGE training to prepare himself for the coming year (2019-2020) as your District Governor.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR...



Lion Brian Thies District Governor Elect

Welcome to March. In like a lamb and out like a lion, who can tell. All I know is February will be one of the "Remember February, 2019 when we had all that snow?" Rose and I finished up our visits to other districts' Mid Winter Conventions February 16th. We witnessed many

Lions from all around the Multiple District doing great things.

Time and time again we received many compliments from visitors to our district about how very well organized we are, as well as how we "know how to have fun". Those compliments belong to each one of you. Always remember to have fun. Fun helps make meetings, working at service projects and other tasks seem effortless. If you are having fun, you will never have to work.

As some of you know, immediately following our Mid Winter, I was on my way to a week full of District Governor Training in St. Charles, Illinois along with approximately 692 of my fellow DGE's from around the world. We were able to learn about the new Lions Initiatives, visit with International Vice President Dr. Choi, who will be President next year, tour the LCI headquarters as well as Melvin Jones' gravesite. 3rd IVP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori graciously allowed us access to his office for a photo op. My training group 34 consisted of DGE's from MD5M, Iowa, and Missouri where we became known as the Heartland Boomers and led by our very own IPID Bruce Beck. If you know ID Bruce, you know our training and experience was Awesome.

Thank you again to all who attended the Mid Winter Convention. I believe the City Center Hotel went above and beyond to help us celebrate Hats Off For All You do in 5m2. District Governor Diana, IPDG Nancy and their committee put on a seemingly effortless convention. Even when there were little hiccups (like Friday night's entertainment not showing up), the show went on and we rolled with the flow and had FUN! I am afraid if I named all of the people who I needed to thank for helping to nominate me, providing a raffle item or helped in the hospitality booth, voted for me or offered their support and said hello or in any way helped to make the convention what it was, I would forget someone. So please know from the bottom of my heart, I appreciate it and can't thank you enough. All I can do is pay it forward.

It was great to see many of our new Lions' family from Eagle Lake Area at the convention and hopefully you had a chance to get to know them too. Old or new, Mid Winter is always a great opportunity to catch up with our Lions Family.

Now as a DGE I am working on appointing my cabinet for next year. I am always on the lookout for someone who would like to step up and learn more about our great organization. One of the areas I am in need of is Zone Chairs. If you or someone you know has served as a Club President and is ready to take the next step and be a zone chair let me know. I know that we have awesome people in our district that are willing to serve, but are often overlooked or no one has ever asked them but they have a desire to be on the cabinet. Now is the time to let me know. Email me at roseco@frontiernet.net.

Keep serving and please, please stop praying for snow. I have had enough already!

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

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GET YOUR LION ON!



Lion Anna Wickenhauser 1st Vice District Governor Elect

I have acquired another title since last newsletter. Second Vice District Governor/First Vice District Governor Elect. I will have this dual title until Milan, Italy where the next

International Lions Convention is to be held. That's when our current DGE Brian Theis gets his ribbon pulled in Milan making him our Current DG, then I will become 1VDG. It can be confusing, I'll try to explain the order of things to help clear it up. I was voted in at our Mid-Winter Convention and was elected to represent our District as the 1st VDGE but that does not happen until Lion Brian moves forward and myself, as 1st VDG and Lion Glenn Kaufmann will move forward into Second Vice District Governor position. Hopefully that is clear as mud? A Huge Lions ROAR goes out to everyone that attended the Convention, visited the Hospitality Rooms, attended the Fantastic seminars and had a GOOD TIME! Remember this convention was for YOU! Personally I want to give a shout out to my Husband Lion Don (Monkey) and family, the Cologne Lions and Cologne Leos, Lions Dallas Schneider and Jon Henschen who stepped outside of their comfort level and gave my heartfelt nominating speeches, to everyone who donated to my hospitality

DG ARTICLE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Congratulations to both PDG Mary Spille & Lion Ruth Klossner for being nominated for the 5M2 Hall of Fame. Just being nominated is such an honor but only one can win so I know PDG Mary Spille thanks all the delegates who voted for her to receive this honor. Mary will be awarded her plaque and honored at the MD5M Convention in Mahnomen in late April.

Congratulations to the Peace Poster winners, Write Off winners and Essay winner and to the clubs that sponsored the winning entries.

Instead of listing all of the award winners in this article, please look for the complete list on another page in this newsletter. Congratulations to everyone on the list. It is truly an honor for me to say I serve in an organization with so many who have made a difference.

Now that the convention is over- it is time to concentrate on some other things going on in our clubs. How are you doing on membership?? Our District is down about 40 members since July 2018. Are you asking your members why they are leaving? Do they feel they are not a vital part of your club? Are they bored or unappreciated? Are they lost or confused about what room and finally my hospitality room team-What can I say-It was beautiful and I didn't really have much to do with it. I was very Humbled and Grateful after the weekend was over. I am sooo very glad to have helpful mentors to ask them questions. To the Leadership before me and the upcoming Leaders after me it will be my pleasure to be working with you and hopefully not make too many errors in judgment.

It is that time of year when the Spring Zone Meetings are going to happen. Remember, it is for ALL Lions not just the President and Secretary. My challenge to you is to show up at the next Zone Meeting and I will have a little something special for the ones who read my article and came to the meeting. This does not apply to the Cabinet members. So the question of the month is: What club in District 5M2 is having their 1st Bingo on Saturday March 23rd?

If you guessed the Mayer Area Lions you are correct. They had their charter night in December 2017. If you read the back pages of the newsletter you can find something to do almost every weekend it seems for the next month or so. If the mood strikes you get out of the house and beat the Winter Vortex and have some fun and grub with your fellow Lions.

Hope to see you at some of these events. And remember-"Get Your Lion On".

Lions really are? Do you assign a mentor to your new members? Do you have proper orientation? The more a members knows about Lions the more he/she will want to be a part of our organization. Involve your new members without overwhelming them. Listen to their ideas. Be careful with criticism and generous with praises- build up not destroy.

April is election month. Start thinking about an office you would like to hold or about someone you think would make a good officer. Allowing a newer member to serve as a director helps them to learn more about how your club operates.

March & April are time for the Spring Zone meetings. As I mention in my club visits- President Gudrun's theme is "reach beyond the horizon". If you have never been to a Zone meeting or it's been a long timeperhaps it is time to look beyond the horizon and do a little more- like attending one of these meetings. It is a great way to meet new friends and learn new ideas. A Zone Lion of the Year will be presented at each of the 9 Zone meetings by DGE Brian.

I have to say this one more time as I end this article:

"Hat's Off to 5M2 for All that you Do"!!!





Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2 Lions,

THANK YOU: For your club contributions to LCIF received during the recent MidWinter Convention.

THANK YOU: For the unusual amounts which led me to know clubs did stretch to increase their donations, as I challenged you to consider.

THANK YOU: For your caring hearts, acting locally and thinking globally and choosing to empower Lions here and around the world to serve more people in their communities.

Below is some information about the LCIF grants we have had in our District has received. I'd like to learn more about these grants and how they have helped clubs impact their communities. If you have information or memories about any of the grants, please email or call me. I hope to compile what I learn as part of our District's history. Photos are also appreciated.

LCIF Grants in 5M2

5/6/1992: **EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL FOR BLIND:** Furnished the "Lions Den", an Independent Living Apartment on the campus of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind in Faribault. 10,000.00

3/13/1996: PURCHASE WATER TANKER/FIRE ENGINE 25,000.00

3/30/1998: TORNADO RELIEF: Provided immediate relief after the St Peter Tornado on March 29, 1998. 10,000.00

1/25/2000: ESTABLISH LIONS EYE BANK IN LITHUANIA. 10,000.00

6/13/2000: LIONS-HABITAT HOME: Mankato. 55,364.00

11/26/2001: EQUIP RADIOLOGY UNIT AT SIBLEY MEDICAL CENTER. 65,000.00

6/21/2003: LIONS-HABITAT HOME: Albert Lea. 13,750.00

3/31/2005: EXPAND BATHING AND THERAPY ROOM FOR DISABL SENIORS. 15,261.00

4/15/2010: **CONSTRUCT NUTRITION CENTER IN SENIOR CENTER:** Built accessible bathroom in facility in Glencoe. 31,483.00

8/19/2010: EXPAND LIONS QUEST. 19,365.00

9/28/2010: **FLOOD RELIEF.** 10,000.00

8/14/2016: Renovate Lions Seniors Facility: City of Arlington helped with funding. 35,000.00

I still have plenty of dates available to visit your club to share more about LCIF and Campaign 100.

If your club would like to learn more about Your Foundation, please contact: Lion Debra Wasserman at LionDebra@charter.net or 507-332-2792



Global Service Team

Thank you 5M2 Mid-Winter Lion attendees for your support in sorting eye glasses collected from across the district. There was a huge stack of glasses that needed sorting, within a few hours the convention goers had sorted the glasses, and separated the cases, sun glasses and the broken/missing lenses. By the end of the afternoon there was a high mountain of boxed sorted glasses ready for transport! The eyeglass project was our first service activity at the mid-winter, the goal is to continue the sorting project and add other projects. Again, thank you for all that participated in the project! It was very gratifying to see the fruits of your labor.

Another 5M2 service project on the horizon is Feed My Starving Children. We will be packaging dried food packets on Monday, April 15 "Lions Day" at the FMSC site in Chanhassen. There is a need for 240 volunteers to cover three shifts; 9:30 to 11:30; 12:00pm to 2:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The FMSC Chanhassen location is 18732 Lake Drive East. Please sign up soon to get your desired shift.

Register by April 1 if you are available to help with this humanitarian project. "Lion Day" is not limited to Lions, encourage your friends, family, and coworkers to join you in saving the lives of starving children.

PDG SUE BOWMAN

To register go to the website www.fmsc.org, on the top of the page click on Volunteer, mid page down click Search Group. Type in Lions Day and chose Chanhassen location and the time(s) you would like to volunteer. Click on Join. Either log in if you have an account with FMSC or Create an Account. Once you have an account you can add the names of other club members, friends, family etc. When you are into Join Group, answer the questions and there will be a confirmation.

If you are financially able, FMSC is asking for donation to cover the cost of the ingredients that go in the meal packets that is: dried vegetables, soy powder, multi vitamin supplement, and rice. Thank you to DG Diana for earmarking the Tail Twisting gifts at the Mid-Winter luncheon to FMSC. Please tag any donations from the club or personal donations as "Lions Day".

Thank you for your support of this district wide service project, and thank you lions who have already volunteered for a shift at Feed My Staving Children. Everyone is welcome, no mater your physical condition, there is a need for everyone! W are in need of 240 volunteers to cover all three shifts. Please help, all are welcome!

Please contact Lion Sue Bowman at 507-256-4669 or s.bowman@frontiernet.net. with questions.

KROELLS TRAILS FOR MARCH

- March 4 New Prague Lions March 5 Watertown Lions March 7 Albert Lea Lions March 8 MD5M Friendship Banquet March 9 Council of Governors March 10 Post Convention meeting March 13 Zone 2 Meeting – Waconia March 19 Zone 6 Meeting - Montgomery March 20 Lonsdale Lions March 21 New Auburn Lions March 25 Winsted Lion March 26 Zone 9 Meeting -
- March 27 Shakopee Valley Lions
- March 28 New Richland Lions





LEARN

- Raise awareness about childhood cancer by holding an educational talk with a healthcare professional at your club or district meeting.
- Collaborate with a local childhood cancer hospital staff to learn about the needs of their patients and families. Brainstorm ways your club can address key challenges and gaps.

ACT // BEGINNER

- Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and provide craft materials, puzzles and games to children receiving therapy or treatment.
- Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment.
- Post monthly articles about childhood cancer on your club or district website and social media accounts.
- Provide cancer support related books and magazines to your local school or library.
- Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
- Give gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. Cards could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, etc.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves and blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Help coordinate travel arrangements to and from treatments for a family of a child with cancer.
- Provide tutoring services to children with cancer, as well as their siblings.
- Sponsor a child to attend a childhood cancer camp or activity.
- Through photography, document a family's journey for them as their child undergoes treatment.
- Raise awareness for childhood cancer through radio public service announcements, social media campaigns or a public screening of a film about childhood cancer.
- Provide children's entertainment at a local hospital or treatment center for children with cancer.
- Organize a weekend retreat for families with children in remission.

ACT // ADVANCED

- Form a support group for those affected by childhood cancer, such as patients, caregivers and survivors.
- Organize a childhood cancer camp.
- Develop a healthy meal program to ensure that children with cancer are well nourished during treatment and while in remission.
- Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry. If one is not established in your country, determine what would be needed to create one.
- Provide funding support for essential medicines and supportive services. Crucial medical needs could include chemotherapy supplies, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, essential staff, etc.
- Learn more about temporary housing options for families whose children are patients of cancer treatment centers. Volunteer at established housing facilities or develop a new one.





Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update Celebrating our tenth anniversary as a Foundation! March 23, 2019

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

Following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists one on one, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

Saturday, March 23, 2019

11 a.m. Registration11:30 a.m. Lunch and program1 p.m. Meet and greet with scientists

McNamara Alumni Center University of Minnesota 200 Oak Street SE Minneapolis, Minnesota

Faculty Research Presentations:

- David Bernlohr, Ph.D., Research on the role of calcium in insulin action that could lead to a new drug for treating type 2 diabetes
- Brian Fife, Ph.D., How blocking the body's immune pathway could stop the immune attack on islet cells
- Michael Garwood, Ph.D., Advances in viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre- and post-transplant
- Bernhard Hering, M.D., Discoveries in pig islet research that could lead to a cure

RSVP by Wednesday, March 13:

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2019

Please contact Rachel Miller at ramiller@umn.edu or 612-626-8537 with any questions. A confirmation letter, including parking information, will be sent prior to event.



HEARING FOUNDATION NEWS



Another Mid Winter convention is history. Zone 5 planned well and the hotel really wanted to please everyone.

The Parade of Green donations to the Lions Hearing Founda-

tion were up this year. Fifty seven clubs gave \$45 short of \$16,000. Eight clubs did not donate, but there is still time to donate to the Hearing Foundation. 190 hearing aids were donated along with many cards of batteries. The batteries will go to nursing homes for residents to use. The hearing aid cases are not needed, only the hearing aid without the ear mount. Thank you for all your donations.

A Saturday seminar featured the lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic. Two boys and their mothers spoke about finding out the boys were born deaf, the trials of growing up with cocular implants and how it changed their lives. They still go to the Children's Hearing Clinic. They are now 15 years old. Dr. Jennifer Ward from the lions Children Clinic spoke about how the money received from Lions will help improve the services they can provide with remodeling to add another hearing testing and counseling room. A short video was shown promoting the D Feet Walk for June1, 2019.

I have a couple club visits scheduled plus Spring Zone Meetings to attend. Also working to try to help an elderly gentleman get hearing aids. As a Trustee, I am on the Food Committee for the D Feet Walk. The D Feet Walk is June 1, 2019 at the MN Landscape Arboretum. More information in the months ahead.

We are available for Club visits.

PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Jeff Williams Hearing Foundation Trustees



CHILDHOOD CANCER UPDATE

The MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Minnesota, Inc., has been formally incorporated and its first officers have been elected! The president is Jeannine McDonald (District 5M5), Vice President, PDG Mike Janssen (District 5M11) and Secretary/ Treasurer, Tom McCarthy (5M2).

The board of directors will approve bylaws at the meeting in conjunction with the Multiple Convention in April. Board members have been meeting with the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, the University Foundation and the Children's Cancer Research Fund to identify a project for the Lions Foundation to assist in funding. Watch for an exciting announcement about our fundraising program at the Multiple Convention!

Meanwhile, local clubs continue to raise funds and support local families affected by childhood cancer. If your club is doing any of those act ivies, please let Lion Tom McCarthy know!



Project New Hope

Thank you for the very generous donations to Project new Hope for the Parade of Green. We are able to send 22 Families to the retreat. Like us on Facebook - Project New Hope MN Veteran's Retreats. Look us over on www.projectnewhope.net

Upcoming retreat dates

June 7-9	Audubon Center
Sept. 27-29	Ironwood Springs
Dec. 6-8	Inspiration Point

Sandstone, MN Stewartville, MN Clitheral, MN

Lion Darlene Wondra, chairman



Waconia Lions were presented with the Red Ribbon award from PNH for their Washington D.C. Veteran's Trip.

MN Líons Vísíon Foundation

Again our challenge to be Knights of the Blind. And this challenge was met superbly at Midwinter. Your financial commitment via Parade of Green totaled \$21,055.00. This is fantastic! We are so grateful and proud of all that our clubs do to collect this sum. Our mission is multi-fold (Gift of Sight, Research Children's Eye Clinic, Surgery Center, Eyeglasses Collection, and anticipated Eye Institute); the needs are great. The Foundation truly appreciates all that can be given (so, remember to award your Helen Kellers!).

States Helen Keller, "He who is content with what has been done is an obstacle in the path of progress." In this spirit, DG Diana chose the service project of sorting eyeglasses as a convention activity. Of course, we always bring boxes and boxes of eyewear and hearing aids to be delivered to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and the Hearing Foundation. Our one shortcoming is that we are not so very good at organizing our collections – we bring cases and this is, unfortunately, a problem. Cases have to be removed for sorting efficiency and, also, there are not funds to ship cases to our receiving locations. So, a huge shout out of thanks to those volunteers who sorted and packed our glasses more efficiently on Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning drivers from LERC picked up the treasures. And now, DG Diana has received a note of thanks. The center is very appreciative of the efforts to clean out the cases. Per inventory, it is estimated that Sunday's collection totaled 18,850 pair. And I am sure there were hearing aids, too.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Lives are changed by every little something we do.

Lion Christy and I are anxious to visit your clubs sharing the passion of Lions' original mission. As directors, we continue to View Forward. Our legacy 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.



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!!

The Official Protocol (effective June 28, 2018) lists the following order of precedence for recognizing Past District Governors: "When more than one is present, they shall be recognized according to the Roman alphabetic order of the first letter of their fully used family name. If the first letter is the same, go to the second letter, and so on. If the last names are identical, the same process should be followed with the first given name."

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman Protocol Co-Chairs

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:

- 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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the University of St. Thomas from June 21-23.

The University of St. Thomas will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 3,500 athletes will be competing in basketball, track and field, and swimming throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in Victory Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, arts and crafts, bingo, evening activities, and visits from local pro-sports mascots! 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, 2:30 pm 6:00 pm (event set up)
- Saturday, June 22, 8:15 am 1:00 pm
- Saturday, June 22, 12:00 pm 4:30 pm
- Sunday, June 23, 8:15 am 1:30 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/LIONSCLUB

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.

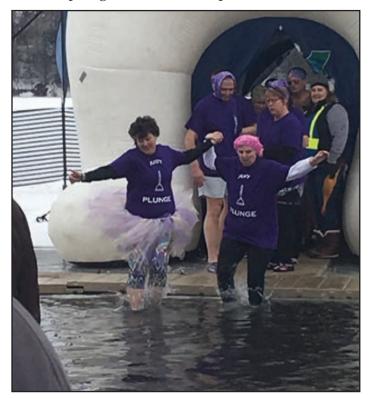
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5M2 LIONS MAKE A BIG SPLASH AT ST. PETER POLAR PLUNGE



With -50 below windchills just days before the Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 2nd, Lions and Leos from 5M2 may have been asking themselves if they were crazy enough to plunge into frigid water at Hallets Pond in St. Peter. Who would have bet that the temperature would be a balmy 40 degrees the day of the jump and that there would be over 50 daring and fun-loving Lion, Leos, family and friends who jumped to support Special Olympics? It was a fantastic show of support! The 5M2 Lions and Leos raised over \$4,000 and the Shakopee Lions raised over \$4,500. Many thanks to the Lions and Leos who took the plunge and made 5M2 proud.









Why wasn't the Tuxedo Band at Mid-Winter Convention?

No one was more disappointed to not have the Tuxedo band at our recent Mid-Winter Convention than me.

With great disappointment they had us down for Feb. 15th, which they thought was the second Friday in Feb. Luckily I had my signed contract with me that was dated Feb. 8th and had been signed back in April of 2018. They had made a terrible mistake. I did what I had to do and found a DJ from Mankato and things turned out OK. I announced this in the pool area but not everyone heard me, so I decided to place this article in the next Lions' newsletter.

The band coordinator was very sorry and sent this apology.....

"In the 12 years of being in the Tuxedo band we have not dropped the ball like we did on Friday, Feb. 8th for the 5M2 Lions club convention. While our mix-up is truly embarrassing, it is compounded by the fact that we have enjoyed such a wonderful partnership with the Lions and this annual event".

They will be working with next year's committee to hopefully make it up to our Lions group and this event.

Submitted by: Dar Mondor - Co-Chair for 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention

"HATS OFF TO 5M2 FOR ALL YOU DO !!!!"

PARADE OF GREEN:

Total Parade of Green was \$134,403.61

Can-Do-Canines - \$15,850 Diabetes - \$16,357.61 KidSight - \$10,125 LCIF - \$17,066 Leader Dog - \$11,350 MD5M Hearing Foundation - \$15,905 MD5M Vision Foundation - \$21,055 Project New Hope - \$8,500 Quest - \$4,395 Youth Activities - \$6,260 Youth Exchange - \$7,540 **THANKS TO 5M2 FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!**



Showing off their special headgear are: PID Mike and Lion Linda Molenda with ID Nicholas and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos.

THANK YOU: ID NICHOLAS & LION GRETCHEN XINOPOULOS FOR JOINING 5M2 AT OUR MID-WINTER CONVENTION













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Letter received from MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling

District Governor Diana,

Thank you, thank you, thank you ! We just finished reboxing the eyeglasses from your convention and filled 29 apple boxes. We can nest 650 pair in these boxes so your count would be approximately 18,850! Your Lions did such a great job in sorting them and cleaning out all the cases for us. I can't tell you how much that helps us. We appreciate this tremendously. Your collect project was a huge success. Thank

Good luck with the rest of your year! I too hope there will be lots of eyeglass collection projects in 2020!

Lion Karen Hovanes MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center

Thank you to all 5M2 Lions who assisted with this Service Project



CONGRATULATIONS...AWARDS PRESENTED AT MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Presented By PDG Nancy Mathwig

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships



Lions Denny Hewitt & David Sebesta for work with Liberty Day



1st VDGE Anna Wickenhauser for her work with the LEOs



Lion Cindy Walters for her work with Youth Exchange/District & Multiple & Camp Spicer



Lions Cathleen & Mike Williams for their work with Quest

Presented by DG Diana on behalf of Can Do Canines

Top Dog Awards to District 5M2 for exceeding all other Districts in donations to Can Do Canines in 2017-2018

PDG Nancy Mathwig for serving as DG during 2017-2018

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg - Can Do Canine project co-chair

Lions Tony & Andrea Oldenburg - Can Do Canine project cochairs (not present)



Presented by DG Diana
Presidential Certificates of Appreciation
Lion Tom McCarthy



work in establishing MD5M Childhood Cancer Foundation



Lion Marlys Mesken for sharing her musical talents as convention pianist

Lions Dar Mondor & Mona Bruers for Co-chairing the 2019 Mid Winter Convention

Waconia Lions for their trip to Washington DC with 142 Korean & Viet Nam Veterans



AND THERE WERE MORE...CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARDEES

Presented by DG Diana

International Leadership Award



Lion Kevin Blank

Presented by PDG Nancy Mathwig Club Excellence Awards 2017-2018 Montgomery Lions, Faribault Lions, Le Sueur Lions, Lafayette Area Lions





2017-2018 100% Secretary Awards

PDG Nancy Mathwig; Alden Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg; Carver Lion Evelyn Grimm; Hutchinson Lion David Sebesta; Glencoe Lion Janet Hall; Le Sueur Lion Shirley Hespenheide; Courtland Lion Mary Johnson (stand in Lion Rusty); Jordan Jordaness Lion Christy Trutnau. Not pictured: Jordan Lion Todd Schansberg; Lafayette Area Lion Ruth Klossner; Mankato Sunrise Lion Richard Wheeler.

District 5M2 Mentorship Award

Arlington Lion Kevin Thies with Mentor-PDG Nancy Mathwig



International Presidential Award



PDG Harry Klenke

THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN !!!

District 5M2 Hall of Fame - PDG Mary Spille



2nd Vice District Governor Elect Lion Glenn Kaufmann

1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Anna Wickenhauser



District Governor Elect Lion Brian Thies



For Convention Information contact: PDG Rodger Palmer, <u>repotter@eot.com</u> or phone 218-841-0302 or PDG Jay Norby, <u>Jinorbs@eot.com</u> or phone 218-298-1041.

Check our website for information & updates on the 2019 MD5M Convention, lionsmd5m.org





Hotel & Event Center 777 Casino Road, P.O. Box 418 Mahnomen, MN USA 56557 April 26, 27 & 28, 2019 1-800-453-7827

WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION PLEASE USE CONFIRMATION NUMBER 5381



\$65.00/Night + Tax This room features two full beds. Amenities: Refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, TV



Park Your Wheels & Enjoy Some Thrills.

Shooting Star's on-premise RV park. With a five-star rating from Woodall's Campground Directory, our paved park offers 47 deluxe sites complete with water, sewer and electric hookups, plus shower and laundry facilities. Call (800) 453-7827(STAR).

\$70.00/Night + Tax This room features two Queen beds. Amenities: Refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, TV



Four Restaurants to choose from.

2 ONE 8 – Fine Dining Traditions Buffet MINO WIISINI – Eat Well Cafe SMOKE Barbeque & Brew

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0" K Penguin walk

Fundraiser for 3rd International Vice President Brian Sheehan

Can't make it to the Convention and you would like a shirt, we can mail one to you. For 1 to 3 shirts please add an additional \$5.00 to your order for shipping.

Deadline for ordering shirts and getting them at the Multiple Convention is April 1st, 2019.

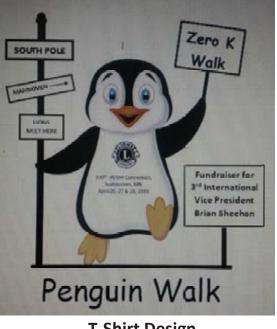
Orders received after that date will not be guaranteed to be at the Convention and shipping fees will apply.

		\$20.00			
Name					
			City		
State/	Prov	Zip Code			
Distric	District Club				
Size:	Medium	Large	X-Large		
	2X-Large	3X-Large	4X-Large		
		# of Sh	irts ordered X \$20.00 =		

Make Checks payable to: Vergas Lions In Memo put: T-Shirt Mail To: Linda Norby, 1021 5th Ave NW. Perham, MN USA 56573



Convention Pin



T-Shirt Design

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Rock Painting







Class size will be 24 Lions (all materials will be provided) Friday, April 26th at 1:00 pm

\$25.00/Person

Name	
Address	_ City
State/Prov	Zip Code
District	Club

Make Check To: Vergas Lions In Memo put: Rock Painting

Mail To: Linda Norby 1021 5th Ave NW. Perham, MN USA 56573 ORDER FORM



ZOO TOUR - \$30.00

April 26, 2019

Depart Mahnomen at 11:00 am and return at 3:00 pm Depart Mahnomen 20 people per tour

Two times

Friday at 12:30 pm and return at 4:30 pm

Name	
Address	_ City
State/Prov	_Zip Code
District	Club

Make Checks payable to: Vergas Lions In Memo put: Zoo Tour Mail To: Linda Norby, 1021 5th Ave NW. Perham, MN USA 56573

LIONS', LEOS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES MAYER LIONS BROWNTON LIONS



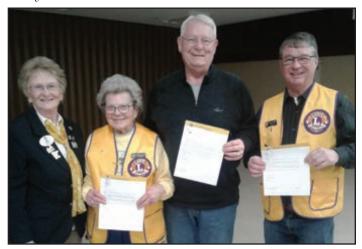
New member Lion Linda Hipp sponsored by Jesse Dukowitz.



Lion Dorene Vanderlinde receives a 15 year chevron.



Brownton Lion Julie Olson receives gold Centennial Membership for sponsoring 1 new member during the Centennial year.



Brownton Lions receive membership chevrons- Lion Leon Kujas 15 years, Lion Tim Sanken 25 years and Lion Stephen Loncorich 35 years.



DG Diana & President Tom Workman present Membership Chevrons to Lions Gary Haberman & Matt Arens (10 years) & Chad Junker & Marion Walker (15 Years).

CHANHASSEN LIONS



Chanhassen Lions club president Tom Workman & DG Diana welcome 5 new members- Lions Rod Annis, Frank Terschan,, Adam Feuerhelm, Ron Martinson & Nic Pronga all sponsored by Lion Steve Cannon.



DG Diana & President Tom Workman present Lion Annette- Snyder-Fossum with the Silver Centennial Membership pin and Lion Mark Page with the Diamond Centennial Membership pin.

STEWART LIONS



Paul & Jackie Erickson received 15 year membership chevrons.



New member of the Stewart Lions Heidi Nelson sponsored by Lion Jackie Erickson.



PDG Orville received a Gold Centennial Membership pin.



WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO OUR DISTRICT 5M2 LIONS FAMILY

<u>Belle Plaine Lions</u> Lion James Fogarty sponsored by Lion Andrew Pint

<u>Gibbon Lions</u> Lion Sue Bentz sponsored by Lion Donovan Bentz

<u>Hamburg Lions</u> Lion Todd Bentz sponsored by Lion Diane Mackenthun

<u>Henderson Lions</u> Lion Curt Schultz sponsored by Lion David Rinehart

<u>New Prague Area Lions</u> Lion Sydni Tesch sponsored by Lion Aaron Tesch

Stewart Lions

Lion Brandon Nelson sponsored by Lion Jackie Erickson Lion Heidi Nelson sponsored by Lion Jackie Erickson

Waterville Lions

Lion Phil Langerun sponsored by Lion Todd Schwartz Lion Michael Rosman sponsored by Lion Todd Schwartz Lion Thomas O'Connor sponsored by Lion Bryan Olson Lion John Wichmann sponsored by Lion Laura

O'Neill <u>Waconia Lions</u> Richard Young Jr.

5M2 LIONS' NEWS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: <u>15TH OF EACH</u> <u>MONTH...</u>

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

2018-2019 CLUB EXCELLE	ENCE AWARD APPLICATION
Club must be chartered prior to J.	anuary 1 of the fiscal year to qualify. Application Date
Club Number	Club Name
Member Number	2018-2019 Club President's Name
	2018-2019 Club President's Email Address
1. MEMBERSHIP	2. SERVICE
 Achieved a Net Growth of: * OR Chartered new Lions club or Club Branch; 	Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes!
AND Supported member retention by increasing	1.
member satisfaction Outline strategy:	Enhance Organized a new Leo Club Service AND Impact Contributed to LCIF
 3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more. 	Reshape Public 4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION Improve The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below:
 AND □ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events: 	
 District International Lions Learning Center Club Quality Initiative 	OR
AND Improved club operations Improvements Include:	☐ The club utilized social media to promote club activities and reported to Lions Clubs International as noted below:

Date

2018-2019 District Governor's Signature*

District

Member Number

Due by: August 31, 2019 Send to: <u>clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org</u> or fax to (630) 706-9245 Awards Mailed to: 2019-2020 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

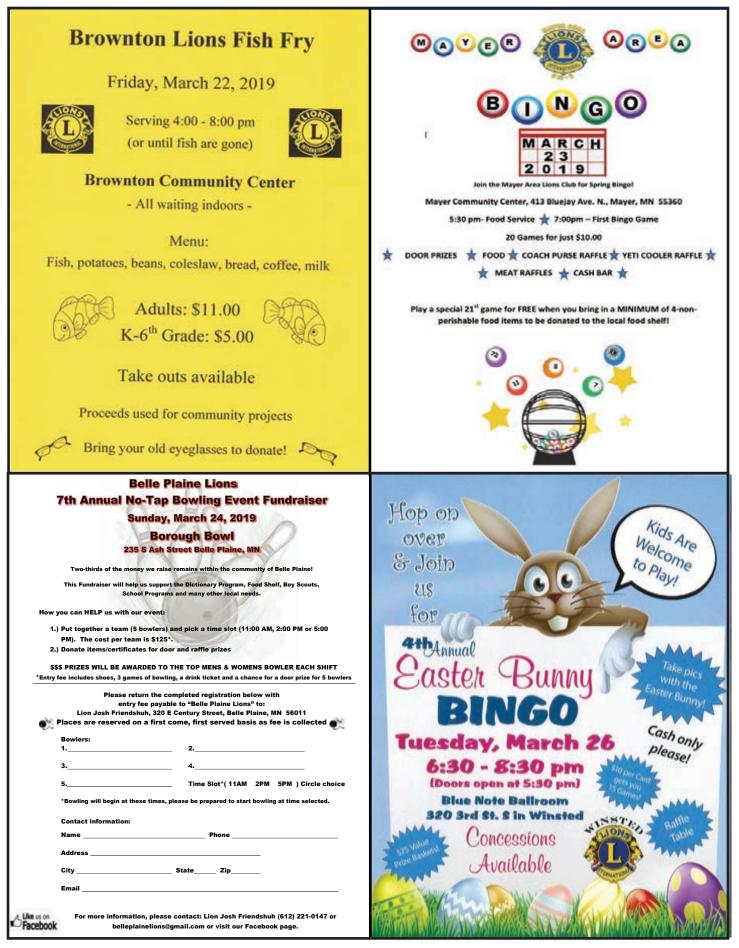
Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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JOURNEY FOR SERVICE

Dear Club Presidents,

The 2019 Journey For Service is fast approaching. I will be chauffeuring District Governor Diana throughout 5M2 in anticipation in meeting with your clubs representative.

This has been a long time service project of 5M2 and has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for worthy programs over the years. Our clubs have been very supportive in the past with 100% participation. Please continue to be generous.

The Journey for this year is April 3,4, and 5th. Below and on the following page is the list of clubs with the time and location of the visit. This is what I used last year. What I would like is that you verify your club time and location and reply to me by email or phone.

Thank You,

Mike Vos mike@vosconstruction.com 507-381-3752

April 3, 2019-Wednesday				
Faribault	8:00 AM	Perkins	Waserman's	
Waterville	8:00	Perkins	Jack Webster	
Waseca	8:45	McDonalds	Steve Graff	507-213-0745
Owatonna	9:05	741 East Main		
Blooming Prairie	9:40	City Center Offices		
Ellendale	10:00	Lerberg's Grocery		
New Richland	10:20	Star/Eagle Newspaper		
Albert Lea	10:55	McDonalds	Tom & Mary	507-373-8702
Albert Lea Cloverleaf	10:55	McDonalds	Ferleman	507-279-4241
Albert Lea Lake View	10:55	McDonalds		
Alden	11:15	Newspaper office		
Wells	11:40	Farmers Insurance	Dawn Navara	507-525-5175
Minnesota Lake	12:00	Bremer's House	Vern & Darlene	
LUNCH				
Blue Earth	1:25 PM	Coxworth Water Conditioning	5	
Winnebago	1:45	Royer Plumbing		
Amboy	2:00	Bottoms Up Café		
Lake Crystal	2:30	Kevin's IGA		
Mankato	2:55	Best Western Inn		
Mankato Key City	2:55	Best Western Inn	Wayne May	
Mankato Sunrise	2:55	Best Western Inn	Richard Wheeler	507-340-4790
Eagle Lake	3:10	CornerStone State Bank	Bob Van Deusen	
St Peter	3:30	River Rock Coffee Shop		
Nicollet	3:50	New Sweden Mutual Ins	Kevin Blank	507-351-8459
Courtland	4:10	312 Foothills Road	Lowell & Char	320-212-8956
Lafayette Area	4:30	Citizens Bank	Ruth Klossner	507-240-0084
Gibbon	4:55	D's Pit Stop		
Winthrop	5:10	Hahn's Café		
April 4, 2019 Thursday				
Sibley East Leos Jr	8:55	Sibley East		
Sibley East Leos Sr	8:55	Sibley East		

Arlington	8:55	Sibley East		
Green Isle		, CornerStone State		
Hamburg		State Bank of Hamburg		
Norwood Young America	9:45			
NYA West Carver	9:45			
Plato		Plato Home Center	Ken & Myra Franke	320-238-2370
Glencoe		Bump's Café		520 230 2370
New Auburn		Post office		
Brownton		Security Bank		
Stewart		City Hall		
Hutchinson Lioness		Kamrath Chiro Office		
Hutchinson		125 S Main Street		
Silver Lake		American Legion		
LUNCH	12.15			
Lester Prairie	1.15	Community State Bank		
Winsted		Subway (Highway 1)		
Willsted Watertown		Citizens Alliance Bank		
Watertown Watertown Leos		Citizens Alliance Bank	Angia Hartsharn	952-670-9843
			Angie Hartshorn	952-670-9843
Mayer Area		Casey's	Patty Lanting	
Chanhassen		Am Legion Parking Lot		
Victoria		Klein Bank		
Waconia		Security Bank		
Cologne		Community Center		
Cologne Leos		Community Center		
Carver		Gazebo Park	Marvin Grimm	
Chaska		Community Bank		
Shakopee		O'Brien Public House		
Shakopee Valley		O'Brien Public House		
Shakopee Leos	4:25	O'Brien Public House		
Prior Lake	4:55	Velishek Auto		
April 5, 2019 Friday				
Jordan		McDonald's McDonald's		
Jordaness				
Belle Plaine		Coborn's Liquor		
Henderson		Road Haus		640 756 4500
LeSueur		Parking Lot	Shirley Hespenheid	612-756-1538
Le Center		Home Plate		
Montgomery		Mackenthun's		
New Prague		Ettlin's Café	Al Hanson	952-500-0962
Veseli		GoldSmith Eye Care-NP		
Lonsdale		Lions Park	Julie Lowy	
NEW		New Market Bank		
Northfield		Lions Riverside Park		
Northfield Cannon Valley		Lions Riverside Park		
Northfield Leos	11:45	Lions Riverside Park		