



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Get Your Lion On!!

Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor

Happy New Year,

The start of a new year. Ready or not- here we come?

I have reflected on the past year- the joys, the accomplishments, the disappointments and the sadness, of

course we had to have a final notification from Mother Nature that reminded us she was still there...but overall, I am humbled by the actions of others. People have been more generous, more giving, more compassionate to others. They have rallied at every drive through event that has been thought off. They have bid on online auctions. They have financially supported the local businesses to the best of their ability, gave shelter and food to people stranded in the blizzard...the list is long and diverse.

And then there are the LIONS! I want to thank everyone of you that has texted me pictures of your event, sent me Facebook invitations, emails, and posted what your club was up too. Many of you have been forced to adapt to a new way of doing things and I applaud each and every one of you! The Santa events and the cleverness of what you were doing for your community was outstanding. I also realize that not every club in the district is able to do this, the fact that you have NOT given up on being a Lion is proof that you will be ready to join in when you are able.

The Ugly Sweater Contest had no applicants and thus the judging was pretty easy to do.

The Mid-Winter Convention is still teetering on whether it will be going from a Hybrid to all Virtual. Check your emails in a couple of weeks for updates. We are going to an online voting platform for the convention. Parade of Green will be handled differently this year too. You can mail them to Michael Olson as soon as you read this newsletter. Details are further in the newsletter.

Reminders:

I am available to join with you in a Virtual Meeting/Happy Hour/Social. Reach out and schedule it, my calendar is pretty empty.

Please submit your Hall of Fame to me DG Anna.

Submit your Zone Lion of the Year to 1VDG Glenn.

Please send your Lions members that have passed to PDG Eunice Rucks.

2021 Ready or Not...doesn't matter. It's already here...lol



Jack, Anna, Don, Hilary and Vinnie (laying across the laps)

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Did You Know?



*Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor*

Countless 2020 Lions Club Service Projects took a knee to the mid-section and were landed on from the top rope by the pandemic. Service projects and fundraising was down for many, many clubs, across the board. Many Lions were caught off guard on how to proceed with our

projects, but we're better prepared now. Instead of waiting to get back into a normal swing of things, are there projects we can do now? This might be the best opportunity for our clubs to start something new.

"Hey Glenn, I have a lot of ideas, but have no idea how to implement them? Where do I start?"

For step-by-step directions for lots of service projects, head to [Lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) and search for PROJECT PLANNERS. What will you find?



DIABETES PLANNERS

- Strides Walk to raise awareness
- Half-Day Diabetes Family Event
- Diabetes Support Group
- Healthy Eating and Healthy Living events
- Type 2 Diabetes Screening Event

VISION PLANNERS

- Family Fitness Walk
- Vision Screening for Adults and/or Children
- Vision Support Group

HUNGER PLANNERS

- Children's Nutritional Breakfast
- Direct Food Service
- Food Collection Initiative

ENVIRONMENT PLANNERS

- Tree Planting
- School Tree Planting
- Young Tree Care

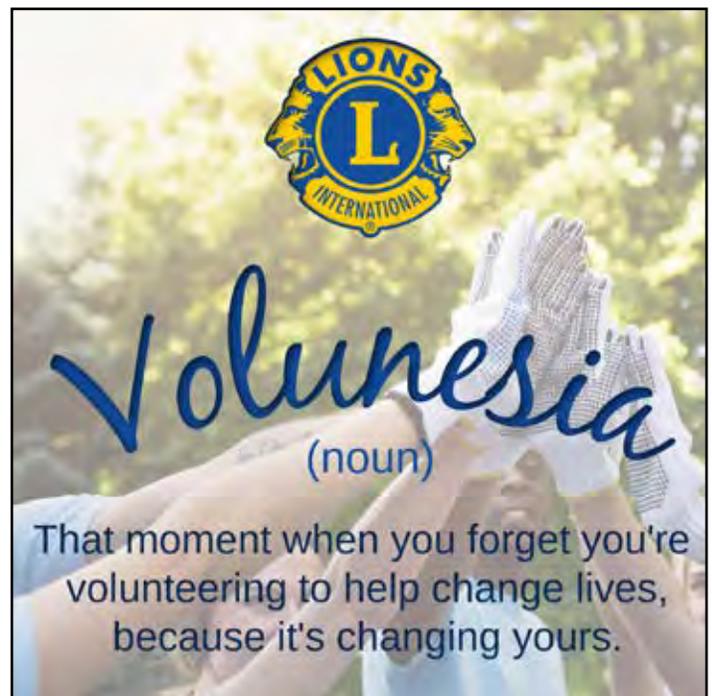
CHILDHOOD CANCER PLANNERS

- Childhood Cancer Support Group
- Survivor Network Event
- Half-Day Family Camp

These ideas are just the beginning; solutions to community needs are out there. If none of the available planners do it for you, use them as a springboard to develop your own.

As new Lions, we joined our club to get involved in our communities, to help fill a need. Club members are clamoring for ways to better serve their communities. One way to get an idea where your club members are interested in serving, is by just asking them. Do a quick survey or questionnaire at an upcoming meeting. Engaged members are members who stick around.

Much like Hulkamania in the 80s and 90s, once your club gets excited about a project just get out of the way, because there's no stopping them now.



From My Garden...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor*

DUES, why should I have to pay dues to volunteer, is a question I get when I ask someone to join our LIONS club. LIONS pay dues so that all the money, we raise from our fundraisers can go back out to our communities, District causes and International (LCIF) causes:

5M2 District Dues breakdown:

- \$15.15 annual tax
- \$5.70 Admin Fund
- \$1.40 Convention Fund
- \$1.00 District Governor's International Convention Fund
- \$.50 District Governor Elect's Spouse/Adult Companion International Convention Fund

MD5M Multiple District Dues breakdown:

- \$4.84 Multiple District 5M Admin Fund
- \$.25 MD5M Campaign Fund (for the election of a candidate for International Director or Second Vice-President from the Multiple District)
- \$.46 MD5M Geographical Assistance Fund (The purpose of the Geographical Area Assistance Fund is for growth of Lionism by promoting increased membership and retention, starting new clubs, and providing for leadership development and is allocated to each district in MD5M based on the area of the District).
- \$.50 MD5M Convention Fund
- \$.25 MD5M MERLO Training Fund (Membership Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation).
- \$.25 MD5M International Parade Band Reserve Fund

Add'l Club per Club Fees:

- \$6.50 5M2 Club Bond
- \$25.00 5M2 District Pins 10@\$2.50
- \$8.47 MD5M Excess Liability Insurance (\$1,000,000)

International Dues:

\$43 per year
 These dues are paid semi-annually, due on or before June 30th and December 31st.

An easy way to remember is once at the end of the LIONS fiscal year and once at the end of the calendar year.

Dues only come out of a club's Admin account. This account is for the monies collect from members dues and monies that have been earned by members by working (selling tickets at the fair or parking cars at an event).

New Members

The Family Membership is the first family member (head of household) pays full international dues (\$43) and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues (21.50). All new family members pay the one-time entrance fee of \$35.

New for 2020 Only

New clubs and new member fees were waived for the calendar year of 2020, not the LIONS fiscal year. New clubs and new member that started after July 1st of 2020, need to pay their dues for January 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2021.

I hope I cleared up some of the confusion on dues. If not please let me know and I will try to help you any way I can.

I want to wish everyone on a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and I pray we all get to see each other in person very soon.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Happy New Year Fellow Lions,

We will never forget 2020. A world-wide pandemic that altered our daily lives, the loss of so many people; some we knew well and some we didn't know at all. Social unrest, practically in our backyard, and in major cities around the world. We've had to work to stay connected to people, while physically distancing, including via Zoom. We have also tried to be mindful of how we can serve our communities while keeping ourselves and others safe. Calling 2020 a "challenge" is woefully inadequate.

I recently was reminded of this quotation variously attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt and Confucius, among others: "It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness."

When individual Lions or our clubs carry out an act of service, I believe we are lighting a candle in our community. When we or our clubs donate to LCIF we also light a candle that illuminates service around the world. As the dark of winter surrounds us, please consider making a donation to LCIF individually or as a club. The MidWinter Convention is coming up, including the Parade of Green. I would respectfully ask every club to please make a donation to LCIF. You will see in this newsletter and receive information elsewhere about how checks will be collected for the Parade of Green this year.



If you have questions about making a donation or anything else LCIF related please call or email me.

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5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 20th of each month...

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

What are your clubs doing for Activities? Get Me the NEWS!!



2021 MD5M Convention

The 2021 MD5M Convention is just around the bend! District 5M-2 invites you to join the jamboree at the Mankato Event Center, Mankato, MN, April 30 through May 2nd, 2021.

Save the date, as District 5M-2 prepares for a weekend that is guaranteed to entertain you with festive music and inspire you with our speakers. District 5m-2 will also plan on a virtual convention as an alternative to unforeseen events.

More information on the hotels and registration form can be found on the 5M2 Lions Facebook page or at www.lionsmd5m.org. Registration and meal packages range from 0- \$130.00 per person. Information on the site will be updated periodically.

Along with all of the fun and festivities, a raffle room will be available and co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. There will be speakers from the University of MN on Childhood Cancer, Lions Gift of Sight, MN Lions Hearing Foundation, and a speaker from Leader Dogs.

In addition to the usual business happenings of the convention, service projects will be included. Your help is always appreciated in making Service Projects a success. The MD5M convention host committee plans to focus on a few projects of need. More information to come!

District 5M-2 hopes to see you at the Bend in the River III 2021 Convention!

2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 - 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

Due to low registration numbers, 14 out of 72 slots filled, and the continuing impact of COVID-19 we will be postponing the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) scheduled to be held on March 18-21, 2021. RLLI will be moved to a date to be determined in the Fall of 2021.

Catch the Dream...

...a world without Diabetes!



Why is this cash raffle fundraiser important?

- More than 34 million Americans have diabetes (1 in 5 don't know they are diabetic)
- More than 358,000 Minnesota adults live with diabetes (8.4 % of Minnesota adults)
- An additional 118,000 Minnesotans have diabetes and do not know they are diabetic
- More than 88 million Americans age 18 & older are pre-diabetic (1 in 3 don't know they are).
- Nearly 1.4 million Minnesota adults are pre-diabetic (nearly 34% of Minnesota adults).
- More than 1.5 million Americans are newly diagnosed with diabetes every year.
- More than 23,000 Minnesotans are newly diagnosed with diabetes every year.
- More than 14 million Americans age 65 and older are diabetic (26 % of people age 65 plus).
- People with diabetes or pre-diabetes are at high risk for serious health complications including heart disease, stroke, amputation, end-stage kidney disease, blindness and death.
- More than \$4.7 billion related to diabetes is paid every year in Minnesota for direct medical and indirect (reduced productivity) costs.

Stat Source: American Diabetes Association

How does Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation use fundraising net proceeds?

- Help fund research to help prevent, treat and cure diabetes
- Promote public awareness of diabetes
- Conduct diabetes education and screening events

What is Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation?

- Founded in 2008
- Mission to improve lives of people with diabetes by raising funds and collaborating with partners to fund diabetes research, providing diabetes education and sponsoring preventative health activities.
- Since its founding, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation has raised more than \$1.5 million dollars to fund research at the University of Minnesota.
- Through donations to Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, MLDF has funded Lions Islet Imaging Lab at University of Minnesota and research projects. Some of the funded projects include research to identify medicine to target adipose (loose connective tissue) to treat Type 2 Diabetes; develop a breath screening device for early detection of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a serious diabetic complication of prolonged high blood glucose; Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of human islet transplantation; and cure diabetes by regulating the immune system.

Catch the Dream...
...a world without Diabetes!



& Catch some Ca\$h

A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10

2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners

2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee
 for tickets & information!**

Lion Wanda Breimhorst

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612-716-4705

Lion Brian Rykus

bgrinhim@gmail.com

507-521-2689



Visit MnLionsDiabetes.org for more information and contacts.

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Purpose

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Midwinter Mask-erade



5M2 MIDWINTER LIONS CONVENTION

February 12-14, 2021

Mayo Health Systems Event Center . 1 Civic Center Plaza . Mankato, MN 56001

Lion Terry Kvitek and Lion Nate Kells (convention co-chairs)

CONVENTION LOCATION:

All participants must pre-register. No Walk-In Registrations (Due to Covid)

Mayo Health Systems Event Center
1 Event Center Plaza
Mankato, MN 56001

\$25 Onsite Registration (Per Person)
\$25 Virtual Registration (Per Household)
All programs will be held in the Grand Hall

Register online at: district5m2lions.com
and click on the 5M2 Midwinter Banner on the homepage.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hilton Garden Inn (Connected via skyway)
20 Event Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001
90 Rooms Available
Call: (507) 344-1111
Reservation Code: 5M2 Lions District Convention
Visit district5m2lions.com for Hilton online reservations via the convention website.

AmericInn (2 miles from Mayo Event Center)
240 Stadium Road, Mankato, MN 56001
40 Rooms Available
Call: (507) 345-8011
Reservation Code: 5M2 Lions District Convention

CONVENTION TIMELINE:

Friday, February 12, 2021

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Registration
5:30-8:00 p.m. - Cabinet Meeting/Dinner

Saturday, February 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m. - Registration Credentials/Delegate Cards given at Registration this year
8:00-9:30 a.m. - Breakfast and Opening Ceremony
9:45-11:15 a.m. - Business Meeting
11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Speaker
12:15 p.m. - Lunch
12:30-2 p.m. ID Speech & Awards

Saturday, February 13, 2021 cont.

2:15-3:00 p.m. - Speaker
3:00-3:45 p.m. - Speaker
4:00 p.m. Celebration of Life
Midwinter Masquerade Ball
5:45 p.m. - Governor's Reception
6:30 p.m. - Governor's Dinner
8:00 p.m. - Band - Cash bar

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:15 a.m. - Ecumenical Service
9:00-11 a.m. - Brunch (Awards, Parade of Green Results, Speaker, 50/50 Raffle Drawing)

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NOTE: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Lion Last Name	Lion First Name	Title
Address or PO Box	Club Name & District	E-mail address
City	State & Zip Code	Phone Number
Guest Last Name ___(Check if also a Lion)	Guest First Name ___(Check if also a Lion)	Special Dietary Needs

Convention Registration Instructions:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions. *Visiting dignitaries (DG, DGE, 1VDGE 2VDGE) will be the only exceptions.*
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Payment Options: Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Midwinter Convention
 - Check and form(s) mailed to: Michael Olson, 2240 Silver Leaf Trail, Cologne, MN 55322 (Postmarked by February 2, 2021)
 - Online at: district5m2lions.com/5m2-midwinter-convention-2021 (Additional fees may apply for online reservations)

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be directed to Michael Olson at 952-200-1353.

- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before January 18, 2021– Full refund of registration and meals
- Postmarked between January 19 - February 1, 2021 - 90% refund of registration and meals
- After February 2 – no refund (If COVID related - refund of registration only as meals are already pre-paid)

Convention Fees: NO WALK-IN REGISTRATION DUE TO COVID REGULATIONS

- \$25 Pre-Registration for on-site attendees (per person)
- \$25 Virtual/Zoom Registration (per household)

Meal Packages: NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Lion Name	Guest Name	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		Convention Registration Dues - Per Person	\$25
		Virtual Registration Dues - Per Household	\$25
		Saturday: Breakfast (See below)	\$14.50
		Saturday: Lunch (See below)	\$18.50
		Saturday: Governor's Dinner (Steak Option) (See below)	\$48.00
		Saturday: Governor's Dinner (Chicken Option) (See below)	\$42.00
		Saturday: Governor's Dinner (Vegan Option) (See below)	\$40.00
		Sunday: Brunch (See below)	\$18.50
		<i>Friday: Cabinet Meeting Dinner (By Invitation Only)</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
		Total Registration Fees	
		Total Meal Cost	
		Grand Total Meals & Registration	

Saturday Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich Buffet: Scrambled Eggs topped with Sausage and Cheese on a Bagel, Cheesy Hash Browns

Saturday Lunch: Deli Sandwich Box – Ham or Turkey on Wheat Berry, Chicken Schwarma Wrap, Smoked Gouda Sandwich (Flaffel)
Served with Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pickles, Kettle Chips, Najwa's Famous Cookie

Saturday Dinner: Top Sirloin - Charbroiled Sirloin topped with a Burgundy Mushroom Sauce, Duchess Potatoes, Chef's Choice Vegetable
Chicken Diane - Charbroiled Chicken with a Creamy Cognac and Mushroom Sauce, Garlic Potato Puree, Chef's Choice Vegetable
Acorn Squash – Vegan Option (All entrees served with House Salad, Fresh Rolls, Sweet Butter, Coffee & Water Station)

Dessert - Carrot Cake & Flourless Chocolate Cake—Gluten Free

Sunday Brunch Buffet – Country Ham and Egg Bake, Cheesy Hash Browns, Assorted Pastries, Fresh Fruit

Hotel Reservations: Call Hilton Garden Inn . 20 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001 . (507) 344-1111 . www.hilton.com

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CLUBS TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

The Clubs in Zone 6 are busy planning a fun and informative 5M2 district convention.

Plan to spend time with your Lion's family to celebrate Valentines Weekend at the Mayo Event Center in Mankato.

The convention theme is Midwinter Mask-erade

We are fortunate to have the Rain Kings Band* on Saturday night for your listening/dancing pleasure!

We encourage you to dress in your formal "Venetian" attire and/or don an ornate festive face mask!

A flyer about the convention, along with registration forms are included in this newsletter.

Please submit by January 1, 2021, a photo of your club banner and a few photos (more the merrier) of your service or fundraising projects held in your community.

Send to Nate Kells at
member.colognelions@gmail.com

Please submit by January 15, 2021, a photo and paragraph of deceased Lions members from January 1, 2020-January 15, 2021 for the tribute service. Send to Eunice Rucks at
king70@frontiernet.net

All clubs are asked to provide:

- 1 Door prize \$15-\$25 value
- Parade of Green donations
- Presorted eyeglasses, hearing aids, pop tabs, ink cartridges and old cellphones

Anyone who requires a display table at the convention should contact Lion Bill Vandersluis at bvander@eventis.net by January 15, 2020.

YOUR CLUB SUPPORT MATTERS!

The District encourages all clubs to make a donation to each area of the Parade of Green. If unable to attend, please mail checks by February 5, 2021 to Michael Olson, 2240 Silver Leaf Trail, Cologne, MN 55322

Parade of Green areas include:

1. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) – 501(c)(3)
2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation – 501(c)(3)
3. Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation – 501(c)(3)
4. Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
5. Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
6. MD5M Kidsight Foundation – 501(c)(3)
7. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
8. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
9. Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation – 501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Youth Exchange – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
10. 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota – 501(c)(3)



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2021 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention

Club Delegate Roster

Form must be returned to get your voting log-in information

Club Name _____

Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for every 10 members or major fraction (5) thereof.
Voting will take place electronically so all delegates require a valid email address and use of a smart phone, computer, or tablet to be able to cast their vote.

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Delegates _____

PLEASE LIST YOUR CLUB DELEGATES:

IMPORTANT: Return Delegate Form by February 1, 2021

Print Name

Email Address

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____

YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2021 TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING LOG-IN INFORMATION!!!

Mail to: Lion Cindy Walters, Cabinet Secretary or E-Mail to cjwalters@me.com
1915 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55318

If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members. Thank You.
Delegate Roster Form 2021



2020-21 DISTRICT 5M2

Zone Lion of the Year



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

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

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

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2021 Spring Zone meetings. Any club member can complete this application and return it to 1st Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann by January 31, 2021.

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

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club Member: _____

(Signature and Date)

Mail (or Email) nomination and signed completed form to:

1st Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann

6870 Redwing Lane

Chanhassen, MN 55317

Glenny98@hotmail.com

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



The New Year on the calendar is here but the Lion's year is half gone, or half left, depending on how you look at it. Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas Season. We hope all is well with all our Lion friends.

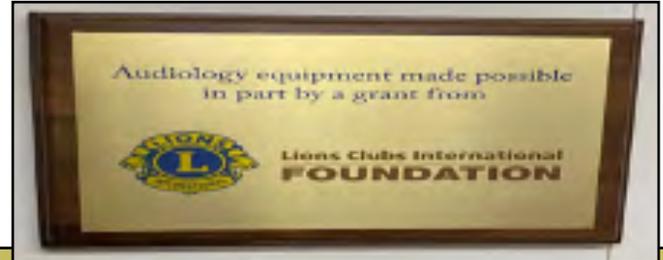
We are hopeful that the new vaccine will slow down the spread of the Covid-19 virus so we can get back to a more normal life. We can then get back to doing what Lions like to do.

5M2 Mid-Winter Convention is just around the corner and that means it is time to plan for the Parade of Green. We would like to see every club participate with a donation to the "Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation". Donate what you can! We know fundraising at the club level is down this year but please help the Foundation with any donation you can. Don't forget that our name changed last year. If your club has gambling funds you should make your check to "Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation".

Your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation is still hard at work planning for the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk on June 5, 2021. The Walk will be held at the University of Minnesota Arboretum if it is open. If the Arboretum is not available, it will be a virtual walk.

We are asking all clubs to budget Hearing Foundation donations to both the Parade of Green and the D-Feet Hearing Walk. The donations from the two fund raisers are designated for specific areas of the Foundation projects.

On November 5, 2020 a Foundation check was presented to the University Of Minnesota Department Of Audiology for the additional sound booth at the Lions Children's Hearing Center. I have included a photo of Foundation Trustee Lion Bob Jahorek presenting the check and also pictures of the plaque recognizing LCIF for the grant to help with the cost of the sound booth. A third picture is of the plaque recognizing your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation for our help with the remodel.



Lion Marvin and Lion Vern have open dates for club visits. Please give one of us a call to confirm a date for a visit.

Hope to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Convention, a wonderful weekend of Lionism.

Trustees:

Lion Marvin Grimm 1-952-448-9465
Lion Vern Breamer 1-507-525-3850



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

Some synonyms for protocol: courtesy, decorum, etiquette, manners, formalities, and propriety.

Have a Happy & Safe 2021!!!

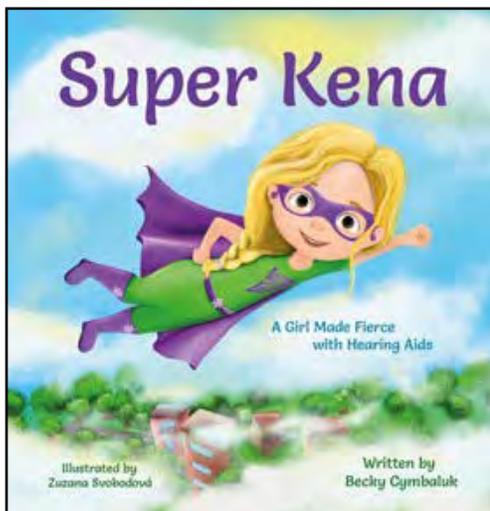
Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs

Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Hearing Foundation

We are highlighting a lovely children's book, written by a Minnesota mother and grandmother.

About the Book

Becky decided to write "Super Kena" when Kena was a toddler. She searched the internet to find a book about a child with hearing aids but they were hard to find. Most of the books had animals with hearing aids in them. So, she decided to write her own book for Kena and that's how Super Kena – A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids came about! It's meant to empower children like Kena but also other differently-abled children who get teased and only want to fit in. The book touches on children with glasses, diabetes, who stutter, who have peanut allergies, with asthma and who are in wheelchairs. Together, they use their super powers to make a difference in the world by spreading understanding and acceptance . . . one classroom at a time.



Product Details:
Cost:

Hardcover -
\$14.95 plus tax

Ebook -
\$2.99 plus tax



"Super Kena" book presented by Lion Jerry Amiot, 5M11 Hearing Trustee, to Sheila Capistran, the Climax Branch Librarian, with the Lake Agassiz Library System based in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Tidbits from the Past

(taken from past district newsletters)

- Developing District Governor goals for the year were a part of the District Governor elect training. In the 5M2 Key Notes (Service is the Key), which District Governor had as a goal "I will have a Raspberry Blizzard from every Dairy Queen in the district." If you guessed, Past International Director (PID) Debra Waserman, you would be correct. Those who are around PID Debra for any length of time, know she is a huge Dairy Queen fan. Visiting all Dairy Queens in 5M2 and having a Raspberry Blizzard was one of the 15 DG goals DG Debra set for her Lions year.
- In the February 2004 5M2 Key Notes, the following "That's Not My Job", author unknown, was included. I'm guessing everyone of us can relate to these words at one time or other. Have any of our projects failed due to this:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

- Did you know that there was a Melvin Jones Breakfast on Saturday mornings during Mid-Winter? It was only for Melvin Jones Fellow recipients.

More to come next month –
PDG Nancy Mathwig
District 5M2 Historian



Kidsight is a program that has been affected greatly by the virus. Back in March we went on hiatus. We have had several virtual meetings since then. At the last meeting it was determined we can resume with many limitations. We must wear mask's and face shields. We need to check every person (people operating screeners, children and individuals assisting with the screening on site) temperature before we can begin screening. Only three Lions are allowed at the site at one time. We must have antiseptic wipes along and use them on equipment after each child is screened. All Lions must sign a waiver stating that they will not hold the Lions organization libel if the catch the Covid virus. Also, the head of the facility or home care provider must sign a waiver to not hold the Lions responsible if Covid is contracted after screening. Our new policy requires us to go paperless. This means all consent forms would be emailed to a Lion from your club and all results must be emailed back to parents. This means all data

must be entered into the cameras prior to the screenings. Data includes each child's name, birth date, and age prior to entering the facility to begin any screening.

I will be purchasing the face shield and thermometers if there is any interest in a Lion's club doing Kidsight screenings before vaccines are adequately given to provide herd immunity in our area. I will also need to purchase antiseptic wipes. (I do not plan to purchase these supplies unless we have someone in the district that really want to attempt this at this time) This sounds like a lot of work just to complete a Kidsight screening. But if a club is willing to attempt it, I will help with whatever I can. My club, the Prior Lake Lion members have decided we will not do Kidsight screenings until we have had a vaccine. We do want to get back at this worthwhile program, but we need to do it safely.

PDG Harry Klenke

Lions of District 5M2

Pop a Top and Save the Tab

(A project of the Environmental & Service Committees)



Who: All Lions Clubs in 5M2

What: Collect Aluminum Can Tabs

Why: To benefit Ronald McDonald House
And Shriners Hospitals

When: Now to 2021 Mid-Winter Convention

How: Create your own containers to place in local business
(Be Creative – there will be a contest at Mid-Winter)

More information will be sent to all club presidents in September

For more info contact: Lion Pam Koenen (pkkoenen@gmail.com)



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at www.litpc.org In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, fill out ALL the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2021 to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

"WE SERVE"



TINNITUS RESEARCH STUDY

Are you between 18-75 years old?
Do you experience ringing in your ears?
Or want to help people who do?

Help us study how tinnitus affects brain signals!

- Participation involves questionnaires and brain imaging (MRI and MEG)
- Compensation will be provided

Contact: ENTSTUDY@umn.edu



Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities
Watertown Lions/Leos



The Watertown Leo Club along with the Watertown Lions Club collected Toy and Food Drive donations at their annual Santa Day event on Saturday, December 5th. The event was greatly altered due to the Covid-19 pandemic and became a two-hour drive-up event. Gift bags and holiday themed face masks were handed out to children. Total donations collected were 424lbs. of food, 114 toys, \$150 in gift cards and \$151 in monetary donations!



Faribault Lions

The Faribault Lions recently completed a Dictionary Project. This was accomplished with full social distancing in place.



Lafayette Area Lions hold Santa-less Santa Day and benefit raffle

Even though they couldn't do things as usual, the Lafayette Area Lions were in a holiday mood early in December.

With Santa (Lion Joe Maidl) opting not to make any personal appearances due to Covid this year, the Lions came up with a new plan for it's annual community Santa Day.

Calling the event a "Santa-less Santa Day," the Lions planned a special evening.

With the financial assistance of a Thrivent Community Impact Card secured by a Lion, the club was able to do a little extra, adding stuffed animals to the usual goodie bags. A half dozen members gathered to pack the bags ahead of time and another group distributed them in drive-thru style on the usual Santa Day evening. The Lions

prepared more bags than were needed, with the extras being donated to Lafayette Charter School for students who were at school for daycare and to send home as a special treat with lunches provided for other students.

Just a half hour after Santa Day wrapped up, the Lions gathered for the drawing for the club's third successful raffle for community residents facing health issues. After winners of \$500 and \$250 prizes were drawn, the club presented the \$3,000 proceeds to club member Mark Haler who is battling cancer.

In addition, the club set up the judging time for the annual community home lighting contest. Instead of naming first, second, and third place winners, the ten best-decorated homes were named co-winners, with each receiving a \$25 prize.



Lafayette Lions Mark LeGare, Tom Hayes, Joe Maidl, Andrew Maidl, Joyce Halverson, and Ruth Klossner packed the goodie bags ahead of time.



Set up and ready. The Santa-less Santa Day began at 5:00 p.m., and went to 6:30 p.m., to allow plenty of time to drive by.



Lions Andrew Maidl and Sandy Hartley not only handed out goodie bags but also accepted Letters to Santa to put in a special mailbox.



Lion Joe Maidl announced the winners of two \$500 and three \$250 prizes at the raffle drawing. Club treasurer Dave Reed recorded the winners and wrote the checks.

Raffle organizer Joe Maidl presented the raffle proceeds, \$3,000, plus some other donations, to Mark Haler.

This boy was so excited with the stuffed holiday polar bear in his goodie bag that his mom took a picture—and immediately came back to show the Lions.



Jordaness Lions

The Jordaness Lions club was honored to host DG Anna Wickenhauser at their virtual membership meeting in December. In addition to entertaining the club with her wit and humor, DG Anna also inducted a new member, and presented several well-deserved awards.

The Jordaness club welcomed one of it's newest members, Lion Abby Marquart. Pictured below is Lion Abby with her sponsor, Lion Dawn Benko.

Jordaness club members were thrilled to present Lion Amy Piotrowski with the coveted Melvin Jones Fellow award. Lion Amy serves tirelessly, and with much gusto and humor!

Congratulations to Lion Hedy Joachim for being chosen as a 2019-2020 Zone Lion of the Year! Lion Hedy is one of the charter members of the Jordaness club, and has served the community of Jordan for over 32 years. She is steadfast and unfaltering in her dedication, and she exemplifies the Lions motto, "We Serve."



Much More Jordanness Lions...

(Right) In recognition of World Service Day, this year the Jordanness Lions prepared and delivered Holiday Care Bags to the four senior living centers in town (Valley View, Schule Haus, Oak Terrace, Brentwood Court). The committee prepared 234 bags filled with snacks, treats, hand sanitizer, chapstick, Word Search books, greeting cards for them to send out, a holiday card from the club, and beautiful holiday bag tags.



(Below) The Jordanness Lions did not let Covid halt one of our signature projects, the Holiday Fashion Show. This year, the 31st year of the Fashion Show took place on Facebook Live. We partnered with the boutiques in town for the fashions and the Nicolin Mansion Bed & Breakfast opened their doors for a beautiful historic backdrop for the live show.

Santa Claus made a guest appearance from the kitchen mixing up a couple delicious holiday drinks. Mousse Sparkling Wine Company created the recipes featuring their wines as a key ingredient. They also donated \$1.00 per bottle purchased over the weekend to the Jordan Foodshelf in support of our project.

Finally the project included the ever popular silent auction....online this year.



(Right) The city of Jordan's holiday parade was a drive through event this year. The Jordanness Lions prepared 500 treat bags with a holiday message from the club that were part of the gift bags handed out to kids in each vehicle as they exited the parking lot.



(Below) The Jordanness Lions introduced a new fund-raiser this year, the "Jordanness Lions Pride Raffle". This project is a result of the club responding to Covid safety restrictions and the need to still serve and support the many needs.

Raffle tickets were sold for just \$20.00 for an opportunity to win a number of large ticket items and cash prizes. The drawing was held on November 20th. We hope to make this an annual project for the club.



Minnesota Lake and Wells Lions

The Minnesota Lake Lions worked with the Wells Lions to put Sharing Trees in the Eastern half of Faribault County. The tags are for gifts for children 18 and under in families that could use a little help this year. Minnesota Lake's tree was displayed at the Minnesota Lake Tribune office. Our small Community filled 75 tags plus there were cash donations and extra presents given. A big thank you to Dawn Navara, of the Wells Lions for coordinating this County wide effort.



Above - Sharing Tree when we put the tags on: (pictured) Lions Debra Ramsley, Vern Breamer, Darlene Breamer and Kris McGregor

Below - Same tree after the tags had been filled and returned: (pictured) Lions Maxine Daly, Debra Ramsley, Darlene Breamer, Vern Breamer, Barb Sonnek, George Sonnek, Edie More, Jim More.



The Minnesota Lake Lions also filled candy bags for Santa. Santa made a visit to Minnesota Lake on December 19. Santa with the help of the Minnesota Lake Fire Department and the Lions gave out the candy bags.

Pictured below are: (sitting) Lion Debra Ramsley, (standing) Lions Barb Sonnek, Edie More, Vern and Darlene Breamer, Jim More, Maxine Daly and George Sonnek.



Chanhassen Lions

Our fellow Lion and good friend Bud Walker passed away on Thanksgiving night at the age of 76. Bud was a 20 year member and a Past President of the Chanhassen Lions. He was also a board member for the Chanhassen Redbirds town baseball team. Bud was a lifelong sports fan and an alumnus of the University of Kansas Jayhawks, where he played football. Bud was a quiet but emotional leader of the club and he will be missed dearly.



NYA West Carver Lions

The NYA West Carver Lions held their annual Breakfast With Santa event on Saturday, Dec 5, 2020. This year due to Covid restrictions the event was a drive-thru event. Vehicles could drive by Santa and leave him a letter.



Pictured (left) are Santa and Mrs. Claus, David Rain and Lion Dianne Rain. Pictured (above) are Santa's Elves, Lions Dar Mondor and Judy Maas, handing out bags of goodies for the children as they drove by.



Plato Lions

Pork Chop Dinner

Drive-thru (from N to S past Fire Dept)

Follow the Signs

on **January 1st** From 11 - 1 pm

Only **300 Tickets Available** at **KING PIN PUB or Lion Member**



\$12 Takeout = 2 Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, and Dessert

Seating available at the King Pin Pub



Twelfth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update

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.

Thursday, March 18, 2021
6 to 6:45 p.m.

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2021

Faculty Research Presentations:

- David Bernlohr, Ph.D., Targeting Adipose Tissue to Treat Type 2 Diabetes
- Brian Fife, Ph.D., Curing Diabetes by Stopping the Immune System
- Michael Garwood, Ph.D. and Paul Wang, M.D./Ph.D. candidate, Desktop MRI Oxygen Scanner for Assessing Islet Oxygenation in the Bioartificial Pancreas
- Bernhard Hering, M.D., Transplants of Insulin-Secreting Islet Cells Without Anti-Rejection Drugs
- Steve Koester, Ph.D., A Novel Breath Sensing Device for Early Detection of Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at ochte001@umn.edu with any questions.

You will receive an email confirmation, including a link to the virtual gathering, prior to the webinar.

