



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



September 2019

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Driven to Serve

Lion Brian Thies, District Governor



Welcome to September. The county and state fair are over, children are back to school, and farmers are beginning to think harvest. Rose and I once again had the opportunity to spend some quality time working beside our fellow club members at the Sibley and McLeod County Fair in the Green Isle Food Wagon, with our fellow Multiple District Lions members at the State Fair

working at the Hearing and Vision Booths. It was a great time people watching, visiting with folks from around the state, finding out how much or how little they know about Lions. Working together is the best way to build relationships and to show others what we are about and that we have FUN working together. We are our own BEST KEPT SECRET. We need to change this. Let's blow our horn and let people know who we are, what we do and how they can join us.

School is starting for another year. Does your school district have a LEO's Club? Does your club participate in the Dictionary Project? Do you do a Liberty Day Program? All of these are great club member bonding occasions and community awareness projects. Even more importantly working with the youth is fun to do! Need more information on these projects, give me a call and I will get you going.

I held our first Cabinet Meeting in August. We were able to discuss many items of business without anyone falling asleep and for that, I am grateful. Thank you for the great attendance by the Cabinet Members. It was hard giving up a Sunday afternoon, but so worth it.

Some items of interest to Members of 5M2 are upcoming changes in our Constitution and By-Lays to realign them with our Multiple District as well as our International organization, the future of Jungle Days as a golf outing and our District Bird Pin. A special announcement was made by Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg as she announced her candidacy for 2nd Vice District Governor. Elections will be held in February at the Mid-Winter Convention. Please join me in thanking Lion Kathleen for seeing the need and stepping up to serve.

Thank you to the Zone Chairs for hosting the President and Secretary's Sessions. These nights were filled with working through the MyLion, issues they were having in their clubs, group discussions and idea sharing to make our clubs stronger. You can always learn from someone else and someone can always learn from you.

During September and October we will have our Zone Meetings. This will be a great opportunity to meet Lions from within our newly redistricted zones as well as meet Lions from our old zones.

My calendar is starting to fill up with club visits and other meetings, so if you haven't got your club visit done, please send me an email. This month we will also be traveling to Spokane, Washington to attend the USA/Canada Forum to participate in service projects, leadership workshops and interacting with other Lions throughout the United States and Canada.

Our Multiple District is fortunate to be able to host an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. This is an excellent opportunity for newer Lions or any member who wants to know more about Lions, leadership and themselves. This workshop (ELLI) will be held in November. Look for more information from our GLT Coordinator PDG Nancy.

Club Presidents should also be receiving an Invitation to "Thanksgiving for Vision" on October 26th. This is a wonderful time to see how all of our hard work benefits the Lions Gift of Sight. You will be updated on the happenings at the University of Minnesota as well as hear from donor families as well as recipients of cornea transplants. All this in addition to receiving a wonderful meal.

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Get Your Lion On!



Lion Anna Wickenhauser
1st Vice District Governor

If there was ever a time to dare, to make a difference, to embark on something worth doing, IT IS NOW.
Author Unknown

September is here...ready or not.

As 1VDG we are invited to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Michigan. The 1VDG is completely paid for and your traveling companion it is just the cost of their transportation. They put you up in an Embassy Suites with a box lunch voucher for whenever you arrive. Then there is the Manager's Reception for 2 hours every night-free breakfast in the morning. They provide shuttle busses to take you to Leader Dog. There you are greeted by the staff with hugs and a warm welcome-plus coffee, water and breakfast again! Basically, they treat you like royalty and feed you till you are about to burst. It is from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. that you spend the day with them.

They have guest speakers who have been clients of the program, you tour the facilities, you get the chance to be visually impaired (Blindfold) for about a 2 minutes and go through a course with a guide dog-that was very unnerving and so cool at the same time. At the end of our evening after they wined and dined us they presented us with some parting gifts to remember our time with them. But most of all I wanted to impress on you how your donations etc. make a difference. It was a constant theme of gratitude from the staff at Leader Dog to the visiting Clients. They are extremely grateful for everything the Lions do. Yes, they have some corporate sponsors-Purina donates all of the dog food, but the Lions donate by their time and talents too. The keynote speaker was from Fergus Falls, MN. He spoke about the isolation that a visually impaired person faces. When he used to get around with a white cane it was like "Moses parting the Red Sea" people would stay out of his way and avoid him-they couldn't see that there was a person behind the cane. After he got his guide dog "Travers" people would approach him to pet

his dog and started up conversations. Every person that spoke that weekend had similar stories about how their dog opened up the door for them and made them "Visible" to people. I had not thought of that aspect before-I knew the dogs could do amazing things but never gave it a thought about the emotional component they provide to their owner by taking away their "invisibility cloak" to others.

Where am I going with this?? As Lions we sometimes feel unappreciated within our own club as well as wonder about the public perception of us. We get in a "slump" and wonder why we are still in the Lions Organization? Does what we do even matter? Our club doesn't do anything???

Some clubs are starting to have their meetings again after taking a break during the summer months...my challenge to you is to take the time to refresh your club-whether it be a membership drive, a new service project, maybe set some goals?? But most of all have fun!!

Remember YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE-sometimes you just don't realize it.



DG Brian presenting at the Zone 7 and 8 president and secretary meeting in Waseca.

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You may also have the opportunity to experience your very own AHA Lions Moment as I did many years ago when a young couple from South Dakota spoke to us on their struggle to find help for their baby girl. A Lion heard about their plight and told them to contact the Children's Hearing and Vision Clinic at the University of Minnesota. One Lion and thousands other Lions who support the clinic were able to change this little girls future.

That's what Lions do. WE SERVE. We improve the lives of others, some from near and who we know and countless others from afar who we will never meet.

Let's continue to SERVE but also remember to have fun doing it.

Did You Know...



*Lion Glenn Kaufmann
2nd Vice District Governor*

Hi Lions. Here we go with another Vikings season, fingers crossed that our fellas in purple will have a better season. When I lived outside of Minnesota while in the Air Force I missed out going to the games live, but it's one of the sacrifices of being in the service. Now I'm back home

again, win or lose, I enjoy spending time with my family at the games.

Did you know there are just over 28,000 military veterans living in the 5M2 district? If you want your county's specific statistics, just let me know or contact your County Veteran Service Officer. Lions Clubs International provides opportunities for leadership, personal fulfillment, and relationship building through community and global service activities. This may ease the transition to civilian life and connect individuals who share similar life experiences. Of course we don't know all of the veterans in our community, but a good place to start is at your local American Legion or VFW. Maybe someone from your club could do a presentation at a Legion or VFW meeting to let everyone there know what your Lions Club is all about.

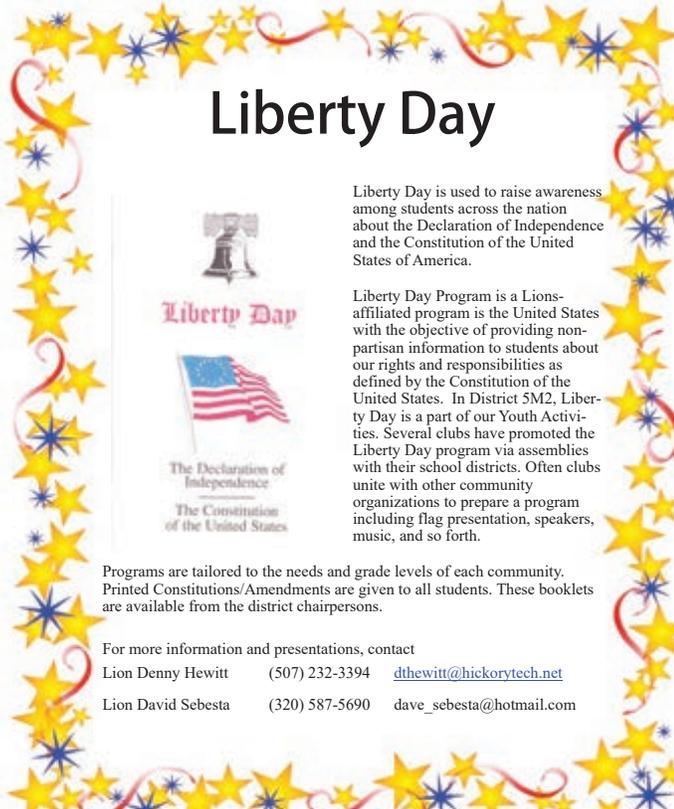
IT'S NOT STEALING MEMBERS

You can set the Legion / VFW clubs at ease, you're not stealing their members. It's easy to belong to both clubs, each has a different focus area and ways to get involved in the community.

LCI's 'Involve a Veteran' program runs through June 30, 2021 and may offer eligible veterans an entrance fee waiver. For each veteran your club recruits, the club secretary or district governor completes an Involve a Veteran Certification Form which can be downloaded from the LCI website or requested by email directly from membership@lionsclubs.org. Unfortunately this program is for new Lions, not existing Lions.

When I retired from the Air Force I was looking for a way to serve the new community I was living in. The Lions Club offered me the perfect opportunity. There are veterans living in your town that are looking for a way to get involve. We can all go find them. If we can reach just 1% of the veterans living in 5M2, that's 280 new Lions to help serve our communities.

For more information on the Involve a Veteran Program, look for it on lionsclubs.org.



Liberty Day

Liberty Day is used to raise awareness among students across the nation about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Liberty Day Program is a Lions-affiliated program in the United States with the objective of providing non-partisan information to students about our rights and responsibilities as defined by the Constitution of the United States. In District 5M2, Liberty Day is a part of our Youth Activities. Several clubs have promoted the Liberty Day program via assemblies with their school districts. Often clubs unite with other community organizations to prepare a program including flag presentation, speakers, music, and so forth.

Programs are tailored to the needs and grade levels of each community. Printed Constitutions/Amendments are given to all students. These booklets are available from the district chairpersons.

For more information and presentations, contact
 Lion Denny Hewitt (507) 232-3394 dt Hewitt@hickorytech.net
 Lion David Sebesta (320) 587-5690 dave_sebesta@hotmail.com

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

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



5M2 leadership at Council of Governors meeting.

CAMP SWEET LIFE: GREAT NEWS FOR 5M2

We just received word that we have been awarded a \$50,000.00 matching Diabetes Grant from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) to help increase the impact of Camp Sweet Life for 2020.

Camp Sweet Life was established in 2010 as a way for children with Type 1 Diabetes in Southern Minnesota to meet other Type 1 Diabetic children and experience the joy of an outdoor camping experience including S'mores! The first camp was held in Norseland at the Boy Scout Camp and has moved from Camp Patterson to its current location at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minnesota. Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non profit.

Below are some pictures from the camp that was just held, so we can put a face with the some of the children we will be helping.

To receive funding for this grant, we have to raise funds to be matched by LCIF. Please contact Lion René Maes, Jr. (rene.maes@campsweetlife.org) for more information.

LCIF is OUR foundation. It has impacted millions world wide. Thank you 5M2 for your strong history of 100% club support of LCIF.

DG Brian



5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

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



LIONS DAY

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

CHANHASSEN – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, 55317

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

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – 100

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

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

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

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM – 140

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM - 100

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

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

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

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - 100

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



5M2 Club Request for Governor's Visit

Fill out this form and send it to me at the address below. Dates fill fast. I will confirm your request as soon as I receive it.

Today's date: _____

Club Name _____

Name and address of meeting place location: _____

Dates in order of preference: 1st _____

2nd _____

Time of meeting: _____ If social, time? _____

Dinner: Yes/No and Time _____

Joint meeting with another club? Yes or No

Which club? _____

Contact person: (Name, address, telephone, email)

List any functions you would like the Governor to do while present:
(Awards, inductions, installation of officers, etc.)

Send this request to me at soon as possible:

DG Brian Thies

21515 371st Ave.

Green Isle, MN 55338

Home: 507-326-7342 Cell Phone or Text: 612-756-1316

Email me at: roseco@frontiernet.net

2019 -2020 District 5M2 Rezoning Alignment

Zone 1	Zone 2
BROWNTON GLENCOE HUTCHINSON LESTER PRAIRIE NEW AUBURN PLATO SILVER LAKE STEWART WINSTED HUTCHINSON LIONESS	CHANHASSEN COLOGNE MAYER AREA NYA NYA WEST CARVER VICTORIA WACONIA WATERTOWN COLOGNE LEOS WATERTOWN LEOS
Zone 3	Zone 4
ARLINGTON COURTLAND GIBBON GREEN ISLE HENDERSON LAFAYETTE & AREA NICOLLET WINTHROP SIBLEY EAST Jr High LEOS SIBLEY EAST Sr High LEOS	BELLE PLAINE CARVER CHASKA HAMBURG JORDAN JORDANESS SHAKOPEE SHAKOPEE VALLEY SHAKOPEE LEOS
Zone 5	Zone 6
LONSDALE MONTGOMERY N.E.W. NEW PRAGUE NORTHFIELD NORTHFIELD CANNON VALLEY PRIOR LAKE VESELI NORTHFIELD LEOS	EAGLE LAKE LAKE CRYSTAL LE CENTER LE SUEUR MANKATO MANKATO KEY CITY MANKATO SUNRISE ST. PETER
Zone 7	Zone 8
AMBOY BLUE EARTH MINNESOTA LAKE NEW RICHLAND WASECA WATERVILLE WELLS WINNEBAGO	ALBERT LEA ALBERT LEA CLOVERLEAF ALBERT LEA LAKEVIEW ALDEN BLOOMING PRAIRIE ELLENDALE FARIBAULT OWATONNA

Jungle Days 2019

The Jordaness Lions hosted the 41st Annual 5M2 Jungle Days Golf Tournament. The weather threatened a couple of times but the rain held off except for a few big drops. The consensus was that PID Maynard, who was a regular participant in Jungle Days had a little something to do with the weather working in our favor!

Attendees enjoyed a round of golf and/or dinner. Prizes were awarded in various men and women's categories. The proceeds from the "Lion Drive" hole were given to DG Brian and he designated the funds for Lions Childhood Cancer. Other proceeds from the event will also go toward Lions Childhood Cancer, Lions Hearing Foundation, and other projects the Jordaness Lions support.





Looking Back on Hosting a Breeding Mom



By Gary Lewandowski

On April 24, 2019, Leader [Dog Mom](#) “Trinket” officially became a “Retired Leader Dog Mom!”

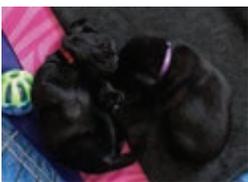
She gave the Leader Dog organization four great litters, all so very different but all just fantastic little individual Future Leader Dogs! Some have already gone on to become guide dogs while others have settled into a great life with loving families as career changed dogs, while others are with their puppy raisers or undergoing training now at Leader Dog!

The experience has taught my wife Lori and I patience, and more especially a real appreciation for the miracle of birth and how amazing the natural instincts of these remarkable dogs are.

Being a host family is a lot of work, and yes, there were a couple heartbreaks along the way, which comes with doing this, but weighed against the rewards and the satisfaction of knowing that the efforts can and will make a strong and positive change in someone’s life make the experience invaluable.

The good far outweighed the bad for sure!

So now OUR Trinket will enjoy a great life in our home that will be her forever home, and she will be rewarded with many years of love and spoiling!



Will we host another Leader Dog Mom? Well, if this fantastic experience working with an organization that is so very meaningful in changing the lives of people with blindness is any indication of how we feel and how proud we are to be a part of it, I [guess](#) that question has already been answered!

And for those who may be considering becoming a host [home](#) for a LD Mom or Dad... you will never regret that decision and the experience! It is indeed life changing and in a very good way!

Leader Dog has many volunteer opportunities to offer. For more information please contact Lion Loretta Klenke at lmklenke@smn.com 952-445-0289 or Emmy Koch at emmykoch@hotmail.com. Above article from Leader Dog website.

Tech Tips

Steve Wasserman
5M2 Technology Chair

Gone Phishing?

It did my heart good to hear of the recent arrest of some Nigerian nationals involved in a \$40 million internet fraud case. Not so much that the bust was made, but because at least some of those “Nigerian Princes” were actually from Nigeria!

For those of you not familiar with the Nigerian Prince scam, it usually starts with an email you receive from an unknown person (a Nigerian Prince perhaps) claiming to need your help in transferring a large sum of money. In return for this help, you will be paid a handsome commission. Please just send me your bank account numbers so I can transfer the money to your account for safekeeping until I am able to extricate myself from this temporary inconvenience I find myself in. The scam is as old as email (I think I got my first one in 1986) and has seen many variations. One common variation is the “Romance Scam” which is spread on dating sites. Scammers will invest heavily in emails back and forth to develop a “relationship/romance” before asking for “loans” or other financial help. They are called “Phishing” schemes because scammers cast a wide net, sending thousands (millions) of emails hoping a few phish fall into their trap.

In recent years, these scams have become much more sophisticated, falling into the category of “Spear Phishing”. In this variation of the scheme, you are “targeted” with an email seeming to come from someone you know or some company you actually do business with. I have gotten emails from my credit card companies and even my bank saying my account has been suspended due to suspicious activity. For security reasons, I should click a link in the email to change my password. The emails often look exactly like the emails I get from the same companies indicating my statement is available or a payment is due, etc. It’s easy to see how someone could fall for such a ruse. In a similar variation, you get an email from a friend you know who is in a foreign country and needs some cash because they’re in jail, their wallet has been lost or stolen, etc. Could you wire me some money so I can get home? I’ve gotten such emails from friends who actually were out of the country. A quick phone call verified they hadn’t lost their wallet and hadn’t sent me an email.

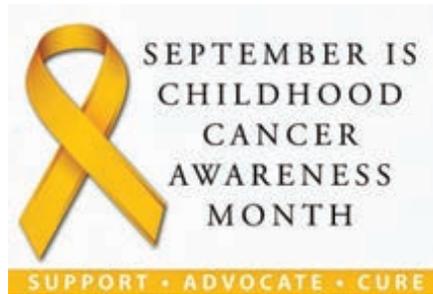
Don’t get hooked!

We’ve probably all been scammed a few times in our lives. No one avoids every trap, but you can avoid most of these kind of scams if you’re careful (skeptical?) and follow some common sense precautions:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Don’t help any Nigerian Princes.
- Check the email address of the sender of any request. If it’s unfamiliar, don’t respond. If it is familiar, be careful. Email addresses can be “spoofed” to look like they are legitimate. There may be one character off, even have an invisible character.
- Do an independent check on any “friend” who requests help. Check their Facebook page, make a phone call to the person, another friend, or their parents. Don’t do anything right away.
- Insist on meeting in person anyone you are in an online relationship with before helping them out financially. This isn’t foolproof, I have a friend who was taken advantage of even after meeting several times with the person. He was a really nice guy (until he wasn’t).
- NEVER provide personal information (account numbers, social security number, login IDs, passwords, etc.) to ANYONE by email. Your bank or credit card company will NEVER ask you to do this.
- NEVER click on a link in an email to access an account. If you get an email from your bank or credit card company, go to their website and log in to check on your account. Don’t click on the link for convenience.

Next Month: Avoid Identity Theft!

P. S. WHILE I WAS WRITING THIS, I received a text indicating 12.6 btc (bitcoin) has been received. Hmmmm....., at current exchange rates that’s almost \$133,000, I could really use that, better reply to that text!



It wasn't long after the MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Minnesota, Inc. was formed that we realized that, whoa!, that name is WAY too long!

At the last MD5M Council of Governors meeting, approval was given to rename the foundation. The proper paperwork has been filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State and we are now known as

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.

It's still a bit long, but can fit on your club's check much more easily!

Remember, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Take this opportunity to reach out to a family whose child is afflicted, or read more on childhood cancer. Or, contact me with your ideas. (Or send check, payable to MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.!)

All contributions to the Foundation this year are matched, two for one, by the University of Minnesota Foundation and the Childhood Cancer Research Fund. Your \$100 turns into \$300 to support services for survivors of childhood cancer, who most often will face health problems in the future due to the treatment of their cancer in the past.

(If your club needs verification of a 501(c)(3) status, please contact us – while our Foundation does not yet have that designation from the IRS, we have a partner who works with us to document contributions as charitable.)

As always, we look forward to presenting to your club on this terrific new Lions International cornerstone program!

Lion Sandy Schneider, iamnotmartha@embarqmail.com

Lion Tom McCarthy, tpmcc0526@yahoo.com

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



We are appreciated! Every July MLVF directors meet in St. Paul for annual training and quarterly meeting. For me, this is always a time of amazement. To learn about the operations of Lions Gift of Sight and to handle the business of the Foundation is an informative process. Also a responsibility. The Lions of Minnesota are very much appreciated by LGS and the Department of Ophthalmology and Neurosciences, both for our financial donations and for our verbal commitment to the betterment of vision.



These are busy times. Our foundation exists because we believe in eye banking, medical vision care, and medical research. We are soon at calendar year 2020 and the 60th anniversary of our eye bank. We are solid financially and have goals to establish a Lions Eye Institute in the upper Midwest, dependent on financial

commitment. BUT, our challenges are many. Fundraising is always in need of creativity as our Lion causes increase. As you know, Lions Gift of Sight continues to face major competition from SightLife and CorneaGen. This is not a small issue. Work will continue in the next legislative session to pass a bill with language impairing the use of eye tissue in for-profit situations.

As Lions, we seriously must continue our Helen Keller challenge to be "Knights of the Blind". Soon our clubs will receive invitations to Eye Ball and Thanksgiving for Vision on October 25 and 26. Thanks for Vision is an annual event as a wonderful thank you to all of us for what we do. Please make plans to send a couple members from your club to this event. Medical updates by University staff. Emotion provoking talks by a donor family and a cornea recipient. A wonderful dinner. A silent auction. Great camaraderie. You want to be a part of this – really!

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

Hearing Foundation News



The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Inc. had its first meeting and training for the 2019-2020 year. The 2019 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk was a success with just over 700 people attending. However, the donations were

down from 2018.

There were 28 Lions clubs and 2 Leo clubs from 5M2 that donated \$14,615. This is down \$7800 from 2018. Six clubs donated \$1000 or more to have their club name on the t-shirt. The Trustees would like to see more clubs participate in this event on June 6, 2020, We need to get our 5M2 swagger back!!

2019 total raised for the D Feet Walk was \$107,883.32 compared to 2018 total of \$129,848.34. Our 5M2 D-Feet Walk total of \$14,115 and the Parade of Green total of \$17,155 makes a grand total of \$31,770. This was 5M2's donation to the Minnesota Hearing Foundation in 2019.

Thank you for your support.

We attended the Cochlear Implant picnic on Sunday August 11. This was held at the Brookview Park in Golden Valley. This was a picnic for adults and children who have received cochlear implants and their families. There were many games for the children to play. The families had a chance to network with each other. There were five different vendors showing their various hearing devices. The Ramsey Lions brought their grill equipment and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. They also had a popcorn machine, snow cones, cotton candy and nacho & cheese. A pot luck picnic was enjoyed with everyone bringing salads and desserts. The event was sponsored by the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Inc.

We are available for club visits. We want to tell you all about YOUR Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

Lion Vern Breamer 507-462-5318

PDG Marvin Grimm 952-448-9465

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5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

HOSTED BY THE GLT OF THE MD5M

November 7-9, 2019

HOLIDAY INN 1155 HWY 10 – DETROIT LAKES MN 56501

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions and LEO members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president. Club 1st and 2nd VPs are highly encouraged to apply.

Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee.

Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute!

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. Please download the application attached, complete, and forward to your District Governor prior to October 15, 2019. Because of the high number of applications received by the Institute, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed, you must be approved by your District Governor.

Cost of the Institute

Lions MD5M will provide meals as indicated, lodging is by participant. A guaranteed block rate is provided. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$150.00** will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than two weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive an approved application from your District Governor.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to the institute site, lodging and some meals. Upon successful completion of the MD5M ELLI (attending all seminars and group activities) you will receive a \$100 rebate via postal service.

QUESTIONS???

PCC Earl Orvik ejorvik1@gmail.com

Executive Secretary Lion Vicki Violet md5m.executivesecretary@gmail.com

ELLI SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 11/07/2019

- 6:00pm-7:00pm Registration
7:00pm-8:30pm Opening Seminar

FRIDAY 11/08/2019

- 7:30am Doors Open- Coffee/Tea/Juice, light breakfast provided
8:00am-9:30am Lion Past Present and Future
BREAK
9:45am-11:00am Changing Management
11:00am-12:15pm Creative Thinking
LUNCH (on your own)
1:15pm-2:45pm Supporting Lions Teams
BREAK
3:00pm-4:00pm LCI and Topic
BREAK (soda, water, snack provided)
4:15pm-5:15pm LCIF
BREAK
6:00pm-7:30pm Dinner (Dinner and Program provided by ELLI)

SATURDAY 11/09/2019

- 7:30am Doors Open- Coffee/Tea/Juice, light breakfast provided
8:00am-9:30am Communication
BREAK (room check out!)
9:45am-11:00am Conducting Effective Meetings
BREAK
11:15am-12:00 Focused Discussion
LUNCH (on your own)
1:00pm-2:30pm Diversity
BREAK
2:45pm-4:00pm Lions Mentoring
BREAK (soda, water, snack provided)
4:15pm-5:30pm Ensuring Club Success
5:30pm-6:00pm Closing and Evaluations
6:00pm Close and Good-Bye!

Application November 2019 MD5M ELLI

Name _____
 Address _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip Code _____
 Member Number _____
 Club Name _____ Club Number _____
 Current position in your Lion Club _____
 Food allergies (list) _____
 District number _____
 District Governor Signature _____

Hotel information:

Please make your own lodging reservations **PRIOR TO 10/25/2019!!!!**

Plan on arriving early evening Thursday 11/07/2019

Check out Saturday 11/09/2019.

HOLIDAY INN - 1155 US Hwy 10 – Detroit Lakes MN 56501

218-847-2121

Lion Block reservation code: Lions ELLI

QQ-\$99 plus tax, King-\$99 plus tax, Lake View (QQ and King)-\$109 plus tax

Free WIFI

Meals information:

ELLI provided Breakfast (light) Friday and Saturday

Lunch On Your Own Friday and Saturday (restaurant on premises)

ELLI provided afternoon break beverages and snacks

ELLI provided Dinner Friday evening

Completed applications (*District Governor Approved*) and payment:

Mail: MD5M – 709 River Lane – Anoka MN 55303

(Send \$150 payment in mail with application or contact Lion Vicki for credit card payment via PayPal)

FAX: 763-208-6583

(Send \$150 payment in mail separately or contact Lion Vicki for credit card payment via PayPal)

Email: MD5M.ExecutiveSecretary@gmail.com

(Send \$150 payment in mail separately or contact Lion Vicki for credit card payment via PayPal)

Checks and Money Orders are payable to: MD5M Leadership Institute

Leadership Experience Opportunity



MD5M LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



MD5M LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2019

The 2019 MD5M LEO Leadership Conference offers:

- Youth Development
- Leadership Skills
- Community Service
- Team Building
- Workshops
- Challenge Course
- Sunday Service Project

OCTOBER 11-13, 2019

Please complete the following by October 1, 2019.

- Fill out enclosed Registration Form
- Enclose payment
- Fill out enclosed Liability Waiver
- Fill out Camp Friendship waiver (before dropping child off)
- GET READY TO HAVE FUN!**

Registration: \$125 Leo and Lion's Members*
\$15 for guest meal

Camp Friendship: 10508 108th St. NW
Annandale, MN 55302

The Camp is open to any and all Alpha Leos
and potential Leos (ages 12-18)

**Includes all meals, lodging, training, materials and activities.*

Thank you for filling out the forms before you arrive.
This greatly reduces registration time.

Note: There will be no lunch served on Sunday.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
 5-7 PM ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
 6-7 PM DINNER
 7-10 PM TEAM BUILDING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
 8-9 AM BREAKFAST
 9AM -NOON WORKSHOPS
 NOON-1 PM LUNCH

1-5 PM CHALLENGE COURSE
 6-7 PM DINNER
 7-9 PM ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
 8-9 AM BREAKFAST
 9-10:30 AM SERVICE PROJECT
 10:30-11 AM AWARDS AND PICTURES
 11-11:30 CABIN CHECKOUT

Visit www.facebook.com/MD5MLEOS
for additional conference information



MD5M LEO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



Registration Deadline: October 1, 2019

In consideration of participation in this LEO Leadership Conference, I hereby acknowledge and do enter this program at my own risk, assuming all known and unknown risks. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Lions Organization and its volunteers from any and all injuries I may incur. I understand that any photographs and video recordings may be used by the Lions Organization. All persons under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian signature to participate.

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Club Name: _____ Sponsoring Club: _____

Check all the Apply: Adult Grade 5-8 Grade 9-12

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Medical Condition: Yes No If so, explain _____

Any Special Needs: Yes No If so, explain _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Ph _____

_____(initial) I give permission for Conference Staff to perform basic first aid if needed.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

\$ _____ Leo/Lion Member \$125.00

\$ _____ Guest Meal \$15.00

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Make Checks Payable to: MD5M Leo Leadership Conference

Additional Notes: _____

Return Completed Form by October 1, 2019 to:
Anna Wickenhauser
13650 County Rd 41, Cologne MN, 55322
lionannaw@gmail.com . Cell: 952-913-1467



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

IT'S BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Join in on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest!

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

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

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

Photos should focus on the following themes:

Animal Life

Landscape (urban or natural)

Plant Life

Weather Phenomenon

This year an important improvement to the process is being made: option of EMAIL SUBMISSIONS! Email submissions can be sent to lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

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

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

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

All photos must be submitted with the following form:



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

2019-2020 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM

All submissions due by TBD

DISTRICT _____ CITY OF CLUB _____ STATE _____

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER _____

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION

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

Club President (please print) _____

Club Secretary (please print) _____

Photographer's signature _____

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

lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

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

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

2019/2020 Peace Poster Contest

As a young child, I was often told that time will fly by. Of course, I did not realize how fast the days would go by. We hope the past year has been a positive and rewarding time in your personal life and in your Lion journey.

It is Peace Poster time and soon my postal carrier will be commenting on the number of tubes that will be delivered to my home. I hope this is a record year as I enjoy seeing the thoughts, energy and creativity that is generated by this contest. Each year, the subject of Peace, seems to become more and more important to our world, country, state, county and city. We all participate in and impact Peace around us each and every day. I cannot think of a better way to provide our youth with an opportunity to ponder this issue and how they can impact their community, state, country and world. We would like to encourage EVERY Lions Club to provide this opportunity to their local youth. Peace is not guaranteed and we may never know how this poster contest impacts our youth but I am convinced that it does.

This year theme is "Journey of Peace". If you have not ordered your kit, it is available through LCI until October 1 at <https://www2.lionsclubs.org/p-770-peace-poster-kit.aspx>.

Poster MUST be postmarked by November 15 and mailed to Paula Stephens, 313 Louis St E, Cologne MN 55322. Please do not mail them to District Governor or to Co-Chair Shirley. This creates a lot of extra work and weather can add to the challenge. If you prefer to drop them off, as a few of you do, please drop them off no later than November 15. There is an outdoor cushion box in the front of our house that makes drop off convenient. Please be sure to send me an email at stephenspmt@gmail.com or call me at 952-797-4116 if you leave a poster in the outdoor box.

The poster requirements provide some size options for our youth. All posters that meet the size requirements will be judged. I just wanted to share that framing the poster is easiest and less expensive when it is a standard frame size so the winning three posters look best if we can frame them in 18 x 24 or even a 16 x 20 frame. Please review all of the rules carefully to ensure the posters we receive meet all requirements. I have received posters with writing on them or that do not have the required sticker on the back of the poster and the students work is not able to be judged if the requirements are not met. Please call Shirley or myself if any questions .

Peace Poster Rules

- A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. Each kit includes a sticker to be placed on the back of the winning poster prior to forwarding it to the next level of judging. Entries not featuring an official sticker on the back or meeting the rules listed below will be disqualified.
- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, etc. A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its spon-

soring Lions club. Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.

- Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15. Eligible birthdates can be found under the Contest Rules & Conditions found in the Peace Poster kit.
- Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.
- All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.
- Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
- The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.
- Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

Please contact Lion Paula Stephens at stephenspmt@gmail.com or 952-797-4116 or Lion Shirley Hesperheide at hespy@usfamily.net for more information.

Enjoy the journey.



“Journey of Peace”

Lion Debra Wasserman

Lions Clubs International Essay Contest, MD5M Chair

The LCI Essay Contest began in 2010 as a companion to the Peace Poster contest. It is directed to students who are blind or visually impaired giving them the opportunity to write on the same theme as students participating in the artistic Peace Poster contest.

The Peace Poster contest and the Essay contest give students the chance to share their ideas and perspectives, and we adults the opportunity to learn about their view of the world and its future. The more students who are able to participate in the contests, the better for us locally and the world in general.

Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired receive information about the contest but reaching others who may know students is the goal of this article. If you know a student or a school district person, please do share this information. Peace Poster kits contain information you can use and share with those who might know a student who would be interested in participating in the contest.

I am also available to answer any questions and share information that would help you, your club, or those working with students.

liondebra@charter.net

506-332-2792 (Home)

612-718-8330 (Cell)

LIONS', LEOS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

N.E.W. Lions Club



Top Left: DG Brian presented President Tom Wagner with the positive membership award for the 18-19 year on behalf of the N.E.W Lions Club

Top Right: Jason Lamont (left) sponsored Beth Crawford and Bob Crawford as the newest N.E.W. Members pictured with DG Brian.

Right: N.E.W Members listening to DG Brian's message.



Jordaness Lions Support Camp Sweet Life

The Jordaness Lions club is proud to support Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc., which is an organization that provides a fun-filled, outdoor camp experience to children with Type 1 Diabetes. See page 4 for more information about Camp Sweet Life.)



Jordaness club members Wanda Breimhorst (a Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Trustee) and Colleen Eischens joined 5M2 PDG Diana Kroells, René Maes, Camp Sweet Life Executive Director, and other volunteers to welcome families on the first day of camp.



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Trustee, Wanda Breimhorst, joins Camp Sweet Life volunteers, Dr. Jenny Kyllö and Dr. Rob Larson.

Jordan/Jordaness Lions Clubs



The Jordaness Lions and Jordan Lions enjoyed our annual fun night out together attending a St. Paul Saints ballgame.



LeSueur Lions

Le Sueur Lions ready to hand out bags for candy during the Le Sueur Giant Celebration parade. The Lion's Logo is on the bags.



Breakfast Fly-in / Drive-in

Sunday, Sept 8th

8-noon



Le Sueur MN Airport (12Y)

Proceeds support community projects sponsored through the Le Sueur Lions Club



- Pilots - Free
- Adults \$ 8.00
- 12 & Under \$ 5.00
- Preschool & Younger Free

Breakfast of pancakes, sausage served by the Le Sueur Lions Club

Roast Beef Dinner



Sponsored by the

Green Isle Lions Club

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Serving 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Green Isle Fire Hall

Adults \$12.00

Children 6-11 yrs \$5.00

Under 6 yrs Free

Roast Beef, Real Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Cole Slaw, Buns, Dessert and Beverage

Advanced tickets are available from Green Isle Lions or CornerStone State Bank.

Proceeds to Support Community Projects



Waterville Lions Pancake, Sausage and Egg Breakfast



(Serving the Third Sunday of each Month)



2019 dates

May 19th

June 16th

July 21st

August 18th

September 15th



Serving 8:00 am til 12:30 pm



The Village in Waterville
205 N 1st St
Waterville MN 56096

Goodwill donation appreciated



New Auburn Lions 11th Annual Roast Beef Dinner



Sunday,
September 22nd

Serving: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn
Cole Slaw, Bread, Desserts, Coffee & Milk



New Auburn City Hall
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adults \$12 Children 5-10 \$7
4 and under free

All proceeds go towards Community Projects



Mankato Area Lions Clubs

We Serve!

2nd Annual Diabetes Rally

What: 2nd Annual Diabetes Rally Walk to find a cure for T1D!
When: Saturday, October 12, 2019
Where: The Wow!Zone, Mankato
Time: 9:00am – Noon! (Rally Walk starts at 9:30 am)

The Lions' Clubs of Mankato Area will be hosting the 2019 Lions Diabetes Rally. This event will take place on Saturday, October 12th 2019 at the WOW!Zone: 2030 Adams Street, Mankato MN 56001

We encourage your organization to consider forming a RALLY WALK TEAM TO RAISE MONEY and be a part of this fun filled day! We are raising money to help find a cure for TYPE 1 DIABETES (T1D).

Day of event activities include: Rally Walk and Speaker!
Games: bowling, laser tag and mini golf

Healthy snacks and Food!
Vendors, displays, family fun for all ages!

Donations: Make checks to Mankato Sunrise Lions PO Box 2175, Mankato MN 56002-2175, or Camp Sweet Life (Camp Sweet Life is a 501(c)3 non-profit).

For more information on forming a team contact:

Rena' Mees Jr. 507-995-6810 rena.mees@campsweetlife.org

Rick Anderson 507-880-2781, Mankato Sunrise Lions Club



ALONE IT'S HARD TO PERFORM GREAT DEEDS OF STRENGTH, BUT TOGETHER, WE HAVE GREAT STRENGTH OF FEET



EAGLE LAKE AREA LIONS CLUB

1ST EVER

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 27, 2019

SERVING 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

SAUSAGE, EGGS, FRUIT,

JUICE, COFFEE, MILK

EAGLE LAKE AMERICAN LEGION



100 NORTH 3RD STREET

EAGLE LAKE, MN

Goodwill donation appreciated

Cologne Lions Club
Octoberfest
Luau
October 26, 2019,
6:30-11 p.m.
Cologne Community Center
1211 Village Parkway, Cologne, MN
\$30 (\$35 day of)
[Facebook.com/CologneLions](https://www.facebook.com/CologneLions)
for ticket information.

Rochester...

... Our VISION is 20/20

**Go to MD5M
Website:
Events Tab
for Links**

2019-20 District Governors: Someone from the host committee will attend the Mid-Winter Conventions! Please arrange with the venue to have a secure wi-fi connection so registrations can be safe. Remember: Online Registration ONLY.

88 Current Registrations

The convention prices listed are valid through July 31, 2019

2019/2020 Multiple District Convention and Registration Information...

<https://www.experiencerochestermn.com/rsvp/?action=details&noredirect=1&eventid=352>

For Hotel Booking, click the following link...

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=9733&nights=1&checkin=04/30/2020&group=LIONSCLUB2020>

- ✚ May 1-3, 2020—Rochester, MN
- ✚ Rochester Civic Center Venue
- ✚ Kahler Hotel for Housing—being renovated!
- ✚ Working on transportation between the main venues
- ✚ 60th Anniversary of the Lions Eye Bank (now known as Gift of Sight)
- ✚ Use the 20/20 theme for vision references
- ✚ Dr. Erik van Kuijk will update us on the Lions Eye Institute
- ✚ Vision speaker-corneal transplant for example
- ✚ Post Town Winery (4 miles from Civic Center)
- ✚ Salem Glen Winery (10 miles from Civic Center)
- ✚ Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo (13 miles from Civic Center)
- ✚ '0' K walk incorporating Rochester's famous Canadian Geese population
- ✚ World famous Mayo Clinic across from the Kahler Hotel (tours available)



Please feel free to share this document so others may have the links!!