



5M-2 Lions' News



May 2025

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Spring is Coming!



Lisa Kaufmann
District Governor

Happy May Day! Many years ago, this tradition started as a celebration of the arrival of spring. Not so sure spring is coming as we are in the midst of a storm – just hoping for no snow. For me, it is thinking about new beginnings and planning for the transition from this Lions year to the next. We have a lot of momentum

going into growing our service. The more hands we have the more service we can do.

This last weekend our multiple came together at the MD5M Convention. It was a time to celebrate what we have accomplished, learning and identifying the work we have yet to do. It was a great honor to have our International President spend the weekend with us. Many of our district goals have been met, but we will still have to make progress in some areas. Growth is always top of mind. Our district has made great strides; however the dreaded June drops are coming. Has your club checked in with members you have not heard from in a while? Many times, our members just want to be asked to participate. The Jordan Jordaness Lions have a "social cat". This is an existing Lion who is assigned to a new member. The social cat helps educate the new Lion on what it means to be a Lion. They invite the new member to club meetings, service projects, zone meetings and check in with them periodically. This is a great way to make your club's new Lion feel welcome.

One of the goals set for us by Lions Club International (LCI) is how many new members to add. We are so close to reaching our goal, we need 13 more new Lions. All it takes is to ask someone to join our cause. We currently have a membership challenge taking place, anyone who sponsors a new Lion this year will be entered into a chance to win a \$100 gift card. The more Lions you sponsor the more chances you have to win.

There is one goal where we are falling short, individual donations to LCIF. Our goal is for 201 individual Lions in our district to donate to LCIF. This is less than 10% of our districts membership. If each Lion in our district donated \$10, this would equate to \$23,000. This is our foundation, and the money does come back to our district. This year

alone, we have had ~\$200,000 in grants given to clubs in 5M-2. At the zone meetings, there will be raffles to raise money in individual donations to LCIF. You can donate online as well.

The last goal I will mention is starting a new club. Our district is going to start a Join Together Club with Camp Sweet Life. If you know anyone who would like to join this virtual club, please reach out to me. We are hoping to have it chartered no later than the end of May. This is a great opportunity for those who have a passion to fight diabetes to join a Lions club with that mission.

~Always have the highest bar for yourself. Wake up every day and no matter how crappy you feel want to change something for the better. Do something that makes someone happy. Create something that inspires someone. Be someone's light when they are hopeless. ~ Dave Grohl



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We Serve

April showers bring May Flowers...



Lion Shermayne Cross
District Governor Elect

The Merry Month of May is here. May Day baskets, Mother's Day, Fishing Opener, Club Officer Training, Cabinet Meeting, Memorial Day, Graduations, and the beginning of summer. It will be a busy month.

There are three more Spring Zone meetings to attend. Each one was

a lot of fun. It has been great to meet new Lions and reconnect with old friends. We have had great discussions on why you joined Lions, what is important to you as a Lion, and what improvements and changes you would like to see in the district. Each club had the opportunity to talk about their activities, fundraisers, and upcoming events that they will be doing this summer. I'd like to thank all the clubs for nominating the many great Lions for Zone Lion of the year. Each zone had at least two nominations and one had five. WOW, it was very hard to choose just one, so many deserving Lions out there. It would be great if each club in each zone nominated one of their members so 1st VDG Chuck will have his work cut out for him next year.



Reminder, please enter your new officers into the Portal under the future officers' tab this month. If you have a person who is staying in his current position, you will need to add them as a future officer also. I suggest that each club elect a Club Administrator and a Service Chair also. These two positions are able to enter updates into the Portal along with the Secretary.

District Officer Workshop is on May 17, at Bethany College in Mankato. Zone Chairs, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Administrators and Service Chairs are all invited to attend.

Did you know there are several other ways to learn about the Lion organization? If you haven't checked out the

Learn tab in the Portal, you will be amazed at all the free courses that are available. Many options are available, such as: time management, effective listening, goal setting, servant leadership, and more. Another way to take classes is through the Lions University (www.lionsuniversity.org). This program is offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and has more advanced training that will qualify you to receive a Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate at the USA/Canada Forum.

Club Secretaries, if you have not added any club activities, fundraisers, meetings, etc. into the Portal recently, please do so soon. A few clubs have not reported since last summer and I know they have done service projects and held club meetings during the last six months. Thank you for all you do for your clubs.

Our new member count is at 189, only 16 to go to reach our goal of 205 by May 31. We are giving everyone a chance to take part in a raffle if they bring in a new member from April 1 to May 31. Keep asking and explaining what Lions all are about. Remember, we are the Best Keep Secret!

Happy Mother's Day and
Happy Memorial Day!



Until next time.....

"Be Kind, Help Others, Have FUN,
Make a Difference in Your Community"

Year to Date: 4/28/2025

Membership Metrics

2,319

Total Membership

153

Drop Members in FY

217

Members Added in FY

64

Net Growth in FY

2.76%

Net Growth in FY%

2024-2025 Mission 1.5 Goals

205 New Members
4 Net Growth
1 New Club

District 5M-2 has welcomed **193** new Lions. Lions who have been reinstated or have transferred to our district do not count toward the Mission 1.5 goals.



#WeServe



MISSION 1.5

Hello Fellow Lions!



Chuck Toltzman
1st Vice District Governor Elect
Hello Lions, welcome to the May Newsletter. The District Governor's team recently attended the 5M Multiple Convention. We listened to excellent speakers and enjoyed connecting with other Lions. It was a positive and fun experience.

In May we are all thinking of plant-

ing our gardens, fields or flowers. What are we growing this year? Corn, beans, Squash. Maybe some roses? Or other flowers. But. What if we think outside the box? What else could we plant? Something that we aren't so familiar with? Maybe some spinach? Or Kale. Or a new flower? How does that make us feel? A little uneasy? We have never planted these plants. What if they don't grow? Or if they do grow, will we like them? What if they grow so much and I don't like them? What then?

This is the same way in our Lions clubs. We're all familiar with each other. Just like we are when we are planting our beans and corn that we normally plant every year. So, what if we think outside the box in our own clubs. How about trying a new project? We're so used to doing our pancake breakfast or omelet breakfasts or helping at the local food shelf. But what if we try something new? What if we go out and help clean up our local park. And while we're out there cleaning up, we could have hot dogs and buns and beans and potato chips. And have a cookout while we're doing it. Would it be a little bit out of our element? True. Maybe. We have never done this before.

But what if we were out there doing this project. And others from around the area come around and ask to help. And it turns into a membership recruiting day. Maybe we don't sign anyone up on that day. But we have planted the seeds for new membership. So now what does it take to grow that new membership? Do we take that new name and throw it away? After all, how do we know if we are going to like them. Or do we keep it and call them up and invite them to our next membership meeting. And make them feel welcome. Because as we all know, it takes time and fertilizer to grow a plant or a flower. It also takes time to grow a new member also. I am basically giving you one example on how to think outside the box? Makes us uneasy. Yes? I am sure there are many many ideas out there that would work as well. That is the idea, to get uneasy, get outside of our normal. And inspire new members into joining our clubs. We have only two more months before the new Lions year begins. Let's all see if we can get one new member join our club before the end of the year.

In 1952: The Filipino Lions reach out to Japan and encourage chartering the first Japanese Lion's Club.

One hundred years ago this year during an International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Hellen Keller asks the Lion's to become the "knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness".

I am here to help you, help others.

5M-2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

Submit your club events and
Lions program articles to:

5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

**What are your clubs doing for
Service?
Share the NEWS!!**

DRIVING THE DG

Submitted by: PCC Glenn Kaufmann

MAY 2025

- 1-2 - Journey for Service!
- 2 - Sibley East 50th Annual Track Meet - Arlington
- 3 - Childhood Cancer Board Meeting
- 5 - Eden Prairie Lions Steak Fry
- 6 - Spring Zone 4 Meeting - Shakopee
- 7 - MD5M GAT Summit
- 8 - Spring Zone 6 Meeting - Le Sueur
- 14 - Spring Zone 1 Meeting - Hutchinson
- 17 - Club Officer Training - Bethany College, Mankato
- 18 - 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting - WOW Zone, Mankato
- 21 - Revitalizing Veterans Dreams - Chaska
- 27 - Mayer Area Lions DG Team Visit
- 28 - Victoria Lions Club Officer Installation





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LCIF Gala – Go for the Gold:

On March 29th, Lions from across the multiple gathered in St. Cloud for the annual LCIF Gala – Go for the Gold, a celebration of service, community, and generosity. Thanks to the incredible support of attendees and sponsors, we proudly raised approximately \$60,000 in support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and its global mission.

Throughout the day, we heard stories of how LCIF Grants impacted District 5M-2 and our Multiple District. There were stories of flooding from the Cook and Waterville Lions as well as Camp Sweet Life utilizing a diabetes grant to the purchase of a mobile food recovery truck for Bountiful Baskets out of Chaska.

The event was made even more special by the presence of Past International President Douglas Alexander, whose words of inspiration reminded us all of the power of unity in service.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, especially our very own PDG Anna Wickenhauser. Can I hear a WOO HOO—your commitment makes a world of difference.

Planning for next year's gala is already underway, and we look forward to making it even more impactful!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026
Coming to
MINNESOTA
JUNE
20-26



Multiple District 5M
proudly announces...

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP!



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

**Your donations designated to
Special Olympics USA Games
Minnesota to LCIF will help make
our \$250,000 grant possible!**

Family Night!

For athletes &
their families

Opening Eyes®

(Vision Screening)

ALL BALLS

**Separate Sponsorships will be
available for (Sensory) All-Balls are
for each participating athlete.**

*Sponsorship information will be coming
in the District Newsletters and Multiple
District Website soon.*

Scan this code
for more about
All Balls



CLUB OFFICER WORKSHOP

..... 5M-2 Lions

*Opportunity for Zone Chairs,
Presidents (1st & 2nd VPS also),
Secretaries and Treasurers to
attend. Review responsibilities,
tools and resources available to
you.*



Saturday, May 17th
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM



Bethany College
700 Luther Dr.
Mankato, MN



DGE Shermayne Cross
and 5M-2 Lions Leaders



**SHARE
IDEAS**

**MEET
FOUNDATION
CHAIRS**

**NETWORK WITH
FELLOW LIONS**



RSVP to DG Lisa Kaufmann
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Journey For Service

April 30, May 1st, and 2nd, 2025

It's nearing that time of year when we will be rocking with District Governor Lisa and traveling companions on the Journey For Service. We will be traveling over 700 miles through 5m2 meeting with every Lions club collecting money for various service projects in our District.

Please verify with me the meeting place, and contact person with a phone number. District Governor Lisa and I are looking forward to another successful journey with a 100 % participation as our goal. ROCK ON !

PDG Mike Vos
Journey For Service
mike@vosconstruction.com
507-381-3752



Journey for Service: Schedule of Stops

Thursday May 1, 2025			
Arlington	8:55	Sibley East	
Green Isle	8:55	Sibley East	
Norwood Young America	9:10	OEM	
Hamburg	9:25	Park	
NYA West Carver	9:40	Harbor	
Plato	9:55	Plato Home Center	
Glencoe	10:10	Bump's Café	
New Auburn	10:35	Security Bank	
Brownton	11:00	Security Bank	
Stewart	11:20	City Hall	
Hutchinson	11:45	725 Sunset St	
Silver Lake	12:05	American Legion	
LUNCH			
Lester Prairie	1:20	Greater MN Signs	
Watertown	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank	
Watertown Leos	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank	
Mayer Area	2:15	Casey's	
Chanhassen	2:50	Am Legion Parking Lot	
Victoria	3:10	Old National	
Waconia	3:25	Security Bank	
Waconia Dandy	3:25	Security Bank	
Cologne	3:45	Community Center	
Cologne Leos	3:45	Community Center	
Carver	4:00	City Hall	
Chaska	4:15	Old National	
Shakopee	4:30	O'Brien Public House	
Shakopee Valley	4:30	O'Brien Public House	
Prior Lake	5:00	Velishek Auto	

Friday May 2, 2025			
Jordan	8:00 AM	McDonald's	
Jordaness	8:00	McDonald's	
Belle Plaine	8:20	320 East Century St (Josh)	
Henderson	8:45	Road Haus	
LeSueur	9:00	Pizza Ranch Parking	
Le Center	9:25	Home Plate	
Montgomery	9:40	Mackenthun's	
New Prague	10:00	Ettlin's Café	
Veseli	10:20	GoldSmith Eye Care-NP	
Lonsdale	10:40	Lions Park	
NEW	11:10	New Market Bank	
Northfield	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	



2025 Theme: "Together As One"

The Peace Poster kits for 2025 became available on January 15th. The kit cost is \$11.95 (plus postage) or new this year, there is a Digital Peace Poster Kit available for \$11.95 (no postage). The kit contains all of the material (except the paper) you will need to sponsor a contest in your school or organized youth group. One kit is needed for each entry submitted to the district chairpersons. Please consider giving the youth in your area an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Please put the Peace Poster Contest on your meeting agendas early in 2025. We would be happy to attend your club meeting and tell you how you can participate.

If you have questions on how to order a kit, contact use or order from: Lionsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1 or just google Lions International Peace Poster Kit

Lion Diana Kroells & Lion Trish Gieseke
Peace Poster Co Chairpersons
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NEW MEMBER PRIZE CONTEST

Want a chance to win a great prize?

To date District 5M-2 has welcomed 170 new Lions this year! We are 35 members shy of meeting our LCI Mission 1.5 goal of 205 new members.

Anyone who sponsors a new Lion between April 1st and May 31st will receive an entry into the contest. If you bring the new Lion to a spring zone meeting to be inducted, you will receive another entry.

Email DG Lisa @ lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com with the new Lions name.

DON'T MISS OUT ON ASKING JUST ONE TO JOIN LIONS!

PRIZE

\$100

VISA

GIFT CARD

Kidsight: Enhancing Our Impact with New Technology and Club Involvement

As mentioned in our previous article, we are in the process of updating our Kidsight cameras. Our current cameras are eight years old and no longer eligible for warranty coverage. As with all technology, upgrades are necessary to improve efficiency and keep our program running smoothly.

At our last Zoom meeting, we were treated to an excellent demonstration of the new cameras by a representative from Plusoptix. The presenter did a fantastic job and answered all of our questions thoroughly.

Kidsight continues to grow, thanks to the efforts of several clubs successfully coordinating with schools, which has led to an increase in the number of vision screenings. It's important to remember that a screening is not a diagnostic test—it simply identifies potential visual issues and recommends that parents seek further evaluation if needed. Since 80% of learning is visual, early detection is crucial for a child's success in school.

To streamline the process of conducting school screenings, we recommend connecting with school nurses early and requesting that the vision screening consent form be included in the packet of forms sent to parents at the beginning of the school year. Ideally, this consent should be an "opt-out" format, so that the Lions Club does not need to collect individual permissions.

We are now recommending screenings for students in grades 6–8, as this is a critical time when vision may change due to puberty. Some clubs are also participating in kindergarten roundups in the spring—another great opportunity to get involved and ensure children's eyes are checked.

Once schools see how efficient and effective our process is, they are often eager to invite us back. Our friends in Canada have also been doing a tremendous job with screenings, and we're proud to see Kidsight becoming an international program. Our success continues to grow as more children are reached through our collective efforts.



To support this growth, we are shifting our approach to training. We are now offering club-specific Kidsight training, including hands-on instruction in camera use and report generation. This personalized approach allows us to better support each club's unique needs. Accurate reporting is essential, as it provides valuable data on the number of children screened and the number referred for further care.

Many clubs and individual Lions have contributed greatly to the program's success. A special shout-out to the Lions Clubs of **Gibbon, Green Isle, Arlington, Lake Crystal, Glencoe, Le Center, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Faribault, Northfield, Norwood Young America, West Carver, and Prior Lake**—your hard work has made a real difference. Apologies if we missed anyone—we know many more clubs are doing incredible work. Lions like **Dick, Walt, Carroll, and Loretta** have truly been Rock Stars for Kidsight. Thank you all!

Don't forget—we also have a tent available for summer screenings. It's currently housed at Lion Harry's.

We'll once again be offering screenings at the Minnesota State Fair. While the location will be different this year, we still plan to provide tickets for volunteers. More information will be shared after our Foundation meetings in May. Sign up here:

☑ State Fair Sign-Up Genius

For more information on club visits, training, or scheduling a Kidsight camera for an upcoming screening, please contact:

Lion Harry Klenke
lm.klenke@outlook.com
952-913-8134

Carroll Oraskovich
cro1547@yahoo.com
952-467-2574

Thank you for everything you do to make Kidsight a success!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-51742227-2025#/>



2025 State Fair Booth Volunteering

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors.

www.signupgenius.com

MINNESOTA
STATE FAIR



Leader Dog for the Blind is collaborating with advanced Ophthalmology elective Veterinary Medicine students from Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine to deep dive into the world of eye care. Leader Dog for the Blind has invited these students to do routine eye exams in the breeding stock dogs. The students whom are choosing to participate have a keen interest in ophthalmology. In making this opportunity for hands on experience and it allows these students improve skills in examining eyes.

During the time students perform ophthalmology exams using a specialized lens and head-loop to get a clear look at the eye. This method allows them to observe the retina and other vital areas to identify potential vision issues.

They also use a slit lamp to examine the lens of the eye. This technique is able to detect cataracts and spot any other conditions they could affect the dog's ability to see properly, potentially impacting their ability to work as guide dogs.

You ask why do this? Eyes can change rapidly as we have observed in doing Kindsight Exams. If you think of your

personal health, eye exams are often part of our yearly healthcare routines. So, this essentially is fulfilling Helen Kellar's request to be Knights of the Blind, but in dogs. Leader Dog provides this exam for their dogs for their future clients to increased safety during the time of service of the dog. As humans age, eye exams are crucial as part of our annual eye exams. By examining the dogs in training, they are being proactive in any future potential eye problems. This gives Leader Dog for the Blind more confidence that their dogs are in top health and capable of producing healthy offspring. Leader Dog's Assistance Director of Canine Health and Reproduction Dr. McRae believes this program and cooperation with the Michigan State College will only grow providing an invaluable hands-on experience for the school's Veterinary students.

This article was condensed By Lion Loretta Klenke from the Leader Dog for the Blind Update quarterly Newsletter. Thank you for reading. I am personally from the medical field and thought this was an interesting story to share about how Leader Dog wants to provide the best dogs for the clients and great relationship with the State College of Michigan students.

Welcome

New Lions Club Members

Arlington:
Tami Kastner

Green Isle:
Melvin Dahlke

Hutchinson:
Ana Jindra

Le Center:
Jenny Fogarty

New Market-Elko-Webster
Chad Rhom

Shakopee:
Don Gorter
Anthony Latour
Greg Stark

St. Peter:
Seth Putz

Stewart:
Patricia Schulze

Victoria:
Harry Leadbetter
Dan Lund
Anthony Stokes

Waterville:
Ivy Anker
Jesse Anker
Natazzia Fenton
Shane Walczak



Can Do Canines to Host Open House May 17

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, May 17, from noon to 2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

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

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

More information about Can Do Canines is at CanDoCanines.org.





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REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFO

Checks payable to:

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Rose Thies, Treasurer
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation
21515 371st Avenue
Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

DFEET WALK

2025 MN Lions Hearing Foundation Fundraiser

Dear Lions and Friends:

Your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 2025 Walk to DFEET Hearing Loss is just around the corner on June 7th, 2025.

It is not too late to help those with hearing-related issues.

Please consider participating in our 2025 Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, MN. If you or your club cannot participate at either site, you can take a walk at your local park, bring some club members together for a walk in a park, jump on your treadmill, or ride your bike.

Levels of Support

- \$25
- \$35 includes a walk t-shirt
- \$100
- \$250
- \$500
- \$1000 gets your Club name on back of the t-shirt

Children under 12 will receive a free walk shirt.

We challenge your club to create a team to help raise funds for this important event. Please complete the attached registration form and mail to Lion Rose Thies by April 20th, 2025.

We hope you will support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation to raise the much-needed funds to support our mission of research, education, and clinical support to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

With regards,

Kathleen Bleckenberg

Board Chair
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM

June 7, 2025

Club Name _____ District _____

Contact Person (please print) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email address: _____

Donation Amount: \$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$35 _____ \$25 _____

Check the box for the type of donation:

- ☐ Club Donation
☐ Personal Donation

\$25 donation with no t-shirt.

*\$35 donation includes a t-shirt. Registration form must be received by **April 20th, 2025** to receive a t-shirt.*

****Complete the next page for t-shirts***

Club Sponsorships:

\$1000 level - Club's name on the back of the t-shirt and up to 28 entrants with t-shirts

\$500 level - Up to 14 entrants with t-shirts

\$250 level - Up to 7 entrants with t-shirts

\$100 level - Up to 3 entrants with t-shirts

Check the box for which event you/your club are attending:

- ☐ Dfeet Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
☐ Dfeet Walk at the Diamond Point Park in Bemidji
☐ Donation Only

Please send check and registration form to:

Lion Rose Thies, Treasurer
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation
21515 371st Avenue
Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

Please make check payable to: Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

T-Shirt Order

Please list each member/guest that would like to receive a t-shirt along with their email address and size. T-shirts are available in adult sizes small to 5XL and child small-large. **Save Time for Everyone! Emails are required for us to send electronic waivers before the event.**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>T-Shirt Size</u>
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the University of Minnesota from June 20-22nd.

The university of Minnesota will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 3,000 athletes will be competing in basketball, basketball, swimming, and gymnastics throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in the athlete Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

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

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



Summer Games volunteer shifts available:

- Friday, June 20, 9:00 pm - 1:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 21, 8:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 21, 11:45 am - 4:00 pm

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

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

TO REGISTER VISIT:

SOMN.ORG/LIONS

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

Questions? Please contact:

Lion Ray Moonen, 952.201.7031; moonen@myinfmail.com

Lion Jim Cain, 763.232.0790; jhcain2@gmail.com.

Lion Laura Maki, 507.964.5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net

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Lonsdale Lions



Lonsdale Lions Charter members Lion Don Stica & Lion Fritz Dubahn with wife LeVerne Dubahn watching the induction of our 2 newest Lonsdale Lions members KT and Liz.



Past Council Chair (PCC) & Past District Governor (PDG) Lion Glenn Kaufmann inducting new Lonsdale Lion KT Klokonos with sponsor & husband Lion Fred Klokonos to the left & new Lonsdale Lion Liz Marson with sponsor & husband Lion Treasurer Dustin Marson. Congrats & welcome to the Club KT & Liz!



Lonsdale Lions Charter members Lion Don Stica & Lion Fritz Dubahn with President Lion Alan Fitterer between them. Lion Don & Lion Fritz are our last 2 charter members having been inducted as Lions on December 27, 1979 Lonsdale Lions charter date giving 45 years of service to the Lonsdale area community! These 2 gentlemen are legends in our community!



Some of the attendees at the Lonsdale Lions Club 45th Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at the Lonsdale American Legion.



A big group picture of members of the Veseli Lions Club and the Montgomery Lions Club who came to celebrate with us, Lonsdale Lions Club members, spouses, & Lions widows. Around 50 people attended the 45th Anniversary Celebration! December 27, 1979 to December 27, 2024! Here's to the next 45 years of providing service to the Lonsdale Area community!!!



Above: 5 of the Lonsdale Scout Troop #9327 enjoying their complimentary breakfast for volunteering at the Lonsdale Lions



Club Breakfast on Sunday, April 6th. The Lonsdale Lions really appreciate the Scouts for their assistance at each of our breakfasts! Top right: A photo of some hungry Sunday morning folks enjoying their Lonsdale Lions Club pancakes, sausages, & scrambled eggs breakfast! Bottom: The Lonsdale Scout Troop #9327 & Lonsdale Ambassadors, our youth volunteers who bussed the tables at the breakfast, taking a beautiful picture!

Below right: The Lonsdale Lions widows enjoying their breakfast & much social time. These ladies continue to show up to our Lonsdale Lions events & fundraisers time & time again & we thank them for their support always!



A Tri-City United Titans family out supporting & enjoying their Lonsdale Lions breakfast!



The Lonsdale community coming out to support their Lonsdale Lions!



LeSueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions Club attended the Retail and Business Expo at Le Sueur Henderson High School held from 10am to 1pm on April 5th, engaging with community members and sharing information about the Lions Club's projects, activities, and community involvement.



THE LE SUEUR LIONS CLUB VISITED THE LE SUEUR FOOD SHELF LAST THURSDAY, MARCH 3TH AND DONATED \$1,000 TO SUPPORT LE SUEUR FAMILIES.



Minnesota Lake Lions



(Left) Cathy Hove with her display on Diabetes. She presented to our Lions Club and some people from the community. (Below) Lion George Sonnek did the KidsSight Vision Screening for students at our school.



More Le Sueur Lions

The Le Sueur Lions Club dedicated a portion of their monthly meeting to preparing hundreds of eggs for the Easter egg hunt took place on April 19th. We hope everyone has a wonderful Easter.

On Saturday, April 19th, the Le Sueur Lions hosted their annual Easter egg hunt at Legion Park in Le Sueur, where 200 eager kids of all ages awaited the starting whistle to fill their baskets, bags, and containers with over 3,700 eggs stuffed with candy and papers redeemable for various prizes.



Veseli Area Lions

The Veseli Area Lions held our Annual Easter party for the local children. We had a great time and had some assistance from the Lonsdale Ambassadors and the Webster Willing Workers 4-H with games, activities, and face painting for the kids. We accepted Food Shelf donations and were able to donate 35 lbs of food to the local food shelf.



Carver Lions



The Carver Lions club making a donation to the Town baseball team. \$25,000 to help improve the playing surface as well as other improvements at Woody Swanson field. Further donation to come in the fall for more renovations. Pictured are Carver Pres. Dean Nelson presenting to Dave Kloster, Dave Meyer, and Dustin Brockhoff of the Carver Black Sox town team. Thank you !



BLUE EARTH LIONS

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Average Jo's Bar & Grill

Lars Bierly, President Dean Vereide, Secretary

Joe Tempel, Treasurer

NEWSLETTER

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Business Items

At our regular meeting on March 12, 2025, we had 11 members in attendance. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved as given. The only business item discussed was that Lion Clint Benz had been in contact with St. Luke's about our plan to reschedule the Pancake Supper there to March 26th, after having to postpone it twice. St. Luke's administration said that they already had their menus planned for the month of March, so they did not want us to come out this month either. The members present at the meeting agreed that we would honor their request. St. Luke's suggested that maybe we could schedule something over the summer, but, since we are not that active during the summer, the members were okay with just canceling it for this year. There were no requests for funding before the Club, but there was some discussion about the donation we always make to St. Luke's. No decisions were made. At the meeting on March 26th, we had 12 members in attendance. The meeting began with a presentation from the BPA (Business Professionals of America) club at the BEA Schools. Five members and their advisor spoke about their upcoming trip to the national convention for 7 seven members who earned their way by presentations made to the regional and state conventions. After that presentation, we were finally able to officially install the last of 3 newest members, Carly Passante into the Club. Lion Carly informed us that she and Lion Junior Martinez were recently married in Las Vegas. She will now be known as Carly Martinez. The Club acted on a couple motions to donate \$800 (\$100 for each student attending and an amended motion to include the advisor). We also discussed Athletic Program ticket sales and a reminder that sold tickets need to be turned in to Lion Greg by April 23. Finally, Average Jo's goes to the new owner April 1st and we are checking that our meeting nights and location will stay the same.

Always be thinking about prospects for membership!

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting at Average Jo's
Wednesday, April 9th, 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting at Average Jo's
Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm

Hamburg Lions

The Hamburg Lions donated \$1000.00 to 2B Continued in honor of Dustin and Tricia Mackenthun. The event was held on April 12th, 2025. They raised a total of \$398,932 for suicide awareness.



The Hamburg Lions held their annual Spring Bingo on April 11th, 2025.



Brownton Lions held their April meeting

Sponsored the Brownton Fire Dept bike a thon, meeting the Journey for service, Brownton Summer Rec program, Brownton Cubs Fun run/walk pancake breakfast, Brownton Library summer program all will receive funds. We have 7 scholarships that will be handed out.

Will do doing our spring ditch walk before the next meeting

Held our yearly elections: Rich Pohlmer -President Bob Lindeman - Vice President looking forward to another fun year!!

Wells Lions

"Lions plant trees as a symbol of hope and as a concrete way to fight the effects of our ever changing climate." On April 17, 2025 Wells Lions Club members provided Red Maple trees to 4th grade students at United South Central and St. Casimir's schools.

Pictured are Lion Tom Hansen, Lion Bill Groskreutz, Lion Mark Schmitz and Lion Rick Mueller along with Faribault County Soil & Water Specialist Hadley Noss. Taking the pictures is Lion Andrea Groskreutz.



Stewart Lions

We had our annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday. We were blessed with a beautiful day and the Easter Bunny made it too!



Montgomery Lions May Day Sunday May 4



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Also - Scramble eggs/ham, juice, milk and coffee

7:30 am – 11:30

American Legion Post 79

Montgomery, MN



All Proceeds
are used to fund
community
projects and to
support Lions
International.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 Children (6-10) \$5.00
Preschool Free

Waterville Lions Club

Drive Thru

PANCAKE and Sausage Breakfast



Serving the Third Sunday of
each Month

2025 Dates

**8:00
AM
til
11:30
AM**

**May 18th
June 15th
July 20th
August 17th**

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

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Chaska Lions Fundraiser for Bountiful Basket & Humanity Alliance

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



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EASY AS 1, 2, 3

- 1 Collect your confidential papers.
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- 3 Attend the event & watch your documents Shred Right.



Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Lions Park
1300 Crosstown Blvd
Chaska, MN 55318**

10:00am-Noon

Suggested Donation:

\$10 per grocery bag
\$20 per box
\$50 car trunk load
\$100 pick-up truck load

Check, Cash, or Venmo

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28TH Annual Northfield Lions Charity Golf Tournament

Dear Friend of Northfield Lions Club,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well as Spring is now showing its true form! Please join us as we host our 28th annual charity golf tournament at Northfield Golf Club on Thursday, May 29th, 2025. The event is an important component of advancing our mission through community engagement and philanthropy. Not only will the day be filled with golf, fun, and laughter, but it also promises to support many of the club's worthwhile causes, including local charities, as well as Lions vision, hearing, childhood cancer, and other programs. Enclosed you will find a registration form with additional details about our event.

In addition to joining us on the golf course or if you are unable to attend, we ask you to consider participating in our hole sponsorship program. As a valued hole sponsor, your contribution (\$200 for business or \$100 for individuals/families) will be acknowledged with signage at one of the 18 holes on the course, signage on the golf cart and shout-out at dinner, providing an ideal opportunity for your business/family to gain visibility and show support to the Northfield Lions Club.

We want to THANK YOU in advance for your consideration in participating in our 28th annual charity golf tournament. Come on out and plan to have an excellent time supporting the Lions Club's mission.

Since 1921, the Northfield Lions Club has given back to the Northfield community through: eye exams and glasses for underserved Northfield youth, Northfield Youth Sports, Northfield Public Schools, Scholarships to Northfield High School Seniors, Northfield Food Shelf & Operation Joy, Northfield Junior Bowling, Laura Baker School, Lions Riverside Park, HealthFinders Collaborative, Northfield Historical Society, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Sincerely,

NORTHFIELD LION'S GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Lion Ben Van Vooren
Lion Marty Benson
Lion Sam Ringstad
Lion Tom Nielsen

Lion Brian Rykhus
Lion David Ludescher
Lion Terry Heilman



The Chanhassen Lions Club Foundation Presents

35TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Money raised benefits the community and organizations we support.

4 AUGUST 2025 || AT DEER RUN GOLF CLUB
VICTORIA, MN

\$150 PER PERON

11:00 Registration/1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Lunch, Social, Prizes &
Buffet Dinner

Mixed & Ladies Teams
Encouraged

Prizes For:
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Longest Putt

Sign-Up



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