



# 5m2 Lions' News



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## Aim High To Serve!

Lion Glenn Kaufmann  
District Governor

Hi Lions. The holidays are fast approaching, Lion Lisa and I will be headed to Gaylord and Clara City to visit and celebrate with our families. It feels good to see them again, but it is sometimes hard to load up, get back into the car and

tell everyone goodbye. We enjoy hanging out with our family and especially our nieces and nephews who are growing so fast, makes it hard to leave.



DREADED DECEMBER DROPS?!?

JUNE SWOON?!?

Ever heard those phrases? The Dreaded December Drops and the June Swoon are real, and they really reduce our club's community reach. Our clubs work hard at recruiting new members, only to find they head out the door in a few years. No one wants to see new members going out the back door as fast as they are coming in the front door. Clubs work hard to get new member, let's work to keep them. If our club members feel welcome, comfortable and are involved in community service, they will remain part of the club for a long time. Recruiting new members is important for ensuring the health of a Lions club. However, identifying prospects, inviting them to join and inducting them into a club are only the beginning. For the long-term vitality of a club, Lions must also focus on retaining members. Statistics show 50% of new members drop out of Lions within the first three years.

Every December and June, club secretaries have the task of removing members from our rolls. Why do members leave clubs? Research indicates members leave for the following reasons:

### BORING MEETINGS

1. Lengthy/boring meetings
2. Club politics/cliques
3. Lack of involvement
4. Lack of cooperation and not working together
5. Service Projects that members don't connect to



One way to make a member feel involved is to ask their opinion. Seems like a Duh Moment, but sometimes we take members for granted. Ask your members: Why is our club here? Do our activities demonstrate this? If a non-Li-

on looked at our activities, what would they think was important to our club?

When we all have skin in the game, we are more likely to feel part of the club and want to contribute to its successes. When clubs have the same folks involved with the same events year after year, things have a chance to go stale. Bring new members into committees right away. They don't need to chair the event but get them involved. If a person is involved and feels like they are contributing, they are less likely to leave the club.

What do we do when a member leaves the club? Do clubs simply say good riddance and move on? Or do we engage with them to find out the reasons they left? Is there an opportunity to give it another chance? If it is helpful, ask a Zone Chair or cabinet member to reach out to them, it can help keep emotions out of the equation. If there is not an understanding of why members are leaving clubs, there is no way of improving. LCI also has a lot of information on its website to help our clubs and 5M2 with member retention. Please consider giving this a try.

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## Did You Know?



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg  
1st Vice District Governor*

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!!

Where in the world did 2021 go??  
The older I get the faster time flies.

By the time ya'll read this I will have  
14 days or less to finish school. But  
who is counting?

All the fall Zone meetings are done!!! Quite a bit of wind-shield time put in. But it was well worth the time and effort.

I have had so much fun as 1VDG hearing about all the club successful fundraisers, service projects, getting meetings going again and learning new ways to do things.

I have had the pleasure of Inducting new members, installing club officers, presenting well deserved awards, eating great food, seeing parts of Minnesota I have never been to before and meeting Lions I haven't met yet.

The best part of it all, John was able to attend not one but TWO Zone meetings with me. He enjoyed attending and it was great to be able to introduce him to my extended Lions family.

I've had a couple of opportunities to sit in on the Mid-Winter planning meetings. I am so looking forward to going in February. The registration form is in the newsletter. Come and celebrate being a LION!!!

One more thing I want to mention that is also I the newsletter is the Zone Person of the year Nomination form.

I would really like to get 100% participation from every club and Zone this year. Fill out the form and get it to me by the end of January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all ya'll.



### THE PLUNGE IS COMING!!

Lions and Leos from 5M2 will be jumping into freezing cold water to support Special Olympics Minnesota. By Plunging, they help bring opportunity and inclusion to over 8,100 Special Olympics athletes across the entire state of Minnesota. Past years have had over 50 Lions from 5M2!

Leos and friends have participated in the previous Polar Plunges, raising almost \$10,000. That is fantastic! 5M2 would like to boast once again about having a super fun and large Lions/Leos delegation jump in 2022 at Hallet's Pond, St. Peter on Saturday, February 5th. There is a 5M2 Lions team registered at <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/5m2lions>

Just register under the team and you are set to go! Are you ready to do something wild for something good? Every dollar you raise supports Special Olympics Minnesota. You got this!

Any questions, please contact **Lion Tom Coleman** at [tscole2@comcast.net](mailto:tscole2@comcast.net) or call/text (612) 357-1063.

**GO 5M2 PLUNGERS! LET'S FREEZE OUR PAWS OFF TOGETHER!**

## Hello Lions...



Lion Christy Trutnau  
2nd Vice District Governor

As I am writing this article, I have attended most of the Fall Zone meetings already, it is great to get back out and see everyone in person again. Its also nice to hear how clubs in our district have found creative ways to continue to service despite the pandemic. That is what makes District 5M2 such a great district to

be part of! I was also very impressed with all the great reports from the district cabinet chairs.

Doing a Lions service project and/or fundraiser is great, but the final step should be to report that service project or fundraiser into My Lion.

Why report to my Lion? There are several reasons why reporting to My Lion is beneficial, here are a few of them that I covered at the Zone meetings:

- Reporting service helps transfer knowledge and best practices to your club's future leaders. Club officers can review past service activity reports, learn from the successes of the club's previous activities and better plan for their future activities.
- Reporting service is a matter of local pride. Reporting puts your club on the map as leaders in your local community, and it's an important way to share success with other clubs in your district and around the world.
- A high percentage of clubs reporting service is a sign of a healthy district.
- Reporting service allows you to become eligible for service awards.
- People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories more effectively and ultimately grow their member base.
- Service data helps everyone understand the needs of communities around the world and how our Lions and Leos are serving those needs.
- Service data enables Lions Clubs International to identify best practices that can be shared globally
- Service reports show how Lions and Leos around the world are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to serve their communities. This visibility encourages Lions and Leos to think creatively about their own projects and apply for LCIF grants themselves.
- Reporting is the final step in completing a service project. If it's not reported, it's not done.
- Reporting service is a lot like voting. You may think your report doesn't make a big difference, but the only

way we'll be successful is if everyone does their small part

- Reporting is considered service in itself. The time clubs and districts spend reporting their service are considered volunteer hours and can be reported in MyLion.

If any club needs help entering their service projects/fundraisers, club officers/members or logging your club's attendance into LCI please me know, I would be happy to help!

Thank you for all you do for 5M2 and the people you serve!

*'When we remember a special Christmas, it is not the presents that made it special but the laughter, the feeling of love, and the togetherness of friends and family that made Christmas special'...By Catherine Pulsifer*

Have a Happy Holiday Season! You can contact me at: 952-261-8581- phone; Christy1135@gmail.com.



## Lions Clubs International

**Dear Lion Leader,**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to impact the work of Lions and communities around the world, creating challenges for our clubs and the people we care for. Throughout this global crisis, Lions have continued to safely serve because the needs have been so great.

To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

**Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:**

- **Charter and entrance fees waiver** – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022. Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021.

*Please note that clubs should pay any outstanding balances right away to stay in good standing and avoid being placed on financial suspension on November 15.*

We know that every member matters, to our clubs, to our communities and to the lives we touch as Lions. For more than a century, Lions have taken on the greatest challenges facing humanity, and together, we will overcome this.

Thank you for sharing the joy of being a Lion, and for your outstanding service and commitment to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander  
International President



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow Lions,

Merry, Happy, Blessed! Any and all of these apply to this time of year. So, whichever you feel applies to you, I send that greeting your way.

Many clubs are in the midst of projects serving their neighbors in need who have issues of food insecurity or hunger. Contributions to food shelves or community meals, delivery of food baskets and more. During the coming holiday season, give yourself a gift. Take the time to participate in a service opportunity with your club, and not only meet someone else's need but also your innate need to feel connected to others. It's a great time for Serving from the Heart, as International President Douglas Alexander would say.

As mentioned in my November article, gifting family or friends a donation to LCIF is a great way to give something memorable, while you help Lions magnify their service. Your donation can be acknowledged by LCIF or you can print a document from the 5M2 website to share with your recipient.

We're 22 weeks into this Lions year, so if you've been putting away \$2 a week for LCIF as DG Glenn encouraged in his first newsletter article of the year, you may want to write that check and send it to LCIF or me.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

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

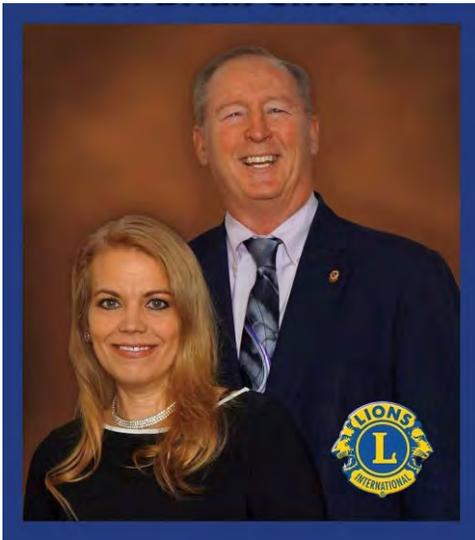
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*For more information about your Foundation, go to [www.LionsClubs.org](http://www.LionsClubs.org) and click on "LCIF" in the menu on the upper right corner of the page. To make a donation online, click on the big yellow button that says "Donate"*



**FANTASTIC NEWS** – 1VP Brian Sheehan will be inducted as Lions International President at the International Convention in Montreal in June of 2022.

It is with great pride that a Lion from our own Multiple MD5M and a Minnesota Lion from Bird Island, MN has risen to the call to become the International President for 2022-2023. This journey has been exciting and challenging for both Lion Brian and Lion Lori and has required extreme dedication and perseverance and expense on their part due to the pandemic pushing Lion Brian's position as IP back a whole year. However, wheels are now in fast motion for this to happen next year and as Lions, we should be thrilled

to have Lions Brian and Lori leading the world's largest service organization.

Back in 2017 we asked if the clubs in 5M2 would support the Sheehan Campaign by making a onetime \$100 donation. Over half of the clubs in 5M2 stepped up to the challenge and 1VP Brian was extremely appreciative for this support. However, due to the extra time and expense the time delay has caused the campaign, 1VP Brian's campaign fund needs help. Lion Brian is very cost conscious, but also wants to be able to do great things for Lions in his year as International President. The 5M2 Cabinet voted to donate \$5000 from the District Treasury and would like to see that matched by the Lions in 5M2. Lions Brian and Lori would be beyond grateful if your club would donate \$100 or any amount to the Lion Brian Campaign Fund.

If your club does not have the means to make a monetary donation, there is also an opportunity to donate a raffle basket of any kind for the raffle room at the Multiple Convention in Mankato in April of 2022.

If your club would like to show your support for 1VP Brian and Lion Lori by making a donation to Lion Brian's campaign, please make a check to **Lion Brian Campaign Fund**. The funds can only come out of the club's **Administrative Account**. No public funds can be accepted.

Donations can be mailed to:

2VDG Christy Trutnau  
110 Rebecca Dr.  
Jordan, MN 55352

If you would like to donate a fantastic raffle basket for the Sheehan Campaign raffle room at the Multiple Convention, please contact PCC Brian/Lion Rose Thies at [roseco@frontiernet.net](mailto:roseco@frontiernet.net).

1VP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori thank you so very, very much!

PDG Joan and Lion Kevin Blank  
5M2 Team Sheehan Co-Captains



## Welcome new Lions since July!

### Albert Lea Lions

Lion Doug Conn - sponsor Lion Roger Truax  
 Lion J. Szymanowski - sponsor Lion Roger Truax  
 Lion Michael Yochum - sponsor Lion Roger Truax

### Amboy Lions

Lion Debra Larson - sponsor Lion Marilyn Ruzich

### Blue Earth Lions

Lion Jessica Rios - sponsor Lion Greg Holland  
 Lion Brent Wiethorn - sponsor Lion Greg Holland  
 Lion Jessica Warehime - sponsor Lion Greg Holland

### Carver Lions

Lion Greg Cummins - sponsor Lion Durk Peterson  
 Lion Ryan Finke - sponsor Lion Thad Lawrynk  
 Lion Kyle Jensen - sponsor Lion Durk Peterson

### Chanhassen Lions

Lion Jeff Commander - sponsor Lion Rob Martinson  
 Lion Kelly McCuistian - sponsor Lion Annette Fossum  
 Lion Steve Hitchcock - sponsor Lion Steve McAuley

### Chaska Lions

Lion Jodi Hesse  
 Lion Amber Middendorf - sponsor Lion D. Trebiatowski

### Cologne Lions

Lion Aaron Nielsen - sponsor Lion Anna Wickenhauser

### Ellendale Lions

Lion Bob Walterson - sponsor Lion Allie Larson

### Faribault Lions

Lion Michelle Christianson - sponsor Lion R. Twiehoff  
 Lion Cheri Hopke - sponsor Lion Carol Anderson  
 Lion Harold Weber - sponsor Lion E. Shallbetter

### Gibbon Lions

Lion Greg Hartmann - sponsor Lion Carroll Woods  
 Lion Ann Hartmann - sponsor Lion Charles Ahlbrecht

### Glencoe Lions

Lion Bonnie Richter – sponsor Annette Ahlfs

### Hamburg Lions

Lion Kerry Kroells - sponsor Lion Diana Kroells  
 Lion Gary Perry - sponsor Lion Willard Fuellner  
 Lion James Shoemaker - sponsor Lion O. Mackenthun  
 Lion Daniel Oelfke - sponsor Lion Duane Kroells  
 Lion Judy Perry - sponsor Lion Diane Hoffman  
 Lion Janet Shoemaker - sponsor Lion Otto Mackenthun

### Hutchinson Lions

Lion Steven Hauer - sponsor Lion Duane Jindra

### Jordan Lions

Lion James Holle - sponsor Lion Joseph Thill

### Lafayette & Area Lions

Lion Daniel Hayes - sponsor Lion Tom Hayes  
 Lion Patricia Heyes - sponsor Lion Tom Hayes  
 Lion Colin Hoffman - sponsor Lion Mark Haler

### Le Center Lions

Lion Christian Harmeyer - sponsor Lion T. Christensen  
 Lion Dale Riebel - sponsor Lion Bob Emmers

### Lonsdale Lions

Lion Chris Vlasak - sponsor Lion Alan Fitterer  
 Lion Collan Zehnder - sponsor Lion Alan Fitterer

### Montgomery Lions

Lion Dale Looft - sponsor Lion Ray Farwell  
 Lion Carl Treu - sponsor Lion Denise Wondra

### Northfield Cannon Valley Lions

Lion Gil Mracek

### NYA Lions

Lion Jean Boughten - sponsor Lion Lavonne Kroells  
 Lion Zach Lohmeier - sponsor Lion Dave Williams  
 Lion Emma Nystadivis - sponsor Lion Tina Nemitz

### Owatonna Lions

Lion Michelle Gwin – sponsor Jory Mages

### Prior Lake Lions

Lion Eileen Hanson - sponsor Lion Char Beerling  
 Lion Darren Irvin - sponsor Lion Kelly Norris  
 Lion Lori Kurtz - sponsor Lion Rosemary Frank  
 Lion Carrie Legler - sponsor Lion Linda Hall  
 Lion Dawn Minton - sponsor Lion Linda Hall  
 Lion Chelsea Pepek- sponsor Lion Rosemary Frank  
 Lion Lindsay Warner - sponsor Lion Linda Hall



## Welcome new Lions since July!

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### Shakopee Lake Lions

Lion Melissa Hansen - sponsor Lion Holly Buck  
 Lion Michelle Klippen - sponsor Lion Diana Kowalski  
 Lion Jessica Lee - sponsor Lion Diana Kowalski  
 Lion Deb Rolfzen - sponsor Lion Maria Hawes  
 Lion Sherry Sweeny - sponsor Lion Diana Kowalski

### Silver Lake Lions

Lion Dorris Lundin

### Stewart Lions

Lion Nicholas Bombeck - sponsor Lion Heidi Nelson  
 Lion Joyce Piehl - sponsor Lion Heidi Nelson

### Veseli Area Lions

Lion Kristina Odendahl - sponsor Lion J. Malecha  
 Lion Colton Tupy - sponsor Lion Roxanne LaPierre

### Victoria Lions

Lion F. Scott Fein - sponsor Lion Derrick Smigiel  
 Lion Monica MacDonald - sponsor Lion Derrick Smigiel  
 Lion Dan McGinnis - sponsor Lion Patrick Murray  
 Lion Gary Peka - sponsor Lion Alban Bill

### Waconia Lions

Lion Tim Keefe - sponsor Lion Matt Heger

### Waconia Dandy Lions

Lion Michelle Bijou - sponsor Lion Nicole Siddons  
 Lion Lindsey Engmark - sponsor Lion Rachael Frovarp  
 Lion Audrey Gleason  
 Lion Lindsey Hagen  
 Lion Darla Holmgren - sponsor Lion Pam Kurtz  
 Lion Shannon Kearney  
 Lion Jami Medchill - sponsor Lion Pam Kurtz  
 Lion Brie Pillar  
 Lion Patricia Sayre  
 Lion Kathryn Schroeder - sponsor Lion Jamie Thomas  
 Lion Leah Soltis - sponsor Lion Alesha Hodorff  
 Lion Jamie Thomas  
 Lion Megan Vaneyll

### Watertown Lions

Lion Liz Gerads - sponsor Lion Patrick Neaton  
 Lion Sam Schuler - sponsor Lion David Sloneker  
 Lion Elena Walters - sponsor Lion Lindsay Guetzkow  
 Lion Erik Weaver - sponsor Lion Lindsay Guetzkow  
 Lion Meghan Weaver - sponsor Lion L. Guetzkow

### Waterville Lions

Lion Kristin Greenwald - sponsor Lion J. Schollegordes

### Winsted Lions

Lion Sandra Bayerl - sponsor Lion Diane Neumann

## ***Global Leadership Team/ Technology***

October 21-23, 2021 the Regional Lions Leadership Institute was held in Detroit Lakes MN. 5M2 was proud to have 7 Lions attend this institute, and all of them have come back saying how much they have learned, how wonderful it was to spend time with and collaborate with other Lions from all across our Multiple, and how it has inspired them to be more dedicated, engaged and enthusiastic Lions! Also, I am very excited to say that going forward this Institute will be held annually, rather than every-other-year as it has been running up to now! So if you or anyone in your club is considering attending or would like to hear more about the RLLI and experience our 7 5M2 Lions have had, I would suggest reaching out and asking, also if you are unsure who went this year, talk to Lion Lisa at your District Governor Club visit, since she was one of our wonderful institute attendees!

The Northern Pride Lions Forum is back! The forum will be held March 25th-26th, 2022 in Saint Cloud. This forum is wonderful for any and all Lions to attend, and is a great alternative or addition to the USA/Canada Lions forum!

Save the Date! I am also thrilled to announce that our MD5M Multiple District Convention is a-go for an in-person convention for 2022! The theme of the Convention is "Service in the Heart of Everyday Lions" and will be held at the Mayo Convention Center in Mankato April 29, 30, & May 1st, 2022. Registration will be coming soon, as will more information on the convention itself.

Reach out to me with any GLT or Technology questions at lionannaw@gmail.com

**Northern Pride  
Lions Forum**



**March 25th - 26th, 2022**

**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn**

**100 4th Ave. South, St Cloud, MN USA**

**2022 Registration Form**

**Your District & Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lions Membership # :** \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration form also available at  
<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

**Special Dietary Needs:**  
Vegetarian, Gluten Free,  
(circle ones that apply)  
Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$105.00 (US\$ or CDN\$)**

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, your choice of up to 6 of the 36 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with two dynamic guest speakers:  
(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

**SIGN UP ONLINE @**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-forum-2022-registration-181446420127?aff=erelexpmlt>

**Pay with credit card in US\$ or CDN\$ follow the online screen instructions to register.**

If you would like to send a USD check or money order:            Make it payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Forum**

Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, PO Box 94, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$109.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until March 7th, 2022  
Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606

**» BOOK NOW**      This block is called **“Northern Pride Lions Forum”**      **» BOOK NOW**

Cancellations prior to March 19th, 2022 will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after March 19th, 2022 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

**For more Information Email The Northern Pride Lions Forum at: [npllfmd5m@gmail.com](mailto:npllfmd5m@gmail.com)**

<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>

## **Northern Pride** **Lions Forum**

**March 25th - 26th, 2022**

36 Seminars have been confirmed for the forum. Included are over 1/3 completely new sessions along with some crowd favorites back by popular demand.

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| 1. Phishing/Cyber Attacks and Phone Scams  | 19. NAMI/GMA  |
| 2. Lions Quest   | 20. Ice Breakers and Activities for Your Club   |
| 3. Overcoming Stage Fright - Tips and Tricks for Public Speaking                               | 21. The Platinum Rule: Treat Others the Way They Want to Be Treated                               |
| 4. S.W.O.T. Analysis for a Club Vision   | 22. Am I Ready to Be a Leader? Commitment, Skills and Steps to Becoming a Leader in Your District |
| 5. How Do You Start a New Club? Traditional, Specialty, Cyber? What's Right for The Community? | 23. 21st Century Mentoring - Innovative Ways to Mentor Lions in Your Clubs and Districts          |
| 6. Pediatric Cancer  | 24. KidsSight   |
| 7. Leo and Campus Clubs - Let's Get It Started! The Future Is Now                              | 25. Bidding for a Multiple District Convention  |
| 8. Creative Recognition  | 26. MyLion - Facts and Features (Service Activity Reporting)                                      |
| 9. Zone/Region Chair: Get in the Zone  | 27. Women, Families and Youth - Changing the Demographics of Clubs                                |
| 10. Youth Exchange   | 28. LCLIF Grants  |
| 11. Team Building  | 29. Better Together/Community Partnerships  |
| 12. Your District Cabinet - What Is It and How Do I Become a Part of It?                       | 30. Recruiting Younger Lions  |
| 13. COVID And Your Club: Has the Pandemic Changed the Blueprint for Your Club?                 | 31. LCIF Campaign 100 Update  |
| 14. Lions University   | 32. Get Your Lion's Swag! The Lion's Logo and Who Is Authorized to Use It                         |
| 15. Fun with Taitwisting   | 33. What Would You Pay to Be a Lion?  |
| 16. Conflict Resolution  | 34. How Does Good Leadership Make a Stronger Club?  |
| 17. How to Fit Lions into Your Life  | 35. Roberts Rules   |
| 18. Signature Projects: Building Blocks for A Successful Club                                  | 36. Creative Public Relations   |

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

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:  
[5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

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



Are you having problems with hearing loss? Tinnitus? Vertigo? And other conditions related to hearing and the ear?

The Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation Clinic at University of Minnesota Medical Center can evaluate a wide range of hearing impairments and maximize your communication potential.

With advanced expertise, our audiologists can prescribe and program the best possible hearing instrument for you, including hearing aids and cochlear implants.

At the Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation Clinic, we are proud to be a part of the Lions 5M International Hearing Center that is located within our clinic. (<https://www.5mhf.org/international-hearing-center.html>)

Conditions We Treat:

1. Ear and Hearing Conditions
2. Hearing Loss in Adults
3. Pediatric Hearing Loss
4. Tinnitus
5. Vertigo
6. Vestibular Balance Disorders



Go to <https://www.mhealthfairview.org/specialties/Audiology-And-Aural-Rehabilitation> to learn more and to request an appointment.

**THANK YOU**

Your support is appreciated!

*Community support is what we are all about. Income earned at our fundraisers is used to fund many projects—some of which are Breakfast with Santa, Poinsettia Project, Music in the Park. Children of our Community, scholarships, whatever needs come each year.*



**WEST CARVER LIONS**

**THIS IS US!**

Via the objectives of Lions Clubs International, we set goals serving the needs of the Norwood Young America area and the organizations approved by our district and Lions Clubs International.

*You are welcome to visit our meetings*  
**FOURTH TUESDAYS – 6:00 PM**  
**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL**

**OR CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK.**



Kidsight is back in operation. We have had some Lions doing screenings. We will help you get restarted. We can even give you a little retraining if you think you need it. The screening procedures are the same. We only ask that you wear a mask or face shield and follow all guidelines for the screening facilities policies. So now we ask that Lions to begin contacting the places that you have screened at previously and see what we can do for them. We are currently able to offer this service to 6 months through middle school age kids. If you do a community event you can offer it to all kids through middle school age. Another possibility for your clubs is you can contact your local Head Start facilities. Any Questions you can contact Lions Harry Klenke at 952-445-0289 or Margie Jacobson at 507-649-1034.



### **"We Are All Connected"**

Thank you to the 19 clubs (29% of district) that participated in the Peace Poster Contest. There were a total of 26 posters submitted for judging by these clubs. The posters were amazing and I am glad I do not have to make the decision picking the winners. I have 3 non-Lions who will be judging these. All three of the judges I have chosen have an eye for art- one even being an artist (original paintings) and the other two have a flair for art and have worked with youth in their careers. It truly is fun to see how unique each student has shown their own interpretation on how "We Are All Connected"- this year's theme.

I would be happy to come to your club to do a presentation on the process of Peace Poster if you are thinking about doing it next year. Just remember, you must order a separate kit for each poster that you submit. Many towns have multiple schools so if you want to choose a poster from each school- you must order multiple kits. The new kits for 2022 will be available in January from Lions International, as I write this, the theme has not been released yet.

You will see this years' posters displayed at the District 5M2 Convention in February.

PDG Diana Kroells  
District Peace Poster Chairperson

## **Childhood Cancer**



The last few months we have enjoyed being busy out and about representing the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.

We decided to split the zones to cover 5m2 easier, Lion Chuck Toltzman has attended the Zone 1,3,6, and 7 meetings and if your club in one of these zones is looking for a speaker on childhood cancer, contact Lion Chuck at [circlethay@gmail.com](mailto:circlethay@gmail.com). Lion Gerald Ziskovsky has attended Zone 2,4,5, and 8 meetings so if in these zones and would like a speaker on childhood cancer contact Lion Gerald at [gzturtle@gmail.com](mailto:gzturtle@gmail.com)

While you plan your speakers for the second half of this year, please consider contacting one of us to speak at your club.

In October our foundation had its meeting and decided

to donate \$25,000 to the University of Minnesota Masonic children's hospital, donations are going to their ongoing setup of an App, this app will help them to stay in contact with the patients they have now and in the future and also past patients so they can see how their doing years from now. Check out our webpage at [mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.com](http://mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.com) and check out the videos put together by the great doctors explaining the app and while on the site check out this great new resource we have for you.

On behalf of Lion Chuck and me, Lion Gerald, co-chairs of the Mn Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation for 5m2, we want to THANK YOU for past donations and great visits and want to wish you all a Safe and Healthy Merry Christmas, we look forward to our visit in the new year.





Connecting, empowering and transforming  
kids with Type 1 Diabetes

# Round-up For Camp Sweet Life!

**A simple way to donate to our kids with diabetes programs  
with your pocket change when you use your credit card!**

While at your computer or phone go to [www.campsweetlife.org](http://www.campsweetlife.org)

Click on “Event and News” tab

Click on “Fundraising Events” Tab

Sign up to give your for Change for Kids is easy, safe and secure. How to sign up:

1. Text message **DIABETESCAMPS** to **43506**.
2. Or [CLICK HERE TO DONATE with “ROUND-UPS”](#)

**MAKE SURE TO choose CAMP SWEET LIFE when signing up!**

**Your small change can make a big Change for Kids at camp!**

Have you ever checked out at the grocery store, and the clerk asked you to round your change up to benefit a charity of the store’s choice? Little by little, these tiny donations add up to be a lot of change! Camp Sweet Life has found a way for you to invest your small change from daily purchases to help children experience the joy and benefit of diabetes camp! With *Change for Kids*, your secure card transactions will round up to the next dollar to support camp.

Sign-up is very easy and takes less than two minutes! Then, you spend like normal. Let’s say tonight, you go and fill your car up with gas and it costs \$15.99. You swipe your card like normal, and your receipt from the gas station will show \$15.99 – but you can smile behind the scenes knowing you just donated 1 penny to Camp Sweet Life!

## **Donate Your Change to Camp Sweet Life!**

We also realize that many people have a budget, so you can easily set up a monthly limit to your max donations and also cancel at any time. On the last day of the month, your card will donate the rounded up change in one donation to Camp Sweet Life.

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Your Change for Kids will make a wonderful difference in the health and happiness of children living with diabetes! Thanks for your support of Camp Sweet Life Adventures!

**Questions – call Lion Rene’ 507-995-6910 or  
email to [rene.maes@campsweetlife.org](mailto:rene.maes@campsweetlife.org) Thanks!**

## ***Diabetes Service Project Ideas for Lions***

(Editor's Note: This was submitted for the November Newsletter and inadvertently omitted...my apologies to the Diabetes Foundation co-chairs.)

November 14 was World Diabetes Day. Lions Clubs International encourages every Club to contribute to the day and by doing a Diabetes Service Project. We didn't get this list generated for the day however, any day is a great day to consider one of these projects. Some are very easy to do requiring minimal effort and manpower. Encourage your club to perform one of these or an original diabetes service project that your club develops. If you perform a service project please provide a summary of your project to your MN Lions Diabetes Trustees - Lion Bobby Paulson and Lion Brian Rykhus. Thanks for living the Lions motto "We Serve".

- Have group take Diabetes at Risk Test
- Start a walking group.
- Canoe or kayak down a local river. Get a great workout paddling down the river (exercise to help prevent diabetes and/or keep it in check). Have a diabetes-friendly lunch and pick up any litter along the way. (Also counts as an Environment project.)
- Do a diabetes health fair with free testing for Type 2 diabetes, free services and screenings, activities, and giveaways during November (Diabetes Awareness Month). Fruit and vegetable baskets for adults – giveaway or prizes during Diabetes Awareness Month's health fair.
- Serve diabetic-friendly meals at Lions meetings and/or events during November and have a speaker talk about preventing and/or managing diabetes.
- Do a STRIDES Walk for diabetes awareness. Prior to the STRIDES Walk (and working with the local city/town), place more permanent benches on walking trails and along the sidewalks to encourage walking and more active lifestyles.
- Raise money by doing a fun event at golf-driving range. Kids, adults, and families get a specific number of golf balls, healthy lunch, and can participate in other fun activities (bouncy houses). This crosses over into diabetes-prevention by having people of all ages being outside and active.
- Collect non-perishable food that is healthy for low-income people with diabetes (this also crosses over to be a hunger project): canned spinach, brown rice, whole-grain pasta, quinoa, millet, canned salmon, sardines, albacore (white) tuna in water, herring, no-salt kidney beans, no-salt pinto beans, no-salt black beans, walnuts, pecans, macadamia nuts, almonds, mandarin oranges in water, canned sweet potatoes, extra-virgin olive oil, and chia seeds.
- Do a testing clinic for diabetic retinopathy (which causes blindness) and test blood glucose or A1C levels. If people test positive for these problems, they will receive a referral to their doctor. The Lions also will mail them a link to get a free kit if they have Type 1 Diabetes: <https://www.jdrf.org/t1d-resources/newly-diagnosed/>. For those with Type 2 Diabetes, the Lions would create their own kit that they can mail based on what's in the JDRF kits.
- Offer foot exams to test for diabetes. Diabetes can slow circulation in the feet and legs and cause people to lose feeling there. The American Diabetes Association says everyone should get an annual foot exam.
- Put donation labels (Donated by the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club with the month and year) in books about diabetes (Type 1 and Type 2), healthy eating, and exercise/fitness that are donated to a local school and/or public libraries. (Check with libraries first to see what books they want to acquire.)
- Place diabetes kits in every classroom and bus in our schools. Kit details are available from your GST Coordinator.

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

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to: [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com)

**What are your clubs doing for Fund Raisers? Get Me the NEWS!!**

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# 2022 LIONS 5M2

## *Mid-Winter Convention*

**February 11-13, 2022**  
**Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center**  
**1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN**

### Registration Information:

\$40 registration fee per attendee.

Register by clicking [district5m2lions.com](http://district5m2lions.com). Or, use the paper form on the next page.

### Convention Schedule:

#### Friday, February 11

4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Registration – Mayo Center Lobby  
 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting & Dinner (by invitation)  
 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. Opening Ceremony & Celebration of Life  
 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Rain Kings & Cash Bar – Dress to honor our military (in uniform, camouflage or red, white and blue)

#### Saturday, February 12

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Registration  
 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Grab & Go Breakfast  
 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Speaker – Leader Dog  
 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Speaker – Dedication to Service  
 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Speaker – Member Retention  
 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch & Program  
 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Business Meeting  
 6 p.m. ID and Governor's Reception & Cash Bar  
 6:30 p.m. Governor's Banquet  
 9 p.m. Evening Mixer & Cash Bar

#### Sunday, February 13

8:15 a.m. Ecumenical Service  
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Brunch & Meeting

### Hotel Information:

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***PRINT LEGIBLY & READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING  
 COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING***

Guest Information:  Lion  Leo  Spouse/Guest  1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendee

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>State &amp; Zip Code:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Club Name:</b>	<b>Special Dietary Needs:</b>

**Instructions to Register:**

- Return Registration Form (completed in full) by January 31, 2022
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (meal prices include tax and gratuity)
  - Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
  - Mail form(s) & check to: Lion Cindy Walters  
1915 Waterford Circle  
Chaska, MN 55318
- Call Lion Cindy at (952) 484-0404 with questions. Please leave a detailed message.

**Cancellation & Refund Policy:**

- All cancellation requests must be directed to Lion Cindy Walters
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
  - Postmarked on or before January 12, 2022 – Full refund
  - Postmarked between January 14 and February 2, 2022 – 75% refund
  - After February 2, 2022 – No refund

**Convention Costs:**

- Registration Fee: \$40.00 (per person)
- **Registration fee applies to all attendees**, including non-Lions
- Please pre-register as on-site registration will be limited and no meals will be available for purchase.

**Meal Options:**

Please make selections below

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saturday Breakfast</b> Grab & Go Bagel Breakfast Sandwiches, Coffee & Water	<b>\$15</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saturday Box Lunch</b> (Sandwich/Wrap, Kettle Chips, Cookie, Coffee & Water) <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Chef Salad (GF, Vegetarian)	<b>\$18</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Saturday Banquet</b> (Salad, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee & Water) <input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Chicken, Rice and Shawarma Sauce (GF) <input type="checkbox"/> Herb Crusted Pork and Potatoes <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<b>\$38</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sunday Brunch Buffet</b> Egg Bake, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Muffins, Fruit, Coffee & Water	<b>\$22</b>
<b>Total Registration (\$40) + Meals</b> (NOTE: Name tags and meal tickets will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in.)	



## District 5M2 **PARADE OF GREEN**

Parade of Green is an integral part of the Mid-Winter Convention. The purpose of the Parade of Green is to give District 5M2 Lions Clubs the opportunity to provide monetary donations to foundations/programs our District supports. The donations received are the majority of the funding for each of these foundations/programs. The pandemic has been hard on charities as most, if not all fundraising activities were cancelled. Over the years, the foundations/programs 5M2 supports have received substantial contributions from the Clubs. As your Club budgets donations for the 2022 Parade of Green, please consider making a donation to each foundation/program. Even if it is a small amount, it goes a long way. What a great celebration it would be during brunch on Sunday, February 13, 2022 if the foundation/program chairs reported 100% participation by all Clubs in 5M2. District leadership and foundation/program chairs appreciate each Club's participation in the Parade of Green.

A list of foundations/programs District 5M2 supports is below. The list includes if they are a 501 (c)(3) and their tax identification number. If the foundation/program is 501 (c)(3) donations can come from either gambling or project funds. If not, funding may only come from project funds.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):** (501 (c)(3)/23-7030455) LCIF is the main humanitarian arm of the Lions around the world. Donated funds are recorded as a Melvin Jones donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Records for donations are kept by LCIF.

**Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation:** (501 (c)(3)/41-6026488) The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation has been working to help the blind and visually impaired since 1960. Through their support of Lions Gift of Sight (formerly Minnesota Lions Eye Bank), their collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology, and their work collecting and distributing used eyeglasses, the Foundation helps countless people every day. Donated funds are recorded as a Helen Keller donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Helen Keller Award in honor of those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. Records for donations are kept by the Vision Foundation.

**Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation:** (501(c)(3)/ 41-6172730) The Foundation was founded in 1973 to promote to the fullest extent the advance of research and programs concerned with hearing health and communication disorders. Further, it was founded to provide assistance with the organization and administration of these activities throughout the Lions Multiple District 5M, which encompasses Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a Hearing Research Fellowship. A second donation in the same named individual will receive a Progressive Fellowship.

**Diabetes:** Clubs can donate to either or both.

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:** (501 (c)(3)/26-3238179) Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities. Donated funds are recorded as a Dream Catcher donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Dream Catcher Award. Records for donations are kept by your own Club.

**5M2 Diabetes:** Funds stay in District 5M2.

**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation:** (501 (c)(3)/83-2970348) A charity of the Lions Clubs of Minnesota to support efforts to end childhood cancer. A relatively new initiative by the Foundation involves partnering with local Lions Clubs to help local families dealing with childhood cancer. Thus far, we have approved matches \$500 to three local Lions Clubs who had fundraisers for local families. The Believe Award has been established to recognize Clubs and individuals who have donated \$1,000 to the Foundation to further our mission to assist patients and families dealing with childhood cancer.

## ***Parade of Green...continued***

**MD5M KidSight Foundation:** (501 (c)(3)/81-3338106) KidSight is a program to screen the vision of children, primarily between the ages of 6 months and 6 years . About 7 to 15% of children screened will be referred for follow-up professional exams. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a "Sight Saver" award.

**Can Do Canines:** (501 (c)(3)/41-1594165) Can do Canines raises and trains Mobility Assist, Diabetes Assist, Autism Assist, Hearing Assist, Seizure Assist and other Service Dogs. The dogs are provided at no charge to the recipient. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a "Top Dog" award. Donation records are kept by Can do Canines

**Leader Dogs for the Blind:** (501 (c)(3)/38-1366931) People who are blind or visually impaired endure hardships most of us can barely imagine. Things that were once routine and taken for granted may gradually or suddenly become insurmountable hurdles. Leader Dogs for the Blind provide white cane training to matching people with a Leader Dog, they provide the tools and training to reintroduce people to a life of independence, confidence and companionship. It's a way of living that leads to a new perspective on life.

**Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota:** (501 (c)(3)/27-2749699) Provides family retreats for veterans and their families with educational skills to manage their lives after wartime service. The organization provides these activities totally free to the veterans and their families.

**Youth Exchange:** Clubs can donate to either or both.

**MD5M Youth Exchange:** (501 (c)(3)/46-4182698) The Lions Youth Exchange Program was launched to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and cultures other than their own in an effort to promote world peace. Young people are given the opportunity of living with a family or families in a foreign country for a few weeks to experience first-hand a new culture, history and a different way of life. The ultimate goal is to have each participant upon returning home share his or her experiences in promoting international understanding.

**5M2 Youth Exchange:** Funds stay in 5M2.

**5M2 Youth Outreach:** The Youth Outreach program is a part of the Lions Organization encompassing Leos, Peace Poster, Essay Contest, Liberty Day & Write-Off.



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# Club Delegate Roster

Form must be returned to get your voting credentials

**Club Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for every 10 members or major fraction (5) thereof.

Number of Club Members \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Delegates \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST YOUR CLUB DELEGATES:

**IMPORTANT: Return Delegate Form by February 1, 2022**

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>	<u>Email Address in case we can do Electronic Voting</u>
1. _____	_____	1. _____
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10. _____	_____	10. _____

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TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!**

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

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

## Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities Lake Crystal Lions



**Official Ribbon Cutting Born Learning Train – September 28th 2021**

The Lake Crystal Lions Club, City of Lake Crystal, Greater Mankato Area United Way, and TBEI all had a fundamental part in getting the interaction up and running. Everyone enjoyed the morning and took part in walking through the learning station.

1st VP of Lake Crystal Lions Club Ryan Yunkers explained "It's giving back and giving service to the community and also because it is something that will continue to give back for many years,".

### Treat Bags – October 11th, 2021

Lake Crystal Lion President Barb Overlie, Lion Gail Anderson, Lion Dee Pendergast and Lion Laurie Williams gathered to put treat bags together for those residing in the local assisted living centers and home shut in. Candy, fruit and packets of hot chocolate are placed in the bag along with a note that it is from the Lions. 100 bags were assembled and Lions member will hand deliver the bags this week. This is fun part of the project when Lion member get take a few minutes and visit with each recipient of a bag of goodies.



### Ditch Clean-up

It was a great Saturday morning to walk the ditches and do a final clean for the year. Pictured here are Lake Crystal Lion friends and family members that took part in the last ditch clean up of the year.



### Lake Crystal Lions cont.

#### (Right) Little Lakes Day Care Center:

The Lake Crystal Lion were on hand to help celebrate the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the newly opened Little Lakers Day Care Center. The Lake Crystal Lions donated financially to the purchasing of the fencing for the outdoor activity area. Pictured here with the sign that will be mounted on the fence: Lion Laurie Williams, Lion President Barb Overlie, Lion Ryan Yunkers, Lion Adam Finney, Lion Tony Jacobs and Lion Taylor Gronau.



**(Left) Trick or Treat...** It is Halloween and the Lake Crystal Lions cannot let the day go without taking part. For years the Lake Crystal have sponsored the Halloween event at the Lake Crystal Rec Center. This year it was Trunk and Treat with over 500 youth walking through the line to receive treats from local businesses and organizations. The Lake Crystal Lions handed out the traditional home grown apples to the delight of trick or treaters. Inside, the Rec Center hosted a variety of games for the youth - Mummy bowling and Spider Ring toss were just a couple. The Halloween event drew over 1000 attendees.



**Scarecrow...** The week of Halloween the Lake Crystal Chamber asked Lake Crystal businesses and community organizations to get involved in decorating Marston Park with fall scarecrows. Pictured here is the Lake Crystal Lion's Scarecrow. Each triangle lists an organization that the Lake Crystal Lions support.



### Chaska Lions

The Chaska Lions has been very fortunate to help the following groups with \$8,000 each: Auburn Manor, Launch Ministry, and Love, Inc.!



### Jordaness Lions

#### "Adopt a Veteran" service project

We were in the process of planning for our bi-annual Veteran's Day program but ended up making the tough decision to not hold an in-person program for health and safety concerns for the invited guests and school students. We didn't let that stop us; we instead shifted quickly to a new service project, "Adopt a Veteran". We partnered with the Jordan schools to have students write letters/cards of thanks and/or draw pictures.

We were overwhelmed by the response from the schools and as a result, we were able to send every Veteran multiple letters from students along with our Jordaness Lions letter of thanks.

Here are just 2 examples of notes we received in response to the letters:



*Dear Jordaness Lions, I received your letter today in regards to the annual Veterans Program your group so professionally sponsors. I will admit that I was surprised when I first heard it was cancelled. Your letter was spot on at a time when it seems we are having difficulties squashing this ugly virus. I know that you have always made our veterans proud and the Jordaness Lions will do that again when the time is appropriate. Thank You all for your dedication to this program and also for the wonderful children's letters we received with the explanation. The Jordaness Lions are a very vital and supportive group in the community of Jordan!! A Big THANK YOU for all you do!!*

*Can I just say you guys are amazing! I just got a call from my mom who said that my dad, who is a Vietnam Vet, received a package in the mail today. In it were notes from Jordan students who thanked him for his service! This absolutely made his day & my mom said he teared up. Thank you, thank you to whomever sent this! You have me crying tears of joy at your thoughtfulness!*

We are proud to be Lions and this is yet another reminder of why we are Lions!



#### Pride Raffle

The Jordaness Lions held our 2nd Annual Pride Raffle on October 30th. It was a beautiful day and we were able to enjoy the outdoors for the raffle and the musical entertainment we sponsored for the afternoon.

Thank you to all of the 5M2 Lions that supported us and purchased raffle tickets. Although not everyone was a raffle prize winner, great programs and community needs will be supported with the proceeds!



#### Jordaness Lions 101

This is our annual membership event focused on member education/on-boarding and recruiting for new members. All members and brand new members are invited and encouraged to also invite other potential members from the community.

The event is hosted by the board who serve up a great dinner of homemade soups, salads, breads, desserts, and of course wine. The entertainment committee puts on a fun program overviewing Lions International, 5M2 Dist, and a deeper dive into our club and our activities/goals for serving....all of course centered on having fun together.

This year Zone 4 Chair Todd joined us for the event and also presented the district information during the program! And we already have one gal from the community who came to the event and is joining in December!



### Jordaness Lions... continued

In an effort to promote literacy in their community, the Jordaness club donated 139 dictionaries to the third grade students at Jordan Elementary School and St. John the Baptist School. This is one of the club's favorite service projects, and it's very well-received by the new dictionary owners!



### Lester Prairie Lions

Lester Prairie Lions donated new Christmas decorations to the City of Lester Prairie for Central Square. The decorations were manufactured by a Lester Prairie Business, Christmas Cottage Lights. The business is owned by Greg & Terri Bestul. <https://christmascottagelights.com/>. Lion Dale & Lion Troy installed them.



### Stewart Lions



The Stewart Lions Club welcomed two new members in October. Pictured are new members Jayce Piehl and Nick Bombeck, flanked by Lion Orville Trettin, and Lion Heidi Nelson, who sponsored the new members.



### Carver County Lions Work Together

On October 9th Lions from 6 different clubs in Carver County worked together to help clean up Coney Island of the West, the island on Lake Waconia. The Island is owned by the Carver County Parks Department, and this clean-up event was coordinated between the Parks and Waconia Lions. Members from the Waconia, Waconia Dandy Lions, Cologne, Hamburg, NYA West Carver, and Cologne Leos clubs were all present, and made up the 35 volunteers who worked alongside the Carver County Parks employees, and a historical excavation crew. In just over two hours these Lions and Leos were able to plant 140 Sumac trees and clear out rubble from two old cabin building sites. After the event, Waconia Lion Paul Melchart gave an outstanding talk on the history of Coney Island of the West, and the significant role it has played in Waconia and Carver County development. The County staff anticipated the work they planned wouldn't get done, but would be at least partially completed. As it turns out, it was totally completed shortly after noon, so the day (10am-3pm) was cut short. They couldn't believe how the Lions jumped in and got the job done! This was an exciting service project that helped clean up and improve the environment, allowed Lions from several different clubs to work side-by-side and allowed all who helped out the opportunity to both see the island and take ownership in helping keep it nice and restore it for future generations to come. This event was incredibly successful, fun, and will be an annual or even bi-annual event going forward!



### Chanhassen Lions

Chan Lions Food Drive event at Cub Foods in Chanhassen on Saturday October 30th. The Lions collected over 1300 lbs. of food and \$980 in cash for the Bountiful Basket food shelf, serving Eastern Carver County <https://bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/>. The Lions would like to thank the Southwest Transit



<https://www.swtransit.org/> for donating their Trolley for collection and transport of the food donations. Pictured left to right are Lions Brad Kingsley, Steve Cannon, Greg Fletcher and Steve Hitchcock.

### Minnesota Lake Lions

The Minnesota Lake Lions informed the Maple River High School English teacher about the Lions Write Off program. Mr. Willis let his students decide if they wanted to enter this competition. The Lions clubs of District 5M2 announced an Essay Contest for students in grades 9 through 12. Essays of approximately 500 words in length would be judged for cash prizes. This year's topic followed that of Lions International President's Douglas X Alexander's theme "Service from the Heart". Writers were encouraged to demonstrate how they have served others selflessly expecting nothing in return. In this essay, they were to write about who they are and how they answered those needs and tell what actions they took providing service.

We had two students who entered the competition. Both entries were very good but only one entry could go on to the next level of competition. Essays were judged on originality, content, organization and mechanics. Martha Price's entry "Service: Important at Any Size", was selected as the 1st place winner and received a check for \$40.

Claire McGregor's entry "Sacrifice" was selected as the 2nd place winner and received a check for \$30. Martha's entry will now be judged at the Zone level. There are 8 clubs in our Zone and there are 8 zones in our District. Students may enter this competition every year starting in the 9th grade. Every year there is a new theme. Thank you to Edie More for being our Minnesota Lake Lions chairman for the District 5M2 Lions Write Off program.



Martha Price 1st Place, Lion Edie More, Claire McGregor 2nd Place winner



Left: Minnesota Lake Community Picnic, We also gave away safety vests, Gov. Glen's visit,

Below: Minnesota Lake Lions planted pumpkins and gave them away to the elementary kids and daycare centers. What was left went to any one in the community.



### Lonsdale Lions

Lonsdale Lions President Alan Fitterer accepted a check for \$577 from West Central Sanitation's Ray Sweetman. The Lonsdale Lions had the cardboard recycling bins at Mackenthun's Lonsdale for Q3 which resulted in 35.5 tons being collected in the "Good Neighbor Team" Program.

Lonsdale Scout Troop 327 soon-to-be Eagle Scout Kieran Holets bringing in and turning over to the Lions at their November meeting the 2 planters that he built for the Lonsdale Lions concession stand at Jaycee Park. Lonsdale Lion Treasurer Dale Furrer is in the background.



The Lonsdale Lions held their fall pancake & sausage breakfast on Halloween. Lions Fritz Duban, Jim Malher, Al Sevcik (back to camera) working on the pancakes and eggs and Lions Sam Gillispie, Dale Furrer, & Jerry Nypen ready & waiting to serve. This was our first breakfast since Fall 2019 and the turnout was excellent results in a great fundraiser with the money raised going back in kid programs here in Lonsdale.



Lonsdale Troop 327 Scouts Grant F., Jameson Z., & Zach Z. listening to instructions on COVID protocols from Lion Micki Ziskovsky early on Halloween morning before the doors open for our fall pancake & sausage breakfast. The Scouts bussed tables, wrapped silverware with a napkin, passed out extra all-you-can eat pancakes. This was the first breakfast that we Lonsdale Lions were able to display our new "We Serve" banner listing all of our community involvement, volunteer projects, & donations which matches our new Lonsdale Lions placements. Great PR with the hopes of these types of promotional pieces bringing in new members!



### Hamburg Lions



1st & 2nd place winners from Emanuel Lutheran School, Hamburg along with Lion Diane Mackenthun-Club Peace Poster Chairperson



Hamburg Lions clean road ditches along Hwy 5.



Dictionary Project 3 graders at Emanuel Lutheran School Hamburg Lions Diane Hoffman & Diana Kroells



3 new members were inducted into the Hamburg Lions Club by DG Glenn Kaufmann. Lion Willy Fuellner, sponsor for Lion Gary Perry, Lion Diane Hoffman, sponsor for Lion Judy Perry, Lion Kerry Kroells and sponsor Lion Diana Kroells.

## Lafayette Area Lions

### Lafayette Lions support LCS students

The Lafayette Area Lions Club supported two youth programs at the Lafayette Charter School Thursday, November 11. They presented dictionaries to eligible students and recognized the winners of the Lions Peace Poster contest.

Three members of the club were on hand to present Webster's Dictionary for Students to eight third grade students and six older students who are new at the school and had not yet received their own copies.

The presentation was made in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a national program that traces its roots to 1992. Over 30 million children have received dictionaries because people and organizations like the Lions have seen the need in their communities.

The Lions also recognized students who created posters for the annual Lions Peace Poster Contest and presented awards to the winners.

Contest winners were Rachel Lund of Lafayette, daughter of Phillip Lund and Amanda Kasper, first, and Himalaya Harrison of New Ulm, daughter of Josh & Ivy Harrison, second. They received cash prizes of \$25 and \$15, respectively. Rachel is an eighth grader, Himalaya a sixth grader. Rachel's poster has been sent to Lions District 5M2 where it will compete for additional honors.

Also creating posters for the contest were LCS students Garrett Jutz, Elyse Lentz, Skylar Lyimo, Kelsey Owens, Malachi Schwark, Jonathan Turbes, Aliyah Uvalle, Taylor Wyszawski, and Annika Wyffels.



Lafayette Charter School Peace Poster contest entrants are pictured with Lions Andrew Maidl and Trish Gieseke (holding Elyse Lentz's poster). The students are, front, from left: Himalaya Harrison, Jonathan Turbes, Aliyah Uvalle, Taylor Wyszawski, and Annika Wyffels. Back: Garrett Jutz, Rachel Lund, Skylar Lyimo, Kelsey Owens, and Malachi Schwark.



Fourteen Lafayette Charter School students received their own personal dictionaries through the sponsorship of the Lafayette Area Lions Club November 7. The students are front, from left: Alayla Adams, Isabelle Anderson, McKinlee Hoffmann, Jemma Jutz, Charlie Lindquist, Olivia Miloslavac, Jace Christensen, and Gabriel Uvalle. Second row: Taylor Wyczawski, Aliyah Uvalle, Jackson Wyczawski, and Jack Schaefer. Not pictured: Lucy Wyczawski and Elyse Lentz. Lions Andrew Maidl, left, Trish Gieseke, and Ruth Klossner (not pictured) made the presentation.



The winners of the Lions' Peace Poster Contest at Lafayette Charter School were, Himalaya Harrison, left, second place, and Rachel Lund, first place. They received \$15 and \$25, respectively, along with special certificates.

## ***Lafayette Area Lions...continued***

### **Lafayette Lions assist in community farewell for club member/community pastor**

The Lafayette Area Lions worked with the Fields of Grace Lutheran parish, the Lafayette Charter School, and other groups when a Community Farewell was held for Lion/Pastor Heidi Hagstrom Sunday, October 24.

Pastor Hagstrom served the Fields of Grace parish for almost six years, but was forced to retire after a cancer diagnosis. She joined the Lafayette Lions in June 2017 and was an active member. In addition, she served on the Lafayette Charter School Board, was very involved in the School Backpack Food Program, and contributed to other community events.

The Lafayette Lions honored Hagstrom for her community service by awarding her a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Unfortunately, Pastor Heidi was too ill to attend to accept the award herself.

During a short program, Lion member Brad DeBoer spoke about Hagstrom's years and involvement in the community, then presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship to her sister, Tracy Durant, on her behalf.

In cooperation with the Lions, a Dad's Belgian Waffle brunch was held, with the proceeds going to Hagstrom. The Lions also conducted a cash raffle, with the \$3,000 proceeds going to Hagstrom.



The Lafayette Lions presented the Lions highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, to Lion and Pastor Heidi Hagstrom. Hagstrom's sister, Tracy Durant, accepted the plaque from Brad DeBoer.



Lions Mark Dick and Brad DeBoer drew the tickets for the Lions raffle drawing. Three prizes of \$500 and two of \$250 were awarded.

## ***Blue Earth Lions***



### **Peace Poster Project**

Once again, the Blue Earth Lions sponsored the Lions Peace Poster contest at the Blue Earth Area Middle School. The art teacher, Sara Albright, again had her students create their posters and sent the top 6 posters to us for the Club to vote a winning poster. There were 22 kids that entered this year. Pictured on the left is our winning artist, along with his parents. Jack Bell, son of Joe & Carissa Bell, is holding his winning poster.

### Mayer Area Lions

The Mayer Area Lions cleaned up West Ridge Park on Friday. A regular task of the club both spring and fall. Pictured are Mayer Lions President Doreen and Lion Paulette.



Mayer Lions Trick or Treat in the Street

The Mayer Area Lions combined two fundraising events at the last Mayer Car Show. One for Childhood Cancer, Shave the Mane Event and a food drive to a local food shelf. They donated hair to Children With Hair Loss Organization and raise funds for the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Organization.



### Mayer Area Lions...continued

The Mayer Area Lions had Lion Gerald Ziskovsky of the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation speak at their October 18th meeting. The Mayer Lions were able to donate to the organization with their September Childhood Cancer Fundraising event Shave The Mane.



**THE MAYER AREA LIONS**  
Have raised the following amount from our Shave the Mane Fundraiser:

**1,024.78**

The donation will be sent to:



We have collected 4 hair ponytails  
To be sent in  
memory of Melissa Ragusa to:



### Northfield Cannon Valley Lions



The Northfield Cannon Valley Lions have three trailers for sale that they would like to see go to another good Lion home:

**Serving Trailer** - 30' Long x 7' wide has 5 serving windows, sink, hot water heater, refrigerator/freezer, plus lots of storage area. Outside flood lights and front and rear entrance doors.

**Trailer with two grills** in front approx. 24"x 36". Trailer is 24' long x 7' wide with a storage area in the rear.

**Storage Trailer** - 12' long x 7' wide full of serving pots and pans, utensils.

If interested in any or all...

Call Ray Ozmun at 507-649-1523. He has photos.



**2021-22 DISTRICT 5M2**

**Zone Lion of the Year**



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

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

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

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2022 Spring Zone meetings. Any club member can complete this application and return it to 1st Vice District Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg by January 31, 2022.

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

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature and Date)

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

1st Vice District Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg  
67194 County Road 46  
Alden, MN 56009  
Krpbleckeberg2525@gmail.com



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2021 - 2022 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (4). The 2022 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2022.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org)
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.
4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

**ALL** forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2022** to:

**Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman** [763-786-8072](tel:763-786-8072)

[bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)

**You can either email us your application OR call us and we will give you our mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to ALL!!**

**The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”**

# BINGO

## BAR BINGO IS BACK!!!

### BREWSTER'S BAR & GRILL, VESELI



### THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 BEGINNING NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>

PROGRESSIVE \$1000 JACKPOT

### COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

VESELI AREA LIONS  
LICENSE 92581

## Pork Chop Dinner

### Take Out Noon - 2 PM

### Pre-Sale Tickets Only

*Available from any Plato Lion Member or King Pin*

**January 1, 2022**

**Drive Thru**

**East side of Hall**

**\$15 per meal**



**2 Pork Chops, Baked Potato (sour cream and butter), Green Bean Casserole, and Dessert.**



### Eat at King Pin Pub

- ❖ Opens at 11 AM
- ❖ Dining In the Banquet Room or Bar
- ❖ Bloody Mary Bar will be OPEN
- ❖ Meat Raffle begins at 1
- ❖ Music by Doug Stuedemann begins at 3

PLATO LIONS 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER



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# Save The Date

# 2022 MD5M Lions Convention

*"Service in the Heart of Everyday Lions"*

**Date:**

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2022

**Location:**

Mayo Clinic Health System  
Event Center Mankato, MN

