



# 5m2 Lions' News



July 2022

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## Growing Leaders

*Lion Kathleen Bleckeborg  
District Governor*

In writing this article, the 104th Lions International Convention has not happened yet. So, all the details of that excitement will have to wait until the August newsletter.

My DG pin is an Apple tree. With the LIONS logo and the LEOS log. I wanted to incorporate the two big passions of my life. As most of you know vegetable gardening is a big part of my life along with being a LION.

My goals for the 2022-2023 LIONS year are to encourage LIONS to step up in their clubs and/or to step out of their clubs to grow as LIONS and to grow into leadership positions in LIONS.

We need leaders at the club, zone, and district levels. We need LIONS to step outside of their comfort zones to become secretaries, treasures, tail twisters, vice presidents, presidents, zone chairs, cabinet members, district governors.

To help you to get more comfortable training is the best place to start. RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute), Lions University, Attend a Zone meeting and the Mid-Winter. The opportunities are endless.

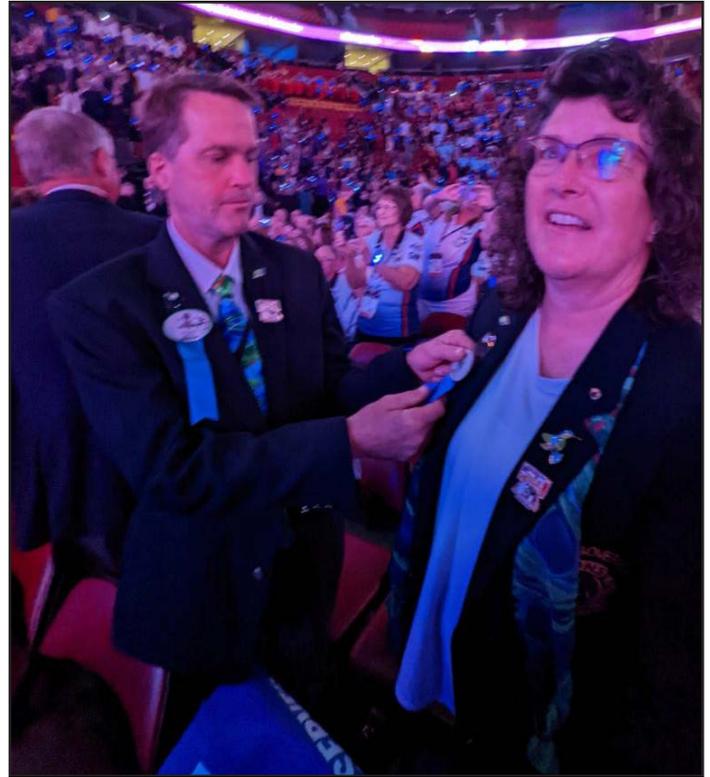
I am so looking forward to this new year, I am excited to help continue the great success all my predecessors have achieved and build on that success.

I am looking forward to working with 1VDG Christy Trutnau and 2VDG Gerald Ziskovsky to help all the clubs in 5M2 to be as successful as they can be.

I want to thank all the Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasures, Tail Twisters, board members, Zone Chairs and other cabinet members for stepping up to the plate to help with this coming year. As International President Brian Sheehan's motto states "Together We Can"

For all the past leadership especially IPDG Glenn Kaufman and his lovely bride Lion Lisa for your support and guidance to help me become prepared for this coming year. I am also looking forward to working with CC Glenn Kaufmann at the Multiple Level.

I will have the details on how the International Convention went. It's going to be like no other I have attended or will attend again.



*It's Official...DGE Kathleen is now DG Kathleen.  
Doing the official Ribbon pull is Kathleen's husband, John.  
Congratulations!!!*

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## Giving Thanks



*Lion Christy Trutnau  
1st Vice District Governor*

July marks a New Lions year and a new position for me! As I look back on the past year as your 2VDG, it was a great year. If you didn't know I was very nervous and not sure if I could do this, but I had great leaders guiding me along the way. It was a privilege and honor to be part of the Dream Team III.

During the year, I had the opportunity to meet new Lions, attend almost all the Zone meetings, attend some club events (hoping to do better this year), induct new club officers and the list could go on! It was a nice to be able to meet again in person and reconnect with Lions!

I want to thank IPDG Glenn for his great leadership this past year and pushing me to come outside my comfort zone, it scary at times, but I made it through! I will be forever grateful for your patience and understanding and the many car rides to events!

I would like to thank DG Kathleen, for helping me along the way with everything I need to prepare myself for this

upcoming year. I am looking forward to being by your side as you lead the District this year, you will do awesome!

I would like to thank the cabinet for their support and confidence in met to be part of the District Team.

Finally, I want to thank my club the Jordanness Lions, for their support and understanding that I might not always be able to attend events or meetings during the next couple years.

I look forward to the new Lions year and my new position as your 1st Vice District Governor, I am excited to work with DG Kathleen and 2VDG Gerald (aka Team Danger/ Dream Team IV...) I know it will be a great year as we will have the best International President guiding us along the way. I was not able to attend the International Convention this year and be there when IVP Brian Sheehan becomes our International President but wanted to take the moment to Congratulate him!

Happy 4th of July and look forward to seeing you soon!

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## Hello Lions...



*Lion Gerald Ziskovsky  
2nd Vice District Governor*

Hello Lions of 5m2, let me introduce myself, I am Lion Gerald Ziskovsky. I am a 14 year member of the Prior Lake Lions and Thanks to your support I am proud to be your 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2022-23 lions year. I look forward to working with DG Kathleen Bleckeberg and 1st

VDG Christy Trutnau, I look forward to serving with them as we bring "Team Danger" to 5M2 for the 2022-23 Lions year.

A little about myself, I am a 14 year member of the Prior Lake Lions, been married 28 years to Lion Kris, we have 2 adult daughters, Heather and Morgan. I have worked for the past 8 years for the Prior Lake-Savage School District, currently working as their inter-district mail delivery person and run the warehouse for the district. Previously I worked

for 24 years at the Twin Cities Assembly Plant, the Ford Truck plant in St. Paul until they shut the doors in 2011.

Previously I served my local club as Vice President, President, and currently serve as our gambling manager. On the district level, I was a Zone Chair for 2 years and served on 2 mid-winter planning committees, also serving as entertainment on Saturday nights for a few conventions. I am currently starting my 3rd year as co-chair on the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation for 5M2. I look forward to seeing all of you at future zone meetings and other events supported by the great Lions of 5m2.

If you need to contact me for help, please feel free to contact me at [gzturtle@gmail.com](mailto:gzturtle@gmail.com) or my cell 612-310-6305.

Dont forget to "Tip Your Hat" and say Thank You for a job well done to your fellow lions after your done with those lions project and Thank them for working hard together to help follow our motto "We Serve".



### **First group photo of DG Kathleen's DG Team at the International Convention.**

From Left: DG Dwayne Moncur, 5M13; DG Rob Weiner, 5M4; our own DG Kathleen Bleckeberg, 5M2; DG Jennifer Marshall, 5M5; CC Glenn Kaufmann, 5M2; DG Kathryn Smith, 5M10; DG L. Susan Althoff, 5M1; DG Mark Landwehr, 5M7; DG Kami Anderson, 5M11; DG Don Kuehl, 5M3.

Not in attendance: DG Pete Kelzenberg, 5M 6; DG Vince Thiel, 5M8; DG Scott Rolfe, 5M9.



Lions around the world raised this much money during Campaign 100! Way to go Team. Together We Can.



**f Lions Clubs International**

2 hours ago

"We are connected through the kindness we share, and the hope that we bring. Let us never forget who we are as Lions. Together, we are the most powerful force for change this world has ever seen!" Lions of the world, we give you the 2022-2023 President of Lions Clubs International: Brian E. Sheehan of Bird Island, Minnesota, USA! #LCIcon2022





# REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE RLLI

October 13-16, 2022

## Hilton DoubleTree Hotel Roseville MN

Registration is now open for the October 2022 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

The institute is open to all lions who are members in good standing of a Lions Club except for Past District Governors, District Governors, or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors.

The \$150 USD registration fee for RLLI includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs, \$129 USD excluding tax, and additional meals are not included.

A \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

**Early Bird Discount: Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$25 USD**

Participants must attend all sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday Afternoon.

Each district can send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.

Applications are available from your District Governor or District Global Leadership Team Chairperson as well as on the MD5M website: [lionsmd5m.org](http://lionsmd5m.org) under resources. Completed applications must be submitted to your District Governor, without fees by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Your District Governor will make the final participant selection and you will be notified by September 15<sup>th</sup> if you were or were not accepted.

If you have any questions concerning the Institute please email Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at [dkellylion@gmail.com](mailto:dkellylion@gmail.com)

***Ask an Institute Graduate, they will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion, and it is a lot of fun!!!!!!***

Click here to view a video testimonial: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/10INpegy-iJYw-UTt1q5-dgDBm\\_TdF2G/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10INpegy-iJYw-UTt1q5-dgDBm_TdF2G/view?usp=sharing)

**MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
October 13-16, 2022, Hilton Doubletree Roseville MN  
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

**MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE JOINED LIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I WAS REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

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**Any food or other allergies?** \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute, your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration and check to MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.



## LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

### ***“Lead with Compassion” Peace Poster Theme for 2022-2023 Contest***

For the last 2 months I started going over some of the rules that must be followed to assure that your submitted poster meets the qualifications of the contest. This month I would like to touch on media used. All media are accepted. This means it can be done with markers, chalk, paint, crayons, colored pencils, pastel, or charcoal. Any posters done with chalk, charcoal or pastel should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent any smearing. DO NOT laminate the poster.

Artwork must be the original artwork of the student and duplications are not accepted. Three dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached in any way to the artwork.

Peace Poster kits can be ordered up to October 1st but you will want to do it sooner so that you can get the information to the schools at the very beginning of the school year to ensure the students have plenty of time to create their posters.

Any questions- please be sure to contact me and as always- have fun!!

PDG Diana Kroells  
Peace Poster Chairperson  
952-467-2211 or 952-290-3677  
dianakroells@gmail.com

### ***Childhood Cancer***



Lions of 5M2, welcome to another year of Lions. Lion Chuck and Lion Gerald begin our 3rd year on the cabinet representing Childhood Cancer. Your great support in the 3 plus years this foundation has been together has been amazing.

Recently the foundation donated \$100,000 to the Universities Masonic Children's Hospital. These donations have gone to getting the phone app going at the hospital to help the hospital and doctors keep in contact with the patients and their families.

The foundation continues to offer matching grants, if you know of a youth in your community suffering from childhood cancer, your club could either do a fundraiser or donate from your funds or charitable gambling funds and if your donations make \$500 or more, contact us and we could be able to match these donations up to \$500 to help the families in need.

The next big fundraiser is MN Lions Childhood Cancer Day at the Hamel Rodeo. Thursday, July 7th the rodeo is making it our night. The foundation will have our table set up throughout the rodeo weekend. We hope to help many more young children in need. So get ready and saddle up and head on down to the rodeo.



As always we look forward to seeing you at future events, but as you begin your new Lions year and are thinking about who to have attend your meeting to speak, give us a holler and hopefully we can visit your club. Lion Chuck and myself have tried splitting the zones to better cover the District. Lion Chuck is covering zones 1, 3, 6 and 7 while Lion Gerald is covering zones 2, 4, 5 and 8.

Contact info to reach us is: Lion Chuck Tolzman at circlehay@gmail.com or cell 701-269-0950 or Lion Gerald Ziskovsky at gzturtle@gmail.com or cell 612-310-6305.

Please visit our web page at [mnlionschildhoodcancer-foundation.org](http://mnlionschildhoodcancer-foundation.org), this web page is a great source to find out where to donate and has speaker sessions from past conventions. These doctors explain in detail info like how the phone app will help.

Also, if your club has donated \$1000 you are eligible to give a Believe Award to someone of your choosing, this application is on the web site, spend some time and explore this great web page. We would like to THANK YOU so much for your support and look forward to seeing you at future events.



### Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

Thank you to all that attended the 2022 D Feet Walk. Attendance was a little less than expected, but those that attended enjoyed the day. There was no rain and temperature was good.

There were a lot of activities and good food to enjoy.

Donations were down, as of June 13, \$77,000 had been donated. If your club has not made a donation and would like to, checks can be sent to Trustees Vern or Marvin. Or better yet, send to Treasurer, Sue Vos, 20472 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN 55338. Make checks out to MN Lions Hearing Foundation with a note on the lower left to "D feet Walk". It would be nice to come closer to our \$100,000 goal. That would make it easier to fulfill our commitments to the U of M. This is the Foundations largest fund raiser. The money your club donates also gives your club credit toward awarding the Hearing Fellowship to a club member. Questions, ask your Trustees.

The up north walk at Bemidji went very well. Low at-

tendance but they had great weather and the word will spread to be better in 2023. The committee did a great job organizing for the first year, not knowing what to expect.

Trustee Vern Breamer has left the board after serving three years. Many thanks to Lions Vern & Darlene for their service and friendship. New 5M2 Trustee is Wanda Breamhorst from the Jordaness Lions Club. I look forward to serving my last year on the board with her.

It is club budget time again and I would like to remind clubs to budget for both the Parade of Green and the D feet Walk, June 3, 2023. Budgeting for both makes paying easier and you have a plan.

Any questions about Hearing Foundation or a club visit by a Trustee, give one of us a call:

PDG Marvin Grimm 952-448-9465  
Lion Wanda Briemhorst 952-492-6438.



### 2022 MN Lions State Fair Sign up!

Come one come all to the great MN get together!! The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation and The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation would like your assistance working the State Fair booth this year! District 5M2 is assigned Friday August 29th as their day to work. If you can work a shift, please sign up on at the link below. Please note you can work any open shift on any day.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b45a9a72aabfe3-state>

Thank you

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has a  
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# Interested in making a difference in kids' lives?

Camp Sweet Life Adventures is seeking staff for its Annual Camp for youth with Type 1 Diabetes! Positions may include:

- Counselors in Training (CIT) – age 16/17
- Counselors – age 18 and over
- Medical Staff (MD, NP, RN, CDE, PA, EMT, Pharmacist, Student Nurses)



Staff at Camp Sweet Life help transform the lives of kids with Type 1 Diabetes; support the community; learn about diabetes (diabetes training for CIT and Counselors is provided); and have an immeasurable amount of fun!!

**Camp Sweet Life 2022** – July 31 thru August 4 at Camp Courage - a True Friends Camp near Maple Lake, MN.

## Requirements:

- ❖ **All camp attendees (staff, counselors, CIT, volunteers, and campers) will be required to be fully vaccinated for COVID.**
- ❖ All staff training/orientation begins at 8:30am Saturday, July 30 at Camp Courage
  - We ask that counselors are present for the entire week of camp to provide the campers the best experience possible.
    - CIT's will be required to arrive Friday, July 29 at 12pm to assist with move-in.
    - Counselors and Medical Staff are invited to arrive Friday evening for a night of fellow-ship and networking.

For more information, go to [www.campsweetlife.org](http://www.campsweetlife.org) or email [info@campsweetlife.org](mailto:info@campsweetlife.org)



***Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities***  
***Albert Lea LakeView Lions***

Dr. Skorin from Lion Dr Della Simon's office was the speaker for LakeView Lions May meeting. Dr Skorin and his wife Kathy are both first generation US citizens and they have family still in Ukraine. He had recently met an ophthalmologist from Ukraine who works in Mankato who is affiliated with Stand with Ukraine Minnesota. They would like to provide safety glasses for the militia and citizens of Ukraine.



Pictured presenting the donation is LakeView lion 's president Meg Tibodeau, Kathy & Dr Leonid Skorin Lion Dr Della Simons a coworker of Dr Skorin.

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## Henderson Lions

Lion Ron Walter had the ball fields dedicated to him for all the years that he has volunteered and taken care of them and maintain these fields. We had a dedication ceremony held at the Henderson Lions concession stand. The fields are now dedicated in his name.



**Welcome New Members:**  
Henderson Lions have some new members: Susan Phillips, Kathy Helgason, and Bobbie Harder.

### Glencoe Lions

The Glencoe Lions had 2 games for children to play at Glencoe Dairy Days.



### Gibbon Lions

The Gibbon Lions are ready for summer. They have their benches outside business' for visiting with friends and neighbors and flowers are planted around Main Street.



### Jordanness Lions



The Jordanness Lions volunteered running the concession stand for the State High School Baseball tournament. Always a fun way to support our community and welcome teams and baseball fans from around the state.

The Jordanness club is proud to be a Silver Sponsor for the 2022 D-FEET Hearing Loss Walk. Club members, family and friends enjoyed a beautiful morning supporting the event.



### Jordan Lions

Jordan Lions just gave out \$14,000 of scholarships to graduating seniors from Jordan High School at their Awards Night on Monday, May 16. We also did our Spring Highway Cleanup on May 7 near Jordan.

Jordan Lions' most recent project. They donated and installed a new 30 foot tall flag pole in the Grandstand area of the Scott County Fairgrounds.



### West Carver Lions

Robin Bowar was inducted to the NYA West Carver Lions Club at our May meeting. Pictured are Lion Mona Bruers, new member Robin and Lion Mary Spille.

### Hamburg Lions



Left: Zone Chair Lion Todd Schansberg installs the new officers for the Hamburg Lions

Below: Hamburg Lions donate \$3500 to the American Legion Post 150 Veterans Monument Restoration Fund for restoring Civil War statues at Waconia Park.



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## Hutchinson Lions

A Scouting troop sponsored by the Hutchinson Lions conducted a National Court of Honor for six new Eagle Scouts in late May.

The largest Eagle Court of Honor in Hutchinson's history was attended by 70 family members and friends. The event was conducted at Hassan Valley Odd Fellows Lodge #109.

Carter Hausladen, Collin Noyes, Clayton Moore, Carter Juhnke, Joel Sudheimer and Tommy Pohlman received their Eagle Scout medal and oath. The youths range in

age from 14 to 16.

Seven additional Hutchinson-area Eagle Scouts were in attendance, including Jady Aldrich, Eric Carlson, John Rasmussen, Alex Berg, Brett Rasmussen, Bobby Rasmussen and Jackson Kramer.

Troop 623 meets weekly and has been sponsored by the Hutchinson Lions for 22 years. The troop is among the most active in central Minnesota and has produced 47 Eagle Scouts since it was chartered.



(Below) New Eagle Scouts for Troop 623 included (from left) Thomas Pohlman, Joel Sudheimer, Carter Juhnke, Clayton Moore, Collin Noyes and Carter Hausladen.



Below: Thirteen Eagle Scouts -- six youths taking the Eagle oath -- and seven others were present at the May National Court of Honor at Lodge 109. The group includes (front, from left) Carter Hausladen, Collin Noyes, Clayton Moore, Carter Juhnke, Joel Sudheimer, Tommy Pohlman, (back, from left) Eric Carlson, John Rasmussen, Bobby Rasmussen, Brett Rasmussen, Alex Berg, Jady Aldrich and Jackson Kramer.





# Waterville Lions

## Drive Thru Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

(Serving the Third Sunday of each Month)

**8 AM til 11:30 AM**

### 2022 Dates

- May 15th
- June 19th
- July 17th
- August 21st
- September 18th



### The Village in Waterville

205 N 1st St  
Waterville MN 56096

**Goodwill donation appreciated**

## Plato Lions



26<sup>th</sup> Annual We Serve

## 2022 Golf Tournament

18 Hole – 4 Person Scramble

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Noon Registration; 1 p.m. Start  
Glencoe Country Club

If you are not able to golf, please consider becoming a hole sponsor at \$25 or more.  
**ALL PROCEEDS** will be used for  
**PLATO BLUE JAY'S Stadium Lights.**

*Thank you from the Plato Lions Club*

\$75 Non-Member (per 4-man team) entry fee includes golf cart and meal.  
 Prizes Awarded  
 Contact Lions at 320-310-5056 for Registration Form



The Minnesota Lake Lions will be serving their famous pork burgers on Tues. and Wed. nights, July 12 & 13. Free street dance on Tuesday night featuring the Johnny Holms Band. Bring your chairs. 7:00 pm parade on Wednesday night and another free band plus fireworks!