



5m2 Lions' News



March 2021

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Get Your Lion On!!

*Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor*

Have you heard? District 5M2 went Virtual with our Midwinter convention!!! And people watched it from all over the world!!! It was a total of 4 hours and you can watch it over and over again, since it was recorded... Woo Hoo!

We had our International Director Dr. Jose Marrero speak to us about technology and the upcoming Virtual International Convention. We also had Shelly Storms Fruehling speak from our newest club in the district, the Waconia Hive, talk about what a peer support specialist is and bring awareness to some of the most recent statics about mental health, COVID, and how they are linked.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with this convention, and all of you who attended. Countless hours went into preparing and planning the convention, and I am incredibly happy with how it turned out!

Special thanks go out to my convention chairs Lions Nate Kells and Terry Kvittek and everyone who was part of the convention. Because of YOU this made our convention so memorable!!!

I am grateful to Lion Ruth Klossner for her amazing photos, time, and efforts. Also to everyone that has sent me cards, encouraging texts, e-mails and gifts...I am overwhelmed and humbled.

Also THANK YOU to everyone who joined in on the convention virtually! If it weren't for all of you, I would have just ended up staring at the screen having a conversation with myself, so thank you for saving me from that awkward experience. I would especially like to shout out all the Lions who are not very comfortable with technology who still attended and participated. I know that this way of hosting our convention has never been done before, so I appreciate everyone being flexible and open to changes and working with what we are able to do right now.

As March is upon us, I am happy sitting at my desk working, and watching the snow slowly melting away. The warmer (or warming) weather has me giddy for outdoor, in person club visits again! I am also always available and happy to have virtual club visits, hybrid club visits, combined club visits, etc...

I must say, I am always eager to logon to Facebook each day, if only to see all the creative ways that we as 5M2 Lions are serving and fundraising. I love seeing all the

drive-thru fish fry's, dinners, pancake breakfasts, and events being planning across 5M2! I also know my kids, Lion Hilary and Leo Vinnie are especially excited to see that Lions Clubs are starting to have BINGO events again (they believe they are lucky, and that Vinnie has bingo "skillz"). As always, I am amazed and excited to see all the ways that we as Lions are still out in our communities and serving.

I hope to see many of you at various club events throughout March, Lion Monkey and I are planning on going to as many in-person events as we can these next few months to make-up for all the in-person things COVID has made impossible to do this year.



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Did You Know?



Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor

Seems like I've repeated this a few times, repeated this a few times, but 2020-21 has been a bit of a downer. However, I got a shot in the arm to fix that. Not the shot in the arm you think I mean, but the 2021 Midwinter Convention. While there were only a few of us in Mankato, it was great for

Lion Lisa and I to see all of the shiny happy faces on-line. While the magnitude might not be there, 5M2 Lions are still finding some creative ways to interact and support our communities.



There are so many things you want to do with and for your club. Where do you start looking for ideas to...fill in the blank. First off, you can ask another club member or your zone chair. "What if I don't want to look like a goofball, Glenn? Where can I look for stuff on my own?" Did you know there are tons of places you can look for tips, hints, and answers to just about anything that you're interested in?

Looking for club motivation tips?

Check out the [Lions Clubs Help and Support Group](#) on Facebook

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Want to add some Lions graphics, emblems, or icons to your Facebook page or fundraiser advertisement?

Look at the [Lions Club Members: Public Image, Graphics & Ideas Hub](#) on Facebook or <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines>

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Need to add a chuckle to your next club meeting?

You can find the SpooF on Lions Clubs Pancake Breakfasts or Rockin' the Vest videos on Youtube

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Your club does awesome fundraisers, but you want to start a Service Project for your community?

Great ideas can be found here:

<http://www.lionsuniversity.org/wp-content/uploads/210-Zone-Chair-100-Simple-Proj-Ideas.pdf>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/25-hunger-relief-project-ideas>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/service-journey/service-project-planners>

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YIKES, our club needs help raising money for our Admin Fund!

A district in Vermont has some great ideas:

<https://www.vermontlions.org/club-toolbox/91-admin-account-funding-ideas>



Save the Date!!!!

Spring Officer Virtual Training

Saturday, June 5, 2021

All members are encouraged to attend.

Specific sessions are being planned for Presidents/Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers

Watch for additional information in the upcoming district newsletters, at Spring Zone meetings and via emails to your clubs!

From My Garden...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor*

Well, I am your 1VDGE of 5M-2. As DG Anna Says Whoo-hoo! I am so looking forward to my new position on the 5M-2 district governor team. DG Anna has been an excellent example of how to deal with anything that comes your way. And DGE Glenn has been a very good organizational coach to me. I know

now how to eat an elephant and have a brain book. I hope I can help mentor 2VDGE Christ and other Lions in the same way.



NAMI is moving along, but we still have quite a bit of work to do before the 2020–2021-year ends. With Covid still hanging around, but a vaccine being delivered and spring coming I want to encourage clubs that have not been meeting to find new ways to meet and get energized to think outside the box for ways to hold service activities and to have fund raisers. If you have any question or need

ideas do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the District Governor team, and/or your Zone Chair.

Zone Chair and Officer Training is right around the corner. We need the new club officers to be nominated and elected before the end of April. So, these officers can come to training in May. I encourage club members that are even thinking about wanting to become a Club officer to attend officer training. There are so many things changing and education is never wasted.

From personal experience being a Zone Chair is the best and most fun job in Lions you well ever have (so far). You will connect with Lions from other clubs and establishing friendships that will last a lifetime. Being a Zone chair is the foundation, of a journey of Lionism outside of your club. Think about it. If you have question, ask anyone who has been a Zone chair.



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



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

CAMPAIGN | 100
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LCIF • EMPOWERING SERVICE™

Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

To clubs that made donations during the Parade of Green, on behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, I would just like to say:



LCIF donations can be sent to me at:

Debra Wasserman
530 8th St NW
Faribault, MN 55021



2021 MD5M Convention

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention "Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree" in Mankato, MN, May 1, 2021. At this time, our committee is planning a virtual convention to give all members the opportunity to join us for the weekend.-

Registration will be free. Stay tuned for additional information for all via the MD5M website/conventions. A more in-depth letter will be emailed to all clubs in MD5M by the end of February.

Changes to accommodate an all-virtual convention have been made to the raffle room/silent auction, which is co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, to the Service of Remembrance, to /credentials and voting and to the annual Foundation meetings for Diabetes, Hearing and Vision.

At this time, we are still planning several great speakers,

who will be available online for viewing at your leisure - Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Hospital on Children's cancer; Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight and Dr. Bevan Yueh from MN Lions Hearing Foundation. Our scheduled International guest is Past International President Frank Moore. Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.

As plans change to accommodate a virtual convention, continue to watch for additional information in the next weeks and months via emails to your club secretaries, your district newsletters and via the multiple district website.

If you have ever wondered what happens during a Multiple District Convention, 2021 is the year to check it out – no travel or hotel costs needed and no registration costs! District 5M-2 hopes you will Join Us for the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!



Save the Date!!!

2021-2022 Zone Chair Virtual Training

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Watch for additional information from your District Governor Elect and Global Leadership Team Coordinator!



Twelfth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

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

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

Faculty Research Presentations:

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

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

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



Thank you for supporting us! I am writing to you to let you know we are still here and ready to help veterans and their families, and our mission has not changed:

TO PROVIDE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO MANAGE LIFE AFTER WARTIME SERVICE.

I am still available to give presentations at club meetings and zoom meetings, with all due precautions relating to

current pandemic.

You can reach me – Lion Darlene Wondra 507-744-2503
my email is darlene.wondra@earthlink.net

Please keep our veterans in your thoughts, and again we appreciate your help. On the next page is a poster with our 2021 retreat dates.



PROJECT NEW HOPE




Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans



"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."



**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET**

**2021
MINNESOTA
RETREATS**

JUNE 4-6

Audubon Center near Sandstone, MN

OCTOBER 8-10

Ironwood Springs Ranch near Stewartville, MN

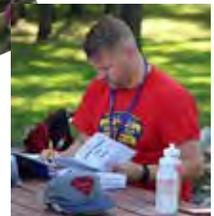
DECEMBER 3-5

Inspiration Point near Clitherall, MN

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 2021 – August 1 thru August 5 at Camp Courage - a True Friends Camp near Maple Lake, MN.

Requirements:

- ❖ All staff training/orientation begins at 8:30am Saturday, July 31 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 30 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 or email Robin Jordan at robin.jordan@campsweetlife.org



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



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

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

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Early Identification by Newborn Hearing Screening



In 1999, the Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide screening program for the early detection of hearing problems in newborns.

With more than \$417,000 in contributions and a matching grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, WE created the Lions Newborn Hearing Screening Program.

This was an ambitious initiative designed to establish newborn screening, without state funding or mandate, in every birthing hospital in Minnesota. All newborns in Minnesota are now screened.

The critical part of this is the early detection of the hearing problem so help can begin right away. This help may be in the form of hearing aids and/or cochlear implants. With this help at a young age, children do not fall behind in the learning curve and can keep up with other children without hearing problems.

Thank you to all the clubs that contributed to the Parade of Green at our Virtual Mid Winter Convention. If your club did not send a check before the convention, you can still do so. Just be sure to marker it in the memo line for Parade of Green 2021 and mail it to Marvin or Vern. We like to see all clubs donate to the Parade of Green and to the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk. Each of these fund raisers is designated for different projects areas. The D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk will be a Virtual event this year due to the covid pandemic. There will be more details on this fund raiser as the plans are still being finalized.

Thank you, Minnesota Lions!



PS. Don't forget to award members of your club with a Hearing Foundation award.

5M2 Trustees:

PDG Marvin Grimm
Lion Vern Breamer



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!

Kindness matters!

Courtesy matters!

Manners matter!

Etiquette matters!

Smiles matter!

Protocol matters!

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs



**Minnesota Lions Hearing
Foundation
Hearing Research Fellowship
Application**

The Hearing Research Fellowship Award can be presented to a club member, family member or member of the community by a local club on behalf of the MN Lions Hearing Foundation. For every \$1000 donated to the Hearing Foundation, a Club earns one recognition award. Please consult with your District Hearing Foundation Trustee to determine how many club credits your club has earned.

Please PRINT

Club Name: _____ District _____

Person submitting Application: _____

Address where to ship recognition: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Contact email address: _____

RECIPIENT:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please Check Appropriate Fellowship:

_____ **Individual Fellowship** = gift totaling \$1000 made by individual, Lions Club, or Lions District to honor someone as a Lion Hearing Research Fellowship.

_____ **Memorial Fellowship**= gift totaling cumulative \$1000 given in memory of a deceased Lion or individual.

_____ **Cumulative Fellowship**= accumulated gifts over time resulting in \$1000 donation. Fellowship plaque awarded upon cumulative \$1000 donated.

_____ **Progressive Fellowship**= gift to honor an individual who has previously been awarded a Hearing Fellowship Award.

Amount of donation: _____ Check # _____ Date _____

Please send completed application to PDG Mike Vos, Foundation Treasurer for processing.

Check Payable to: **Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation**

Payment to: PDG Mike Vos, Foundation Treasurer
20472 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN 55338

Please allow 30 days to process & ship award recognition

"We Are All Connected" - Theme for the 2021-2022 Peace Poster

I hope that many of you were able to attend the virtual presentation of the Peace Poster Awards at the District 5M2 Convention. The winners were- 3rd -Sam Sayre, sponsored by the Victoria Lions, 2nd- Tori Gratz, sponsored by the West Carver Lions & 1st- Maelynn Thoele, sponsored by the Arlington Lions. They all did a fantastic job on their posters and all hope to be back next year with another poster. All received their peace posters in a frame, a certificate or plaque and a check for their work- \$100, \$200 & \$300.

Has your club ordered their Peace Poster kit for 2021-2022? They became available Jan 15th and will continue to be available until October 1. Why not get your poster kits early so your students can work on them throughout the summer? Just a thought!

If your club has never sponsored a Peace Poster in the past- now is a great time to start. Give me a call with any questions or just go to: lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster and it will take you to the site to get you started.

PDG Diana Kroells, dianakroells@gmail.com; 952-467-2211



Above: First Place sponsored by Arlington Lions.

Far Left: 2nd Place sponsored by West Carver Lions.

Near Left: 3rd Place sponsored by Victoria Lions.

AWESOME WORK!!!



Tidbits from the Past

(taken from past district newsletters)

District 5M2 is again hosting the Multiple Convention this year, as we did in 2011 and 2016. The big difference this year is it will be a one-day convention, all held virtually. One of the items for the business meeting will be the MD5M endorsement of an International Director candidate. How many remember the 1995 multiple convention held in Duluth where MD5M had three Lions running for the endorsement as International Director for election in South Korea?

- Bill Bard from 5M8,
- John "Spud" Edling from 5M7, who received the endorsement, and
- Mike Gust from 5M5

Another event on the agenda for the virtual 2021 MD5M convention is the induction of 2021 Hall of Fame recip-

ients and recognition of the 2020 recipients. The Hall of Fame was started in 2003 with a stated purpose "To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve." District 5M2 has nominated an inductee each year since 2003 with the exception of 2011-2012. Past inductees can be found on the district website under Awards, 5M2 Hall of Fame. During the 2021 convention, Lion Ruth Klossner, Lafayette Lions, will be honored as the 2020 recipient and Lion Dale Oldenburg of the Jordan Lions will be inducted as newest, 2021 Hall of Fame inductee from District 5M2.

More to come next month –

PDG Nancy Mathwig, District 5M2 Historian



MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation



The purpose of our foundation is to support research by providing funds to the University of Minnesota Masonic

Children's Hospital, the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center or such other organizations that engage in research and or treatment or care of childhood cancer.

An update on a few things going on, the Mn childhood cancer foundation now has the Believe Award, this is a cumulative award with accumulated gifts over time resulting in \$1000 in donations. Your club would be able to give a Believe Award to someone your club feels is worthy.

Lions clubs with charitable gambling now have an easier way to donate to the Mn Childhood cancer foundation as we are now a 501(c)(3) status nonprofit organization, so please consider a donation, if you need a copy of the

status letter let us know and we can get it to you.

The board of directors are in the process of getting a web page together with great info, it's still a work in progress but can be accessed at www.mnlionschildhoodcancer-foundation.org

At this years multiple convention, the Childhood cancer and Diabetes foundations this year are handling the raffle room/silent auction, but this year years Multiple convention is now virtual so this raffle will also be online so look for info to come.

Lions Gerald Ziskovsky or Lion Chuck Toltzman would love to come speak at your local meetings regarding childhood cancer, give us a call



Blindness changes everything.

For people who are blind or visually impaired, the loss of sight is only the beginning of a life-changing reality. As the simplest to the most complex everyday tasks become daunting, these individuals often become depressed, anxious, and isolated.

Why Leader Dog?

Leader Dog is the answer for thousands of people in critical need of our services. Because we believe every person deserves equal opportunity for independent travel, all our services are provided at no cost, covering expenses for training, room, and board, and travel to our campus from anywhere in North America.

Leader Dog continues to be closed to visitors and unnecessary staff currently in response to Covid 19 protocols as put forward by the State of Michigan. Leader Dog is providing curbside veterinary services to their dogs as scheduled. Leader Dog is currently not doing home visits to there clients, since many of them may have comorbidities that would put them at risks for Covid. Leader Dog is tentatively planning to begin to open in May. They continue to have puppies born to there mothers. Prior Lake Lions sponsored a puppy in memory of Lion David Veleishek who passed away about 1 ½ years ago.

Lions Emmy and Lion Loretta would like to thank all the clubs who supported Leader Dog for the Blind during the 5M2 convention. Your support is greatly appreciated during these difficult times for so many.

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Jordan Lions

Here are some working photos from last Friday's Jordan Lions Drive Through Fish Fry. We served over 450 people with our first drive through Fish Fry. We were very happy with the turnout of people/cars. Thanks.



Jordaness Lions

The Jordaness club is very happy to welcome new member, Lion Laura Kieser! Lion Laura did not let the pandemic dampen her desire to be of service to her community. and though our interactions with her have largely been virtual, we're already impressed with her commitment to the

organization. Thank you for joining the club, Lion Laura -- we're looking forward to serving with you!

Pictured below are Lion Laura (left) and her sponsor, Lion Julie Beckius.



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

When COVID says no you can't, the Green Isle Lions say YES WE CAN.

The Green Isle Lions for the past 7 years have planned, prepared and served a multi-generational meal once a month to area residents. These dinners were a highlight to many of our residents' social calendars and a helping hand to working Mom's and Dad's that found a hot meal prepared and served to them on the 3rd Monday of each month. On average 100 to 125 people were served, not bad when you consider the entire population of Green Isle is only 558 people.

When COVID entered the scene last March, there was much discussion on how we could continue to serve our guests, but also doing so in a socially responsible way. Our Project, Compassion Cares, was born by thinking outside of the box. We knew that many of our senior citizens not only missed the comaredire of the monthly dinners, but we also recognized that we provided a warm meal

that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

With corporate sponsors and many community supporters, we came up with the idea that if the residents couldn't gather together, we would deliver the fixings for three meals to their homes. Once a month, our shoppers prepare a meal plan, shop, gather and pack and the items for a bag full of goodies that our Lions Members along with the Green Isle Fire Department members deliver to their homes.

Upon delivery, we are met with many smiles, a few tears and many "you shouldn't have or you are too good to us". In these times when we are often faced with many things that we can't do, it is not only fun but gratifying that we can find ways to Serve.



It's a family affair. PDG Mike and Lion Sue Vos's daughter in law Cassy and grandchildren prepare the bags and gifts by placing stickers on them.



Lion Sue and Grandson Will take inventory of the turkey that will be placed in the February Project Compassion gift bags.



Lion President Wendy Bigaouette picks up her packages to deliver.

Albert Lea LakeView Lions

LakeView Lions zoom meeting...waiting for members to get online...Hoping for an actual on site meeting in March! We will be requiring/requesting a speaker!



Plato Lions



Lion Jim Barlau received the Melvin Jones Award for his outstanding service in the Plato Community. Lion Connie Rau presented the Award at the Plato Lions Regular Meeting.

Nicollet Lions Host 1st Pork Chop Feed in a Year

After a one-year hiatus from serving their pork chop fries, the Nicollet Lions hosted a very successful "drive through only" pork chop fry. Things looked a bit different from in person dining, but with the help of a fish house to sell

tickets and Nicollet High School students to run out the meals to the cars, the Nicollet Lions were able to serve 460 meals.



Carver Lions



Carver Lion's Club President, Dean Nelson, accepted an award from Cathy Snyder with the Eastern Carver County Women of Today. The award is called the Rocket Award and it was given to the Carver Lions in recognition of

its contribution to their organization. The two organizations have worked together on Carver's meat raffles (back before COVID) and have earned proceeds through that, along with an additional contribution Carver Lions gave to them for all their help.



Veseli Lions



The Veseli Area Lions collected 67 lbs. of beverage tabs for the Pop a Top & Save the Tab for the Ronald McDonald House. We had a club contest and the winners were Dan and Barb Skluzacek and were presented with a certificate for the " World's Best Beverage Tab Collectors" certificate for their efforts.



Pop Tab Collection Results

Thank you to the clubs of 5M2 who collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Shriners. While a pop tab may not seem like much, the collective has the potential for making a big impact. The total collected was 306.15 lbs, as well as several cash donations that will benefit both organizations. The Vesseli Lions collected 67.0 pounds of tabs to win for the most pounds collected. The Eagle Lake Lions were a close second with 64.2 pounds of tabs.

There was also a contest for the best decorated container. After careful consideration, top honors are awarded to the Eagle Lake Lions (near right) with second place being the Albert Lea LakeView Lions (far right).

Each 1st-place entry will receive \$50 and each 2nd-place will receive \$25. Arrangements will be made with each club to present the checks. Plans are being made for new environmental themed project ideas as well as continuing the pop tab collection.

Lion Pam Koenen, Environmental Program Chair





Shelly Storms-Fruehling

Certified Peer Support Specialist
Wellness Coach

612-718-2009

Shelly@hivemn.com

I bring a holistic approach to addressing and healing life's wounds. Together we will embrace the big picture and focus on the mind, body and spirit as one unified force. I have personal/lived experience in recovery as well as healing from PTSD, substance abuse, an eating disorder, sexual trauma and mental health. I am passionate about empowering women to overcome their past and present struggles. This journey of self care, health and growth allows us to find power to bloom into the beautiful Lotus of strength, hope, love and inner peace.

I offer complimentary Meet and Greets, Weekly Circles, One-One sessions and On Going Wellness Packages at The Hive



Rising Lotus, Shelly Storms-Fruehling Wellness Coach



Risinglotus4healing

You're invited to a
Jordaness Lions
SPAGHETTI DINNER
 fundraiser



Drive up, Take Home & Enjoy
 Hope Lutheran Church
 201 Hope Ave, Jordan

Dinner includes:
 Spaghetti with no meat sauce
 Salad
 Garlic Bread
 Cookie
\$10 per meal

Friday **MARCH 5 2021** *Sunday*



Drive up, Take Home & Enjoy
TIME & LOCATION
4:30-7:00pm
While meals last
 Hope Lutheran Church
 201 Hope Ave, Jordan

DRIVE – UP & TAKE OUT

Soup or Chili Lunch
 Sponsored by the
GREEN ISLE LIONS CLUB



Sunday, March 7th, 2021
 Serving 10:00 am -12:30pm (or until gone)

GREEN ISLE FIRE HALL



Price is \$10.00

Cup of Chili -or- Chicken Wild Rice Soup plus Fixings, a Bread-Bowl, Dessert & Water

Net Proceeds to Support Community Projects

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



& Catch some Ca\$h

A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

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

10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10

2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners
 2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**
 Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee for tickets & information!

Lion Wanda Breimhorst wjbreim@comcast.net 612-716-4705	Lion Brian Rykus bgrinhim@gmail.com 507-521-2689
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Visit MnLionsDiabetes.org for more information and contacts.

SAVE THE DATE!!

CAMP SWEET LIFE 2021

AUGUST 1-5

At Camp Courage
 a True Friends Camp
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Midwinter Mask-uerade

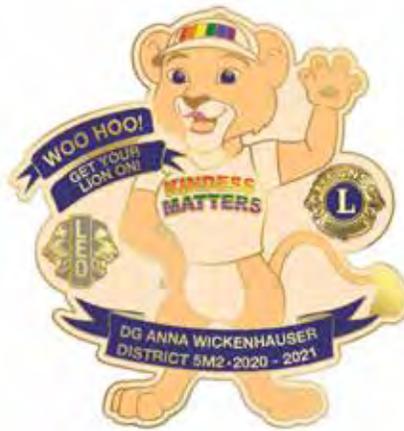


Thank You!

for making the District 5M2 Lions

Midwinter "Mask-uerade"

A SUCCESS!



Did you miss it? No worries!

**Visit: district5m2lions.com/5m2-midwinter-convention-2021
to view a recording of the virtual convention!**

DG Lion Anna Wickenhauser & the 2021 Convention Committee

“TEAM ANNA” 5M2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR ANNA WICKENHAUSER’S 2020-2021 SUPPORT TEAM



2020 - 2021 5M2 District Governor Anna Wickenhauser



FAMILY : 2020-2021 5M2 District Governor Anna Wickenhauser with husband Don "Monkey" and daughter Hilary (sons - Jack and Vinnie not present)



DG Anna had some big shoes to fill with CC/IPDG Brian—her mentor & friend!



2020-2021 DISTRICT 5M2 DG LEADERSHIP TEAM (left to right) 5M2 1st VDG Glenn Kaufmann, 2nd VDG Kathleen Bleckeberg, District Governor Anna Wickenhauser



Lion Lisa Kaufmann Partner In Service



District 5M2 Cabinet Secretary & MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters with DG Anna



2VDGE Christy Trutnau is excited to be a part of the DG Team.



2021 DISTRICT 5M2 MIDWINTER CONVENTION TEAM (left to right) Lions Richard Wheeler, Hilary Wickenhauser, Terry Kvitek, District Governor Anna Wickenhauser, John Putnam, Nathan Kells, Angela Putnam, Michael Olson Not pictured : Bill VanderSluis, Rene Maes, Karen & Dennis Sandersfeld, Janet Knakmuhs and many other Zone 6 volunteers.



“Mega Matt” Productions Matt Wiechmann and his daughter Grace with DG Anna and Midwinter Convention Co-Chair Terry Kvitek and Technology Support Specialist John Putnam



PDG, NAMI Champion & Mentor Joan Black with DG Anna



Zone 6 Chair Lion Bill VanderSluis kept all Zones in 5M2 and volunteers in Zone 6 informed. He was also the key coordinator for the drop off site at the WOW Zone for the eyeglasses, hearing aids, pop tabs, other.



International President - Presidential Award : CC / IPDG Brian Thies



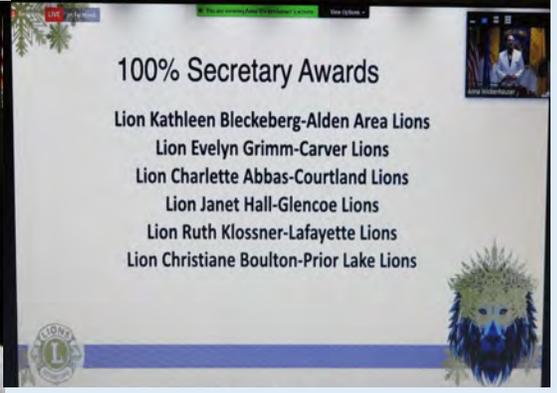
International Guest Speaker:
International Director Dr. José Marrero



International President - Leadership Award : PDG Nancy Mathwig



CC / IPDG Brian presents 2nd VDG Kathleen Bleckeberg & Lion Ruth Klossner each with a 100% Secretary Award.



Lion Ruth Klossner accepts the Dream Catcher Award on behalf of the Lafayette Lions for their donations to the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.



DG Anna Wickenhauser presents the International President's Certificate of Appreciation Awards to 5M2 Convention Co-Chair Lion Nathan Kells, Zone 3 Chair Lion Rose Thies, 5M2 Convention Co-Chair Lion Terry Kvitek, 2VDGE Christy Trutnau



Lion Richard Wheeler accepts the Dream Catcher Award on behalf of the Mankato Sunrise Lions for their donations to the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.



DG Anna presents Lion Laura Maki with the 2020 Golisano Health Leadership Award for outstanding leadership in Special Olympics - Minnesota.



CC / IPDG Brian presents Lion Gerald Ziskovsky & Lion Chuck Toltzman the Believe Award from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.



PDG Diana Kroells, Zone 3 Chair Rose Thies and CC/IPDG Brian Thies smile proudly upon being awarded the Believe Award from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.



Left: DG Anna presents CC/IPDG Brian with the District's Immediate Past District Governor Award.

Right: Lion John Putnam receives a special commendation from DG Anna for his outstanding work carrying out the technology needs for the convention.



Lion Todd Schansberg presents his nominating speech for District 5M2's Hall of Fame inductee Lion Dale Oldenburg. Lion Dale has demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to his club, district and multiple district and to the motto of our association - "We Serve."



CC/IPDG Brian presents Lions Rick & Roxie Wagner with the MN Lions Hearing Foundation Award for their service to others in the field of hearing health. Lions Charlotte & Lowell Abbas were also honored with this award, but were not present.

2021 – 2022 NEWLY ELECTED 5M2 DG LEADERSHIP TEAM AND THEIR 5M2 LIONS NOMINATION SPEAKERS



District Governor Elect

Glenn Kaufmann



1st for Glenn

Lion Dave Hess - Club Secretary from Chanhassen Lions Club



2nd for Glenn

PDG Diana Kroells from Hamburg Lions Club



1st Vice District Governor Elect

Kathleen Bleckeberg



For Kathleen: PDG Harry Klenke from Prior Lake Lions Club



2nd Vice District Governor Elect

Christy Trutnau



1st for Christy

Zone 4 Chairperson Julie Beckius from the Jordan Jordaness Lions Club



2nd for Christy

PDG Joan Blank from Nicollet Lions Club





THEME
We Are
All
Connected



Write-Off Competition Chairperson - Lion Deborah Koehnen presented the awards virtually at the Midwinter Convention.

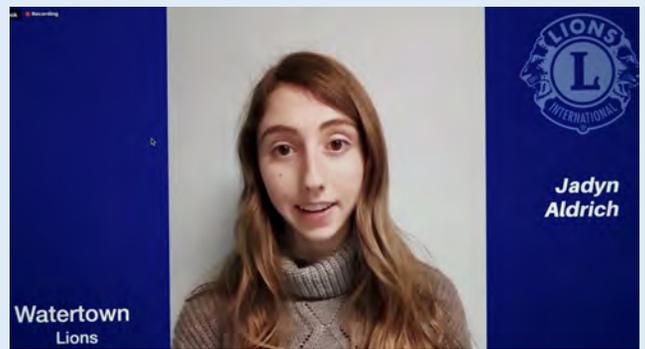
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Peace Poster Chairperson - PDG Diana Kroells, with the help of parents pre-recorded the winners and presented the awards prior to the Midwinter Convention.

THEME
United in
Kindness &
Diversity



1ST Place - Zone 3, Arlington Lions: Maelynn Thoele



1ST Place - Zone 2, Watertown Lions: Jady Aldrich



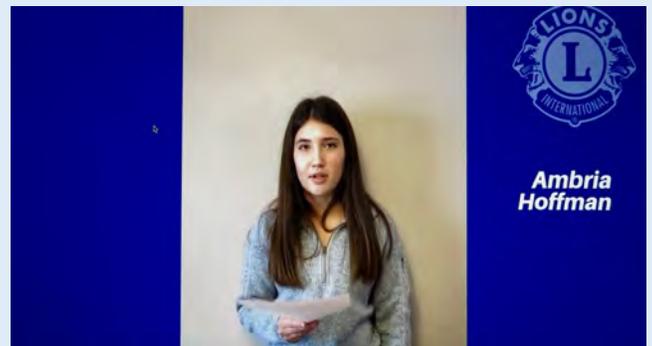
2ND Place - Zone 4, West Carver Lions: Tori Gratz



2ND Place - Zone 1, Lester Prairie Lions: Kara Lee



3RD Place - Zone 2, Victoria Lions: Sam Sayre



3RD Place - Zone 3, Nicollet Lions: Ambria Hoffman

DG Anna Wickenhauser and her Midwinter "Mask-erade" Convention Team "Behind the Scenes"



Guest Speaker: Shelly Storms—Fruehling



THANK YOU TO ZONE 6 LIONS FOR COORDINATING A SUCCESSFUL RECYCLING COLLECTION & DROP OFF EVENT FOR DISTRICT 5M2 AT THE WOW ZONE!



RECYCLABLE ITEMS
Dropped Off February 8-14, 2021
18,574 EYEGLASSES
206 HEARING AIDS
80 CELL PHONES
313 PRINT CARTRIDGES
306.15 LBS POP TABS & CASH DONATIONS



WOW Zone Owner and Lion Pam DeMarce with DG Anna



Drop-Off Site Coordinator:
 Zone 6 Chair Lion Bill VanderSluis



DG Anna Wickenhauser and the 2020-2021 Convention Team extend a very special thank you to Mankato Sunrise Lion Pam DeMarce for the use of her business - the WOW Zone for our drop-off site during this pandemic! It made this recycling project go so smoothly! Thank you to all the clubs in District 5M2 for your donations. Great job everyone!!!!



5M2 filled the trailer for MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center! Thank you to Lions Steve & Joe for coming to Mankato to pick up the eyeglasses, cell phones and ink cartridges.



District 5M2 2021 Midwinter Celebration of Life

*The Lions we celebrate and memorialize
inspire others to serve in their honor.*

The spirit of these Lions will live forever...

Alden	Lion Wilbur "Bill" Wittmer
Belle Plaine	Lion Warren Wolf
Chanhassen	Lion Howard Meuwissen
Chanhassen	Lion Marion "Bud" Walker
Chaska	Lion Gary Riba
Green Isle	Lion Arleen Marek
Lake Crystal	Lion Phillip Bachman
Faribault	Lion Ken Betsinger
LeSueur	Lion John Reed
Mankato	Lion E. William James
New Auburn	Lion Roger Becker
Nicollet	Lion Norman Barrer
Nicollet	Lion Ray Wibstad
Northfield	Lion Marvin L. Grundhoefer
Northfield Cannon Valley	Lion Thomas Brodin
Northfield Cannon Valley	Lion Frank Ozmun
Owatonna	Lion James Partridge
St. Peter	Lion Dennis Thorsen
Silver Lake	Lion Jerome "Jerry" Kadlec
Victoria	Lion Ralph Olinger
Watertown	Lion Steve Boerner
Watertown	Lion Jerry Hirsch
Waterville	Lion Jack Webster



In memory of the Lions who paved the way to greatness...