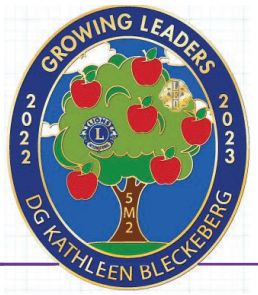




5M-2 Lions' News



June 2023

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Growing Leaders

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
District Governor

"And now the end is near and so I face the final curtain". Be glad that you can't hear this, I can't carry a tune across the street.

This is my final District Governor newsletter article, I have to confess

this has been the hardest duty of my DG journey, trying to find something to write about that would be inspirational and/or meaningful. I can't say if I was successful or not, nobody complained. Please don't start now.

I have had the best 12 months of my life, I wanted to be a District Governor to serve my fellow Lions, to help Lions and clubs to be stronger than what they are now. We can't move forward until we make what we have stronger.

I started a year just short of a year ago, not sure if I knew what I was doing or if I was going to be any good at being District Governor. I fell back on my training and I reached out to the Lions in 5M-2 and my fellow District Governor's to help me along. I know I have done a pretty good job. I haven't burned the place down.....yet.

Some of the highlights have been; not in any particular order

- Journey for Service. ~ This is the best thing ever!!!
- Club Visits ~ amazing LIONS
- Zone meetings ~ Coming together to share our passion
- Installing Club Officers ~ Growing Leaders
- Installation of new Members ~ new ideas and Lions future
- The food ~ I have no waist line to prove it.
- International Convention in Montreal ~ MD5M Rocked!!!! First trip to Canada in 50 years
- Having an IP from MD5M ~ Wow!
- US/Canada Forum ~ 2nd trip to Canada in 6 months
- 5M-2's mid-winter ~ Went by way too fast
- All of MD5M's mid winter's ~ More Fun!!
- All the Council of Governor's meetings ~ made some amazing friends
- Cabinet Meetings ~ Family
- The first all-Female DG Team in 5M-2 ~ Girl Power

It hasn't all been Unicorns and Sprinkles, there have been some tough decisions to make. I made them and I stand by them.

The hardest thing for me was losing 2VDG Gerald. And that is all I have to say about that.

Don't cry (as if) I will still be around. DGE Christy has appointed me as a MN Lions Hearing Foundation Trustee one of the GET chairs. I am looking forward to serving on DGE Christy's cabinet and want to Thank DGE Christy for giving me this opportunity to do so.

Please Support DGE Christy, 1VDGE Lisa and 2VDGE Sherman in the 2023-2024 Lions Year.

Together We Can!!

PDGE Kathleen Bleckeberg



A replacement newsletter editor has been found.

Lion Missy Meidinger from the Watertown Lions is stepping up. She is well qualified for the position and takes over from Lion Cindy Walters beginning with the July issue. Welcome Missy!!!

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Giving Thanks



*Lion Christy Trutnau
District Governor Elect*

It's hard to believe that the 2022-2023 Lions year is almost over!

The first officer training took place on Wednesday, May 17th, in Waterville. The Lion (aka Lion Don) graciously made his pulled sandwiches to provide a small dinner for the 30 plus lions that attended the club

president, club secretary and club treasurer trainings.

On May 23rd we had the second officer training in Cologne; Lion Julie B; VDG Lisa; PDG Diana and I provided items for a small dinner for the 40 plus lions that attended this training. Both sessions had a great turn out and I think everyone walked away having learned something. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the training in some way! If anyone wanted to attend; but was unable and has questions, please reach out to myself; IVDG Lisa or 2VDG Shermayne.

All 2023-2024 Zone chairs please keep a look out for the Zone Chair training coming soon!

Our Multiple Convention was an awesome one, with IP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori as our guest speakers. The

other speakers at the convention were also wonderful. It is always so much fun to see IP Brian's enthusiasm. What a great experience for my DGE group to sit at the big table for dinner. At the Saturday morning foundation meetings, I received a Helen Keller Sight Award for my years of service to the MLVF. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on that foundation.

This is my last newsletter as your 1VDG, thank you to all of you who supported me this past year; I truly appreciate it and I look forward to becoming your DG in July for the 2023-2024 Lions year!

Hope to see a lot of you in Boston!!!

** SAVE the Date- the first cabinet meeting for 2023-2024 Lions year will be on July 30th at Ridges of Sand Creek in Jordan. The cost is \$15.00; please RSVP to me no later than July 17th, 2023.

Enjoy the nice weather!

You can contact me at:
952-261-8581- phone
Christy1135@gmail.com

DGE Lion Christy Trutnau

District 5M-2 Club Officer Training

By: Lion Lisa Kaufmann

Wow! Thank you to all the Lions who participated in the club officer training held in Waterville and Cologne. It was great to see some familiar faces and many new ones as well. We started with a light dinner and then jumped right in. It was time well spent learning from each other and sharing ideas.

If you are looking for additional resources, www.lionsclubs.org is the place to start. There are e-books available for most club officer positions (president, secretary, treasurer,

etc.) and many other tools as well. Are you looking for information on club by-laws, how to set goals or membership? Once you navigate to www.lionsclubs.org, search on club officer training and you will find several resources at your fingertips.

Thank you again to all the Lions who participated in the club officer training. If you ever are looking for additional information or assistance, please reach out to the DG Team. Zone Chairs, watch for an upcoming training session.



Alphabet Soup



*Lisa Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

Happy spring! Congratulations to ZC Emmy Koch on submitting the correct answer to what is typically put into May Baskets – flowers.

There has been a flourish of activity this last month at the Club level, in the District, and at the Multiple

District level. Did you attend the MD5M Convention? If not, you missed an amazing time. We are lucky to have IP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan in our MD. They both bring so much energy and enthusiasm to the Lions. It was a fun filled packed three days!

At a Club level, Chanhassen has been busy flipping pancakes, highway and camp clean-ups, community garden prep, inducting new members and holding a member 101 night. Our club is growing, and we are working to engage our new Lions in service projects. An engaged Lion is a happy Lion! Until recently, our club did not have an orientation program. The new Lions provided feedback on the information presented and the Club will adjust going forward. The important thing is we started an orientation program. Next step, existing Lions will be a buddy to a new Lion. They will reach out and invite their buddy to

meetings, service projects and social events.

At the District level, I am honored to have been asked by DGE Christy to lead the Club President Training. The focus of the training was to provide guiderails on how to be an effective leader. During the training I realized how many acronyms I was using. Thought it would be helpful to provide a list of common acronyms and what they mean. It feels a little like we are making alphabet soup. In addition to the below, it is common practice to add letters in front of and on the back of the acronyms.



IP: Immediate Past – Used for the year immediately following the Lion's time in office. For example, IPDG is the Immediate Past District Governor.

E: Elect – The Lion has been voted into office but has not officially started their term. DGE is a District Governor Elect.

P: After the first year out of office, the I is dropped. IPDG becomes PDG or Past District Governor.

Lions Acronyms

Acronym	Full Term	Description
1VDG	First Vice District Governor	A Lion elected to the position of FVDG for the current Lions year.
2VDG	Second Vice District Governor	A Lion elected to the position of SCDG for the current Lions year.
ALLI	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	Training course to build the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone and district levels.
CC	Council Chairperson	A Lion elected by the Council of Governors (all current DGs in a MD) to lead the MD.
DG	District Governor	A DG leads and guides a District for a twelve month term.
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	Training course to build the skills of Lions and Leo members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president.
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	Three-day training course for Lions to enhance their delivery skills and techniques to conduct training at club, district, and multiple district levels.
GAT	Global Action Team	The Global Action Team works to deliver outcomes for Lions in Leadership, Membership and Service. It comprises the GMT/GET, GLT and GST.
GET	Global Extension Team	Part of the GMT focused on starting new clubs.
GLT	Global Leadership Team	Provides the vision, guidance and motivation to positively impact our association.
GMT	Global Membership Team	Focuses on member recruitment and retention.

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Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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Greetings Fellow Lions.

I thought I would share to you one of the monthly reports that are sent to me from the foundation. It was a slow start for me, so I apologize. I finally feel that I am getting a grasp on the role. To make our goal we need another \$12,000.00- and I believe we can meet it!

I have challenged our district in the past 2 Newsletters to reply back to me that they read my article. The final winners for the May response sweepstakes are Lion Doug Dahlke of Chaska and Lion Brian Bergmann of Owatonna- Fabulous prizes are on their way to you! Coming off Campaign 100 and surpassing our goal of 3 million dollars was Fantastic! But the long and short of it is we still need the donations from Lions

to keep coming. I am proud of our district, and I am personally grateful to each and every one of you for supporting our Foundation.

Speaking of goals DG Kathleen had a goal of 76 individual donations. Currently we are at 64...there is still time to make your donation or pledge to our Foundation.

DGE Christy has asked if I would continue serving as the LCIF Coordinator and I have accepted and will be going to Chicago July 22-25 to hear from our new chairperson- "Just Brian" and to learn what's coming for the new Lions year for LCIF.

Stay tuned for more updates,
Lion Anna Wickenhauser

FY 22-23 Fundraising Progress											
Multiple District	District	Lion Leader	Membership	FY22-23 Fundraising Goal	Cumulative	Cumulative Total Fundraising	Per Member Average	Gap to FY22-23 Goal	Percent to FY22-23 Goal	Total Fundraising Numbers as of	Growth over Last Report
					Cash Received as of 5/15/2023						
5M PCC Bert Nelson	5M 1	Lion Ron Albright	1,727	\$ 44,039	\$42,992	\$42,992	\$25	\$1,046	98%	\$42,992	\$0
	5M 2	PDG Anna Wickenhauser	2,225	\$ 56,738	\$44,544	\$44,544	\$20	\$12,194	79%	\$44,544	\$0
	5M 3	PDG Gordon Mulder	1,035	\$ 26,393	\$10,829	\$10,829	\$10	\$15,564	41%	\$10,829	\$0
	5M 4	Lion Allen Ulbricht	1,437	\$ 36,644	\$46,384	\$46,384	\$32	(\$9,740)	127%	\$46,384	\$0
	5M 5	PDG Jennifer Gilbert	1,284	\$ 32,742	\$50,755	\$50,755	\$40	(\$18,013)	155%	\$49,755	\$1,000
	5M 6	PDG Carol Farley	1,267	\$ 32,309	\$61,632	\$61,632	\$49	(\$29,324)	191%	\$61,632	\$0
	5M 7	PDG Peter Lendway PDG Judy Herrala	1,688	\$ 43,044	\$62,967	\$62,967	\$37	(\$19,923)	146%	\$62,967	\$0
	5M 8	PDG Frank Leidenfrost Lion Carrie Shofner	2,804	\$ 71,502	\$70,045	\$70,045	\$25	\$1,457	98%	\$70,045	\$0
	5M 9	Lion Zeldia Novak Lion Larry Novak Lion Erin Beck	2,051	\$ 52,301	\$54,308	\$54,308	\$26	(\$2,008)	104%	\$53,708	\$600
	5M 10	PDG Melvin Milender	681	\$ 17,366	\$9,369	\$9,369	\$14	\$7,997	54%	\$9,369	\$0
	5M 11	PDG Allen Bertilrud Lion John Vik	1,289	\$ 32,870	\$17,984	\$17,984	\$14	\$14,886	55%	\$17,984	\$0
	Undistricted		\$ -	\$0	\$0					\$0	\$0
MD 5M Totals			17,488	\$ 445,944	\$471,809	\$471,809	\$27	(\$25,865)	106%	\$470,209	\$1,600

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GST	Global Service Team	Helps clubs find projects and identify resources to improve their current projects.
ID	International Director	A Lion serving on the International Board.
IP	International President	The Lion elected at the International Convention as the International President; term commences 1 July each year.
LCI	Lions Clubs International	https://www.lionsclubs.org/en
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation	https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission
LEOS	Lions Youth Club	Young people can join at age of 12 and stay until 30.
MD/MD5M	Multiple District	Lions is arranged into Districts (we are 5M-2). Districts come together in a group known as a Multiple District. We are in MD5M, includes clubs from MN, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba.
RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute	Training designed to develop the leadership skills of Lions members and conducted by the District.
ZC	Zone Chairperson	Districts are divided into Zones, each zone comprising ~8 Clubs. ZC is asked by the DG to care for the clubs within the zone.

If you ever hear an acronym and are not sure what it means, please ask. If you are not sure how to address someone you can always refer to them as Lion along with their first name.

LCIF Pledge Form

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

PLEDGE INFORMATION

I pledge a **total contribution** of US\$ _____ to LCIF.

My first payment, US\$ _____, will be made by _____
Month/Day/Year

Pledges of US\$25,000+ are payable over five years; pledges of US\$5,000+ are payable over three years. If no payment frequency is selected, LCIF assumes equal annual installments based on pledge amount.

PAYMENT FREQUENCY (choose one)

Monthly

My monthly payment
is to be US\$ _____

Annually

My preferred annual payment
is US\$ _____

Other

I will make _____ equal
payments of US\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD (choose one)

Check **Wire Transfer** **Credit Card*/PayPal**

*Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate or provide:

VISA MC AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy) _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

DONOR INFORMATION

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information:

Name (print clearly) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Member ID _____

Club Name _____ District Name _____

Please keep my personal and donation information anonymous. I understand my club/district (if any) may receive recognition for my donation.

Signature _____

Month/Day/Year _____

Journey for Service May 10, 11, 12, 2023

5M-2 District Governor Kathleen Bleckeberg of Alden, MN and PDG Mike Vos traveled over 700 miles while stopping at 63 clubs to collect donations for Journey for Service (Benefiting Childhood Cancer in 2023)

Do You Know...Our 5M-2 District, Lioness, and Leo Clubs have contributed a total of just over \$223,285 to the 'Journey' during the last 15 years, equating approximately \$15k yearly.

Fun fact:

The Journey for Service program was originally, called Journey for Sight, a program originated by Lions International.

The first year that District 5M-2 conducted a Journey for Sight was 1986, in 2002 the name change was implemented after a vote.



Journey



FOR SERVICE

Journey for Service Photo Ops



Above: NYA West Carver also had a geranium for DG Kathleen during Journey for Service.

Below: Jordanness Lions Diane Hesslund and Sue Hovland took advantage of a break in the weather to present District Governor Kathleen with a donation for the Journey for Service project.



Above: Minnesota Lake Lions



A check for \$500 was presented by members of Prior Lake Lions Club.



Above: Alden Lions

Below: Shakopee Lions



A HUGE Thank You to all clubs supporting this year's Journey for Service.

The Peace Poster project gives youth in your area schools an opportunity to express themselves through art. There are so many talented young people ages 11-13 in your area that would love to participate if given the opportunity. Won't you please consider participating in the Peace Poster Contest this year?

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.

If your club has never done Peace Poster in the past, please let me help you get started. Clubs all over the



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST
2023 Theme: Dare to Dream

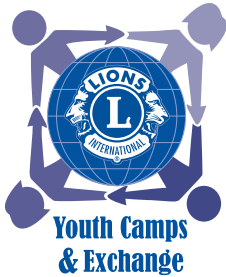
district find this a fun & rewarding project for the youth in their area. Just give me a call for information or order a kit from Lions International and follow the rules that are enclosed with the kit.

District winners can receive \$100 to \$300 and a Multiple

District winner will receive \$500.

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



MD5M Youth Exchange (YE) Program

Are you looking for an outstanding summer experience for your family? MD5M YE Program is looking for host families for youth ages 16-19 coming to the U.S. for the month of July.

Your welcoming someone from another country to your community is a great gift. By staying in your home, sharing meals with your family, speaking your language, and participating in your daily activities, that someone will learn far more about your way of life than ever would be possible by reading a book or traveling as a tourist. In return, you will learn something about your visitor's culture, and perhaps your own as well.

Consider hosting a youth from one of these countries: Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mongolia, Poland, Spain, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Tunisia and Turkey.

For more information about this incredible program, **Contact Jim Walters at 952-239-2559 or by email at golfwithjim@gmail.com**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the Stillwater Area High School from June 23-25.

Stillwater Area High School will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 2,500 athletes will be competing in basketball and track and field throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in Victory Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

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

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



Summer Games volunteer shifts available:

- Friday, June 23, 9:00 pm - 1:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 24, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, June 24, 8:30 pm - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 24, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

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

TO REGISTER VISIT:

SOMN.ORG/LIONS

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

Questions? Please contact:

Lion Ray Moonen, 952.201.7031; moonen@myinfmail.com

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

Lion Laura Maki, 507.964.5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net

Special Olympics
Lions Clubs International
Opening Eyes®





Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News

Are you ready to go to the 2023 D Feet Walk? It will happen on June 3 at the MN Landscape Arboretum. Even if you are not registered, you can still register at the event starting at 8:30 am.

You may not get a tee shirt but you can participate in the fellowship with other Lions and enjoy the Arboretum. This is a family event.

Some of the highlights during my six years as a Trustee are: remodel and make one more testing and conference room at the Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic; name change from Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation, Inc. to Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation; found a way to use the hearing aid credits from Starkey to purchase hearing aids from Starkey for Affordable hearing project; million dollar update of the Temporal Bone Lab of which the Trustees voted to give \$250,000 for new equipment for the lab; the Endowed Professorship that is held by Dr Hubert Lim as a result of one million dollars paid by the Hearing Foundation over 10 years; along with donations to Hearing Research projects at the University of Minnesota.



Continue the Lion's great work to help "Little Ears Hear" and keep collecting hearing aids so the underprivileged can receive hearing aids.

Thank you to the six District Governors that allowed me to have this great experience. Thank you to the Lions of 5M-2 for their support of the Lion's Hearing Foundation these last six years.

Hearing Foundation Trustees:
Lion Wanda Briemhorst 612-716-4705
PDG Marvin Grimm 952-448-9465

State Fair 2023 Kidsight Screening

(signupgenius.com)

Kidsight for 5M2 is at the Minnesota State Fair. The day for volunteering for 5M-2 is Thursday August 31. We are located in the MN State Fairs Health building. We need camera operators, greeters to have participants complete paper work, escorts to assist with passing out results to parents. We need 6 volunteers for four shifts during the day. First shift is 8:30 to Noon, 11:45 to 3 pm, 2:45 PM to 6 pm, and 5:45 to 8:15 pm. Early shifts go first, so to get your pick of shifts register early. As you see, there are positions for volunteers whom know nothing about Kidsight or would like to learn.

We offer FREE vision screenings to children 6 months to



18 years of age. The KARE 11 Health building as a gratuity provides each volunteer a FREE admission ticket for the day to the fair. One can sign up at the above website. One does NOT need to be a Lion to volunteer. So please consider assisting with this great project.

Any Questions call or email Lion Harry Klenke at 952-445-0289, lm.klenke@outlook.com; or contact Margie Jacobson email lionmargie11@gmail.com or phone 507-694-1034

Thank you for the support of Lions of 5M-2 Kidsight.

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

Submit your club events and
Lions program articles to:
5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com

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

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Amboy Lions

On April 22, Amboy Lions sponsored the annual alumni Maple River basketball game. There were 6 teams with 56 players, including our Lion Dean Walters. We look forward to sponsoring this event next year.

Our annual bake sale was held on May 12 and raised almost \$600.00. We are very appreciative to all the Lions that donated baked goods and volunteered time and to all our customers.

On May 21 we will be giving 2 scholarships to Maple River high school seniors; Kendall Wede and Cooper Ochensdorf. On June 9 - 10 we will be selling brats/hot-dogs at the Kilty's Grocery Store Brat Stand in Mapleton. This is during Mapleton's Town and Country Days. Come over to Mapleton for the activities/parade and buy a brat from the Amboy Lions Club.



Carver Lions



The Lions sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive on April 24th at Carver City Hall. Nine Lions worked 20.5 hours, assisting with set up, check in and clean up. We surpassed our goal of 65 pints of blood donated. Thank you to Lion Kayla for coordinating the event and Lion Linda for being our point person on the day of the event.

On April 28th we held our annual Pork Chop dinner. We served 296 community members and 23 fellow Lions. Twenty-six Lions worked a combined 169 hours. Thank you to Lion Dean for being chairperson of the Pork Chop dinner for many years. Lion Nate spent this the evening learning the ins and outs of the project so he can take over next year.



During our general membership meeting on May 3rd, we had guest speakers Jordan Lioness Deb Barker and Jordan Lion Todd Schansberg. Lioness Deb spoke about the Jordan Area Food Shelf, and Lion Todd spoke about the upcoming officers training and excellence awards.

Upcoming events include the D-feet walk at the MN Landscape Arboretum on June 3rd. Our next general membership meeting will be June 3rd for the induction of new officers.

Gibbon Lions



District Governor Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg attended the May meeting of the Gibbon Lions and presented a Chevron Award to Lion Dr. Edgar Taggatz for 60 years of Lionism.



District Governor Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg presented Can Do Canines Awards to Lions Jeff and Jo Gatton for their work with the pull tabs; Lion Dr. Edgar Taggatz for his work with the Community Sign and Scholarships; and Lion Darwin Buerkle for his work with the Gibbon Reds.

Lonsdale Lions

Our Lonsdale Lions Club picked up the litter and the recyclables along their 2-mile stretch leaving the city on Highway MN #19 North on May 6th. TCU HS Freshman Grant Fitterer, Lion Jim Mahler, & Lion Al Sevcik posing with the Lions' highway sign (not pictured) Lion Membership Chair Scotty Ziskovsky & Lion President Alan Fitterer. **Most cans & bottles picked up were alcohol-related. Save a life ... please consider not drinking & driving.**



Waseca Lions



We held a pancake breakfast after a COVID delay. We raised \$1800 for the Boy Scouts and other community groups. We were surprised to meet and greet the Lions lion.

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Newsletter Deadline:
15th of each month**

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BLUE EARTH LIONS

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

Average Jo's Bar & Grill

Dan Woodring, President

Dean Vereide, Secretary

Joe Tempel, Treasurer

NEWSLETTER

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May 11, 2023

Business Items

At our May 10th meeting there were several business items that were discussed by the members present. We are only about a week away from our Athletic Recognition Program at the high school and several items were discussed. It already looks like we will have another successful program. All of our sponsor tickets have not been turned in yet, but we already have sold more than \$9,500.00 worth. It was interesting to note that, even though we have raised an amount of money that is the same or more than previous years, actually have almost 70 fewer sponsors than we have had in previous years. Even though we are not having a banquet anymore, we still want as many Lions as we can show up for the program so the people can see that we are still active and involved and we may have a couple jobs for you (we need ticket takers for one). The program starts at 7:00 pm on May 19th and we would appreciate it if you could be there about 6:30. The major piece of business that was addressed was the realignment of the "Board" for the Club. It was voted on by the members present that our Club will no longer have a "Board of Directors" but will instead have all our business items discussed and decided upon by all the members of our Club at our first monthly meeting. We will still have our elected officers (President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer) and designated job holders (Lion Tamer and Tail Twisters). This change officially will start with the next Lions year. Finally, the members voted to give a \$1,000.00 donation to the BEA Science group that is heading to the Caribbean to work with scientists studying the marine wildlife in the area.

Always be thinking about prospects for membership!

Upcoming Events

Athletic Recognition Program
Friday, May 19, 7:00 pm
BEA High School Theater

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 pm
Average Jo's Bar & Grill

Jordaness Lions



The Jordaness Club had the pleasure of handing out over 150 Norway Pine saplings to the Kindergarten students at Jordan Elementary School and St. John the Baptist School in Jordan. This is one of the club's favorite service projects, and one that they have been committed to for over 10 years.



The club discovered that Jordan's Kindergarten students know a lot about trees, and they're confident that they will be good stewards of the earth in the years to come.



Norwood Young America West Carver Lions

Members of the NYA West Carver Lions gave geraniums to the residents at Peace Villa, The Harbor and The Haven in Norwood Young America on May 11th. The residents enjoy the little bit of Spring each year. Pictured are Bobbie Lembcke, Pat Clark, Prudence Matzke, Mary Balzum, Judy Maas, Robin Bowar, Mary Spille and Bonnie Wigfield.



Prior Lake Lions



One of the earliest lessons many of us learn is pretty much the golden rule when it comes to the environment: Don't litter.

Thank you members of the Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2 Spring cleanup! 05.09.2023.

Norwood Young America Lions



More Prior Lake Lions



Onward in 2023-2024...

The PL Lions officers below were confirmed at the April dinner meeting and introduced at the May dinner meeting.

Welcome Our New Officers: President – Lion Loretta Klenke; 1st Vice President – Lion Rosemary Frank; 2nd Vice President – Lion Jeff Carlson; 3rd Vice President – PDG Harry Klenke; Secretary – Lion Chris Boulton; Asst. Secretary – Lion Lori Kurtz; Treasurer – Lion Kelly Norris; Tail Twister – Lion Chelsea Pepek; Lion Tamer – Lion Linda Hall & Lion Lindsay Warner; 1 Year Director – Lion Char Beerling, PDG Harry Klenke; 2 Year Director – Lion Ger Danielson, Lion Jenny Speiker; 3 Year Director – Lion Jeff Carlson, Lion Eileen Hanson; Membership Director – Lion Loretta Klenke; Past President – Lion Kris Ziskowsky

Past District Governor (PDG) Diana Kroells was our guest alongside District Governor (DG) Kathleen Bleckeberg. It was an honour to have both onsite for the Installation of new officers and the Induction of new members, Lisa Hauck, Rachel Prokop, Patti Rein.



Chanhasen Lions have been busy...



...supporting our favorite band.



...handing out scholarships.



...giving Key Awards.



...inducting new members.



...Journey for Service.



...moving furniture.



...cleaning roadways.



...flipping pancakes with the Girls Scouts.



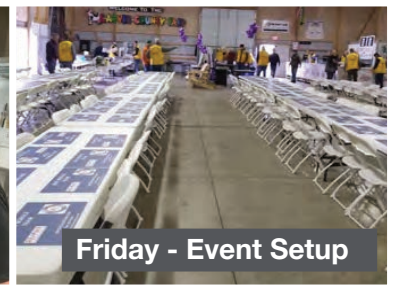
...attending MD5M convention.

2023 WACONIA WILD GAME FEED & SPORTSMAN DINNER

The Waconia Lions Club held their annual Wild Game Feed & Sportsman Dinner on Saturday, April 29th at the Carver County Fairgrounds. Our signature fundraising event helps support many local needs and donation requests. With help from our entire club of over 100 members, this event takes months of planning and weeks to prepare and set up. This year was the again the biggest and most successful in history. Moving to a larger venue last year allows for larger crowds and this year we estimated over 600 people attend this event.



Thursday - Chop-Chop Night



Friday - Event Setup



Catfish, Grilling, and Walleye and Sunfish Teams

Assistance by - Waconia Dandy Lions!



Full house making this a successful event!





We Serve

WINTHROP LIONS CLUB

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meal and program
 Where: Hahn's Dining, 206 Main St North, Winthrop MN
 Menu: Two-meat buffet
 Cost: \$15.00 per person, payable at the door

Lions and Guests: Come and join the Winthrop Lions Club as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary as a chartered club under Lions Clubs International.

RSVP by May 30, 2023, to President Chuck Toltzman at (701) 269-0950 or at circlethay@gmail.com

HENDERSON LIONS



PICKLEBALL

Grand Opening

SATURDAY JUNE 10th

Join us to celebrate the opening of Henderson's New Courts:
FREE Lessons 10:30-1:30
 Open Play All Day
 Weather Permitting

NYA Lions Club

Pork Burger Drive Thru

At Willkommen Park

Thursday June 22nd

Serving 4-7pm

Meal \$10

**Pork Burger, Fancy beans, chips, pickle,
 cookie and water**

Extra burger \$4

All proceeds go to the community



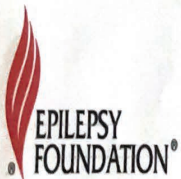
West Carver Lions Clothing Drive

*Donate your used clothes and help us raise funds for
community projects*

*Partnering with the Epilepsy Foundation of
Minnesota*

*Clothing and linen donations can be dropped off at
498 Meadow Lane
July 1 - July 16
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
(No donations accepted after July 15)*

*Accepted items: clothing, hats, gloves, scarves, ties,
purses, belts, shoes, bed and bath linens and other cloth
materials*



NYA LIONS CORN FEED

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Time: 5:00-7:30

Legion Park-NYA

FREE CORN

Hamburgers and

Porkburgers-\$3.00

Bottled Water & Pop- 1.00

Music by the Jolly Ramblers



BOSTON

2023



33rd Annual



Chanhassen Lions Club Golf Scramble

Monday, August 7, 2023

[Deer Run Golf Club Victoria, MN](#)

Registration starts at 11:30 Shotgun start at 1:00



Registration: https://live.givebutler.com/c/Lions_2023_Golf



or QR code:

\$150 per player for golf, cart, range, lunch and dinner

- Mixed and Ladies Teams encouraged
- \$10,000 Hole in One Prize
- Prizes for Longest Drive Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt
- Free Driver or Hybrid Club
- Dinner at 5:30