

5M-2 DISTRICT





Lion Christy Trutnau -District Governor

Happy New Year! Hope you enjoyed the holiday season and 2024 is off to a great start. January marks the halfway point of my DG journey; the time is going by so fast. This month is an especially busy time attending District Conventions and along with the Convention Committee tying up all the loose ends for our Mid-Winter.

If you have not yet registered, please consider doing so by the end of the month. It is very helpful for the Convention Committee to have a good idea of expected attendance for planning purposes. We have great speakers lined up you will not want to miss.

- PCC Jodi Burmester (Madison, WI) will be presenting on the topic of starting new clubs and LCI resources available.
- Leader Dog Someone will share their experience of receiving a dog, the training and how lifechanging it
 was.
- Project New Hope Hear form a veteran and his personal experience.
- Chair Yoga- to get you energized first thing in the morning, so we can all go "spread our wings."

As a DG, you have the honor of recognizing Lions who go above and beyond. The Presidential and International Leadership Awards recognize Lions who have been team players working with others from their club, district or Multiple. They demonstrate a commitment to service within their own communities. Below is a description of each award and what the qualifications. Looking forward to presenting these during the Mid-Winter Saturday night banquet.

Presidential Award

Reserved for Lions who work together with everyone as a team and distinguish themselves through exemplary service which significantly strengthens their community or our association. Presidential Award recipients should be:

- · Involved in club service projects
- · Supporting LCIF through personal donations
- · Contributing to member retention and reducing membership loss
- Advocating and Promoting our association to their community, District or Multiple District
- Sponsor to at least one new member
- · Led change for the benefit of our community & the world.

International Leadership Award

Intended to recognize Lions and Leos who make significant contributions to leadership development and work well with everyone. Exceptional leadership is evidenced by:

- · Membership growth
- · Support LCIF through personal donation
- Championing local causes and promoting the great things Lions and Leos do
- Increasing service project quality and quantity (Service)
- Measurable impacts and results within the community
- Improvement to overall club quality and member experience
- Teamwork and working well with others

A Lion is not eligible for recognition if a Presidential or Leadership award was received during the last three Lion years (2020-2021), (2021-2022), or (2022-2023).

If you have any questions or if your club has not yet scheduled a visit with me, please reach out to me.

You can contact me at:

952-261-8581- phone

Christy1135@gmail.com

DG Christy Trutnau

DG Christy's On The Move

Jan 5th- 5M5 Mid-Winter Convention
Jan 6th-7th 5M9 Mid- Winter Convention
Jan 8th- Waconia Dandylions Club Visit
Jan 9th- Belle Plaine Club Visit
Jan 10th- Mid Winter Planning Meeting- Glencoe
Jan 12th- 5M6 Mid-Winter Convention
Jan 13th-14th- 5M1 Mid-Winter Convention

Jan 15th- Browntown Club Visit
Jan 16th- Chaska Club Visit
Jan 18th- Stewart Club Visit
Jan 24th- Henderson Club Visit
Jan 26th-27th 5M11 Mid- Winter Convention
Jan 27th-28th- 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention

THE LIONS ROAR

MY LION'S JOURNEY

My journey in Lions began when PDG Nancy Mathwig asked if I wanted to join the Sibley East Lions in Arlington. It took me a while to decide but asked myself "Why Not"? I was familiar with Lions and saw all the good things that they did and thought, "I can do that". We were a ladies' club when I joined and it was decided somewhat later that the men's and ladies' clubs in Arlington should join together in order to be able to do more and larger projects.

My own personal two things that I am most proud of in my Lions journey is number one, being a District Governor in this amazing District 5M2 and having a chance to visit all the clubs and see the wonderful work they do. My second was my opportunity to write an LCI grant, receive the grant from LCI and work with the construction people all the way through in remodeling of the Lions Building at the Four Seasons Park in Arlington. The building was 40 years old and had very few updates and had been built by the Lions back then. It is currently being used by people of all ages for various meetings and activities and truly an asset to the community along with our club having our meetings there.

In 2001 PID Maynard Rucks and I were married. We also decided to remodel a portion of the house. One day Maynard came home and said, I think I would like to run for International Director. My question was, he was working full-time, remodeling a house and wanting to run for International Director. But he did it and was elected to the International Board, his term being 2004-2006. It was an experience of a lifetime, meeting Lions from all over the world. Lots of travel and lots of early morning flights, but worth every minute of it.

Lions have given me confidence in many areas, not being afraid of public speaking, knowledge of so many things around the world and friends from everywhere. Lions are definitely family and have been a gift to me.

PDG Eunice Rucks

If there is a Lion Member that you would like to send a shout out to or a story about your time as a Lion that you would like to share, contact District Governor Lion Christy Trutnau today!



Dear Lion Leader,

We are continuing to make progress toward the new Lion Portal and are grateful to the Lion testers playing such a critical role in this project. At the October board meeting, several additional factors were identified that necessitate additional development and testing time. As such, we have determined that our January 2024 launch is no longer a realistic target. We will update our digital products page to reflect this update.

Our priority remains creating a positive user experience for our Lions, and we appreciate your support and collaboration as we diligently work toward this enhanced digital experience — together.

Sincerely,

Sue Ben Chief of Technology Lions International

Parade of Green

District 5M-2 encourages all clubs to donate to each area of the Parade of Green at the District Convention. Parade of Green areas include:

- 1. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) 501(c)(3)
 - 2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation 501(c)(3)
 - 3. Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 501(c)(3)
- 4. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation 501(c)(3)
 - MD5M KidSight Foundation: 501(c)(3)/81-3338106)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind 501(c)(3) 7. Can Do Canines 501(c)(3)
- Diabetes (Can be given to either or both) a. Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3) b. 5M-2
 Diabetes funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both) a. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation 501(c)(3) b.
 5M-2 Youth Exchange funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day, and Write-Off contest)
 - Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota 501(c)(3)
 - TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation 501(c)(3)



5M2 Mid-Winter Convention Is Coming Up Quick!









Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention February 9-11, 2024



NOTE: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1 st Time Attendee					
Last Name (#1)	First Name	Phone Number Dietary Needs			
Address or PO	Club Name				
City	State & Zip Code				
Guest or Spouse Last Name (#2)	Guest or Spouse First Name	Address if Different			

Please follow these instructions to register for the convention:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions.
 Visiting dignitaries and invited guests will be the only exceptions.
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Make Checks payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention and mail to: Lion Laura Maki, 301 E Clinton St., Arlington, MN, 55307
 Call Lion Laura with questions-(507) 964-5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net
- · Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be directed to Lion Laura at the above address or call.
- · Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before Jan. 12, 2024

 Full refund; January 13-February 2- 90% refund; after Feb. 2-no refund.

NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Hotel provides Continental Breakfast free of charge

Guest #1 Guest #2		Meal Cost Per Person Registration Fee: Early Bird (post marked by 12/15/23) = \$30.00 Regular (post marked after 12/16/23 & day of) = \$40.00	
Ex. (A- (B) Cheeseburger)	(B)	Saturday Lunch Please choose one; add letter and meat under guest A. Classic Cheeseburger (includes chips, pasta & a cookie). B. GF burger & bun option (includes sweet potato fries) C. Vegan black bean burger topped w/ vegan cheese (includes sweet potato fries)	
		Saturday Banquet \$ 37.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Honey roasted pork loin (GF), zucchini medley, roasted baby reds B. Vegan Cauliflower Steak, seasoned and grilled, served with roasted potatoes **Dessert = cup cakes	
Ex.(A- Crispy)		Cabinet Meeting (not included in meal pkg.) \$ 21.00 Please choose one and add letter under guest A. Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap – grilled or crispy chicken, must specify B. Cobb Salad (GF) – grilled chicken	
		Total Meal Cost	
		Total Registration Fees Grand Total Meals & Registration	

*** Name tags will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in and must be worn to allow entry to meals and all events!***



New Year, Review Goals

Lion Lisa Kaufmann - 1st Vice District Governor

New Year's Eve is a time to reflect on the past year, embrace the present, and look forward to the year ahead. Many of us do this each year and considering the past, the present and the future we will set a new year's resolution or two.

As Lions we are halfway through our year and this is the perfect time to review what we have done the last six months, are currently doing and think about where

we want to be by June 30th. Did you personally set a goal as a Lion or did your club? If you have a January board meeting and/or club meeting, take a few minutes and review what you have accomplished. Are you meeting the goals you set? If so, is there room to adjust to be more successful? If you have not quite reached a goal, take time, and focus on it. Is there a way you can split the goal into smaller ones? What action do you need to take in order to reach your goal? Lastly, set a schedule.

In the club I belong to, Chanhassen, we typically have a membership goal. This is not uncommon from any other Lions club. We have lost



- smaller goals.
- 3. Decide on which actions you'll have to take.
- 4. Set a detailed and precise

a handful of members the last six months due to death and non-renewal of membership for various reasons. This is a perfect time to review our membership goal and make an adjustment. Instead of being plus three new Lions, we may need to adjust to being plus one new Lion. If we can induct one new member for the next six months, we can reach our goal. For a club of 57 members this is lofty, however if we get creative, we can do it.

If each club in District 5M-2 had a membership goal to end the year plus one, we would welcome 63 plus new Lions to our family. Understand this can be very challenging, you have our district governor team and PDG Joan Blank our Global Membership leader to assist you. As of today, our district is -20 members. Just a year ago we were the district within our multiple who had the largest membership growth. Let's work together to get us back in the lead as we support Mission 1.5.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy new year!

A quick note from the editor:

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season! What a great month December was for all Clubs, together we have all served a lot of people this holiday season, way to go!

I noticed a few clubs may have started using Canva, if you ever have any questions I am happy to help.

Lion Missy - Happy New Year!!





2023 District 5M-2 Zone Lion of the Year



Zone Lion of the Year is unique to District 5M-2 and provides us the opportunity to recognize one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies Lions Clubs International Centennial motto: "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion". Each Club is encouraged to nominate a member who is deserving of this recognition; it can be anyone in your Club.

Zone Lion of the Year recognitions will be made during the 2024 Spring Zone meetings. The Club President or person designated by him/her is asked to complete this application and return it to 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann no later than February 16, 2024 by either US Mail or email.

> Mail: 1VDG Lisa Kaufmann 6870 Redwing Lane Chanhassen, MN 55317

Email: lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com



Please write a brief description of the Lion being nominated including information on number of years as a Lion, participation in Club activities, offices held and/or involvement in your community. You may use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.

The form must be signed by the Club president.

Nominee:		
Club:		
Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3 Zone 4 Zone 4	Zone 5 Zone 6 Zone 7 Zone 8	
Club President:	(signature)	(Date)



New Year's Resolutions

- Attend the 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
- Attend the MD5M Convention
- Read the 5M-2 District Newsletter Every Month
- Invite One New Person to Join a Club Activity or Meeting

Wishing 5M-2 Lions a Healthy & Happy New Year! DG Christy, 1st VDG Lisa & 2nd VDG Shermayne

MD5M GLT Multiple District Coordinator

MD5M GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The position of Global Leadership Team Multiple District Coordinator is open beginning July 1, 2024.

Attributes of a GLT Coordinator



Passion for Lions

Leads by Example

Motivator

Encourages Diversity



Recruitment Period

January 1 - 31, 2024



Send a Resume and Letter of Recommendation to: executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org

For more information please visit the LCI website for the GLT Coordinator roles and responsibilities at: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_YL1xSzh4U8n5.jpg.pdf?v=1

Effective Communicator

Ability to Mentor Others

Recommended graduate of FDI, LCIP Certified or a particpatant of an ALLI



Lion Shermayne Cross - 2nd Vice District Governor



It's hard to believe that 2023 is over and we are in a brand-new year. Hope 2023 was kind to each of you and you are looking forward to continuing the great work that all of you and your fellow Lions are planning for 2024. Here is to a great YEAR of Service!

Zone Chairs Needed!!

Have you ever thought of becoming a Zone Chair? We will be looking for Chairs in Zone 3 and Zone 7 for the upcoming year. (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) It is a fun job, meeting Lions from your zone, facilitating exchange of ideas about programs, projects, activities, and fund raising. You will serve a two-year term and will be the chairperson of the district governor's administrative committee in your zone. You will organize the three meetings of this committee-these are your Zone Meetings. You will monitor the health and status of each club, make a club visit yearly and support the activities of each club. Some other responsibilities include coordinating with District GMT for membership growth, coordinating with District GLT in supporting leadership opportunities at the zone, district, or multiple level to name a few. The prerequisite is that you have served as President of your club for at least one term. If you have questions, please feel free to contact 1VDG Lisa, lionlisakaufmann@yahoo.com or 2VDG Shermayne: shermayne.c@live.com

5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention

It's coming SOON. February 9-11! If you haven't registered yet, please do so today. Registration forms are in this newsletter. It would be great if each club in the district sent at least two people! DG Christy and her committee have worked very hard to make this a fun experience for everyone. If you can't stay for the whole convention, come for an event, meeting, seminar or meal. See you soon...

Until next time..."Be Kind, Help Others, Have Fun, Make a Difference in Your Community!"

Lion Shermayne

Albert Lea Lake View Lions

The Albert Lea Lake View Lions monthly meeting was held at Wedgewood Cove Nov. 28. Members from three of the four Freeborn County Lion Clubs were present to pass on a donation from monies raised by operating the ring toss during the Octoberween Celebration. Kara Paulson and Julie Nafzger, members of the Albert Lea All Inclusive Playground committee, delivered an update on the progress and received the donation totaling over \$940. Pictured, from left, are Lion Tom Ferleman, CloverLeaf Club; Kara Paulson and Julie Nafzger, All Inclusive Committee members; Lion Arline Richter, LakeView Lion; and Lion Ebenezer Howe, Alden Club.





District 5M-2 Proposed Dues Increase for 2024-2031



The last time 5M-2 raised its dues were in 2002, when they were set at \$8.60. Since then, dues have remained flat, while inflation has gone up just over 70% in the last 21 years. If dues would have kept up with inflation, they would be set at \$14.68.

While the district has reviewed areas to try and tighten its budget and cut expenses where it can, the realty is the district has a budget shortfall. In addition to continuing to look for ways to stretch our dollar, increasing 5M-2 dues is an option that should be explored.

It was recommended by the cabinet that we increase the dues in the following increments:

July 2024 (\$3.00 increase)

July 2025 (\$1.00 increase)

July 2026 (\$1.00 increase)

And then from 2027-2031 + 5% inflation adjustment each year.

This will need to be voted on at the Mid-Winter Convention during the business meeting in February 2024. Any questions please reach out to the District Governor Team.



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2023 – 2024 school year that there will be 4 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (4), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (6). The 2024 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2024.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

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

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2024 to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – "WE SERVE"



2023 Theme: Dare to Dream

Thank you so much to the 21 clubs that participated in the Peace Poster Contest this year. There were some very amazing posters but the judges managed to come up with the first, second & third place winner that will be highlighted at the Mid-Winter Convention. I will not be disclosing the winners yet but I have notified the clubs & the individual winners so that they can prepare to attend the convention. All 28 posters submitted will be on display at the convention.

I was happy to see a few new club participate this year and I hope that in 2024 a few more will decide to join us. Remember- it can be an organization such as Scouts or 4-H Clubs if you are having difficulty getting into the school. Also, because some schools only do art for part of the year, it can be done in the spring as well as the fall.

The Peace Poster kits will be available to order in January. The Peace Poster project gives youth an opportunity to show off their artistic talent. The contest is designed for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Please put Peace Poster Contest on your meeting agendas early in 2024 and give the youth in your area to express themselves through art.

If you have questions on how to order a kit, please contact me.

PDG Lion Diana Kroells Peace Poster Chairperson dianakroells@gmail.com

Mayer Lions

Mayer Tree Lighting event, Mayer Area Lions served hot cocoa and cookies









The Mayer Fire Chief, Rod Maetzold and Training Fire Fighter, Tom Stifter retired. Mayer Area Lions donated \$500. each in their names to the Mayer Fire Department.

Mayer Area Lions fall bingo was a big success for Friends for Life food shelf in Watertown. In order to play an extra bingo game for free, bingo players are asked to donate 4 non perishable food items or \$5.00 cash. We donated \$490.00 and 210 # of food. Thank you bingo players. Spring bingo is Saturday, April 13-Mayer Community Center.





Fun & Fellowship









Lafayette Lions

As it's done for more than two decades, the Lafayette Area Lions Club sponsored a Christmas Decorating Contest in the community. All homes in Lafayette, or within six miles of town, were eligible for cash prizes. Homes outside of town signed up to take part.

The club recognized 10 homes, with each being awarded an equal prize of \$25. A three-member judging committee drove up and down every street in town to pick the winners. They noted that many homes—in addition to those that won prizes—were decorated, making the town very attractive.

A few of the winning entries are pictured.









Great weather for Lafayette Santa Day

With warmer than normal December temperatures, Lafayette's Santa Day at the Community Center Tuesday evening, December 12, was a big success.

More than 100 kids came to tell Santa what they want for Christmas—some from the safety of mom or dad's arms—and got a treat bag with candy, an apple, and a small stuffed Labradoodle dog.

The Lions prepared the goodie bags ahead of time, with help from Lafayette Study Club members. Lion Arden DeBoer donated apples for the bags.

It was family affair with everyone enjoying hot chocolate, cookies, milk, hotdogs and chips.

Members and leaders of the Bernadotte 4-H manned the hot chocolate bar, Citizens Bank served cookies and milk, and the Lions provided hot dogs and chips for a free will offering. Proceeds from that offering have been deposited in the Lions Playground Fund.

For the second year, the backdrop and props were borrowed from Linda and Troy Havemeier of Courtland and were a big hit.

With the good weather, the Lions had a fire pit and s'mores outside, a new addition to the annual event, sponsored by Dave's Place.

At the end of their visit, Santa and Mrs. Claus took part in the lighting of the town's Christmas trees in

the bandstand.



Lafayette Lions







Jordan Lions

At the Jordan Dazzle Parade we had a float in the parade that promoted our Breakfast with Santa and had the Grinch waving to the kids. We also served hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies to the crowd for a free will offering.





At the Jordan Breakfast with Santa the Lions serves a nice breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sliced ham, hash browns and beverages. Proceeds from this go to support our Food Basket program. Santa and his elf listen to children's Christmas wishes and provide them a small toy and a bag of treats.











Jordan Lions



Food Basket program where the Jordan Lions and Jordan Fire Department team together to provide area needy families with a ham, turkey, and a variety of groceries to have a nice holiday meal. This year we provided 192 "food baskets" that were distributed through area churches and the schools. Pic 1 and Pic 3 are the Lions and family members filling the bags and Pics 2 and 4 are bags and other groceries loaded into trucks.







Lonsdale Lions





Lonsdale Lion
President Alan
Fitterer posing
with Lion widow
Darlene Kubes
at the Holiday
Party ... smiling
Lion Secretary/
Treasurer Barb
Peterson looking
on.

Our Lonsdale Lions had their annual Holiday Party and enjoyed good friendships, reconnecting with one another, and great food at Etlin's Rachero Supper Club in Webster on December 13th! From front down the left side of the vertical tables: Lion David & Mary Dooley, Sandy & Lion Jerry Nypen, Mike & Lion Peg Walsh, Lion widow Betty Vosejpka, Lion widow Rosemary Sevcik, Carleen Sevcik, & Cindy Furrer. Front of back table: Lion Jim Mahler & Lion Dale Furrer. Back tables (standing): Lion Sam Gillispie, Lion Fritz & LeVerne Dubahn (sitting), Heather (sitting) & Lion Collan Zehnder. Right side of vertical tables from back to front: Lion Al Sevcik, Lion Mike Sevcik, Lion secretary/Treasurer Barb Peterson, Lion widow Darlene Kubes, Cheryl & Lion President Alan Fitterer, Lion Scotty & Lion Micki Ziskovsky, Debbie & Lion Tim Rud. Looking to give back to your community by volunteering? Become a Lonsdale Lion ... contact Lion Scotty Z. at <scotty.ziskovsky@icloud.com> or Lion Alan F.

at <alanfitterer@gmail.com>



Members of the
Lonsdale Lions (from
L to R: Fred Klokonos,
Micki Ziskovsky, &
Alan Fitterer) rang the
Rice County Salvation
Army Red Kettle bells
at the Lonsdale
Mackenthun's on a
cold, but fun
Saturday, November
25th singing holiday
carols for their 2-hour
shift.

Jordaness Club

The Jordaness club is happy to announce that they have a full schedule of guest speakers for the year! Recent guests were Lion Darlene Wondra representing Project New Hope, and Lion Dr. Wendy Goldsmith representing the MN Lions Vision Foundation





"The Jordaness Lions club kicked off the holiday season with its 34th annual Holiday Fashion Show! The theme this year was "A Very Merry Vintage Holiday," and fashions included outfits from the 1920s through the 1990s. In addition to the fashion show, the event included a luncheon, raffles, vintage centerpieces, fun entertainment, and a very profitable silent auction. Models this year included Jordaness President, Lion Sue Hovland, who modeled a lovely chiffon outfit from the 1970s (her mothers!), and DG Christy, who modeled her very own 1990s prom dress!"













Jordaness Club

Members of the Jordaness club spread their wings as angels at the annual JordanDazzle parade in downtown Jordan. Parade goers were greeted by club members who spread good will, holiday cheer, and a whole lot of candy! DG Christy reigned as the "Chief Angel in Charge!"











The Jordaness club joined forces with the Jordan Lions for their annual joint meeting at the Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course. At the meeting, four new members were inducted into the clubs by District Governor Christy.



Eagle Lake Area Lions Club



The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club is pleased to present another donation to the Eagle Lake Parks Project, toward the new pavilion.

L to R, Lion Angela Putnam, Lion's President John Putnam presenting our check to Park Board member, Jeremy Horkey, Lion Kate Mauel, Lion and City Administrator, Jennifer Bromeland.

Waconia Lions Club







Waconia Lions Club purchased and delivered about 550 Poinsettias to local nursing homes, assisted living resident care centers, and other senior housing.



The Waconia Lions purchased fifty \$50 gas cards to be given to volunteer delivery drivers for the Meals on Wheels program.



The Waconia Lions Club provided postage for 250 packages to be shipped to deployed service members this Holiday season. (I know this image is poor quality, but it is all I received and i wanted to mention the project for the volunteers).

Prior Lake Lions Club

#communityvibes #priorlakelionsclubofdistrict5m2

A NEW FLIPPIN' Pancake Breakfast record in 2023.

We served 326 paying customers, who attended in support and approximately 150+ stuffed stockings went out to children alongside the kids craft area, free cookie drawings.

This pancake breakfast represents the spirit of community organizations that comes together, time and again, to celebrate, connect, and sow seeds of contribution to the city we all enjoy.

The funds raised at the pancake breakfast, we are glad to report, paid for all supplies/food and we as club members donated back the remaining \$1500 for the VFW Star Wall Program in memory of past Prior Lake Lions of the military.

Huge Ho! Ho! Ho! Thankyou to:
Santa (Sheldon) Claus for being on hand for photos and the support team of elves, creating shenanigans and antics:
Brad, Big G, Dave, Victoria, Margaret, Jill, Connie, Rosemary.

Smoke Signals and Clowns Across the River

Thank you to the Teams of: Local Scout Troops led by their leaders & parents and Lions Paul & Lori.

Thank you to the VFW Post 6208 Prior Lake MN and their Auxiliary Pancake Team

Thanks you to all Lions who volunteered and assisted:

Lindsay, Rachel, Char, Mary, Patti, Kris, Eileen, Sarah, Mike B., Mike S., Paul, Bruce, Harry

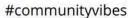


LIONS only Service Hours amounted to: 90 total

#pancakebreakfast

Cochairs:
Lions Chelsea, Lori, Loretta,
Rosemary
HO! HO! HO! SANTA CLAUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST SPONSORED
BY: PRIOR LAKE LIONS OF DISTRICT
5M-2
See you in 2024!

















Community partnerships are a powerful source for the greater good when it comes to large social activities.

On Monday December 11th, several nonprofit organizations, volunteers came together and served 225+ seniors at the annual Lions Christmas luncheon, which provided a awesome nutritious meal and social outing this year for local seniors - note, it was the first sit-down offered since 2019 due the unprecedented Covid-19 era.

This luncheon, held at the wonderful remodeled venue site:

VFW Post 6208 Prior Lake MN, and designed in partnership with: Auxiliary VFW President and Members/friends, Mayor Kirt Briggs alongside City Administrator Jason Wedel, Smoke Signals (Acoustic Rain) the Manager of VFW Sue and her terrific staff, Chef Carrie, Conner and several bartenders, and the members on hands via Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2:

RESERVED



Lions: Lisa, Lori, Patty, Kelly, Bruce, Harry, Paul, Mike S., Jeff, Linda, Eileen, Kris, Rosemary and the Project Lion Co-chairs:

Char, Loretta.

A huge thankyou to all who assisted and supported in this rewarding fun, community project.

Merry Christmas from the Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2

Thankyou!

"We Serve" and "we were happy" to be able to bring back the social sit-down!

Poinsettia Day was December 12th:

...A Mexican legend tells of a girl who could only offer weeds as a gift to Jesus on Christmas Eve.

When she brought the weeds into a church, they blossomed into the beautiful red plants we know as poinsettias, known as Flores de Noche Buena in Mexico (Spanish for "flowers of the holy night").

#bloomwhereyouareplanted

#helpingothers

#buildingbetterfacilities

#communityvibes#OperationSantaLions#communityimpact

<u>Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2</u> members illustrate pillars of the community, we are individuals who play an essential role within the community, we are recognized for our outstanding contributions, leadership, and dedication to improving the well-being and quality of life for all while demonstrating strong values, integrity, and community spirit, and often actively involving ourselves in various aspects of community development, such as volunteering, participation in local events, advocating for community needs, and fostering unity and collaboration within our Five Pillars of Lionism: Where, We Serve and strongly embrace the <u>Lions Clubs International</u> Five Pillars of Service: Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Cancer, Environment.

One of our established program outreaches for the Christmas Season has been to work with <u>Prior Lake Savage</u>

<u>Area Schools</u> social workers, Club Prior and provide <u>Cub</u> Gift Cards to those families needing a little help during Christmas. Our CUB gift cards were dispersed 12.15.2023 and reached 108 families in need.

Thankyou shout-outs to our Lions assisting on this club project: Lions Char, Rachel, Kris, Loretta, Patti. Are you service orientated and like what we do?

Mission 1.5 is on the growth, we ask you to join your local club Lions Clubs International as we serve and grow don't have one established? Let's get you one charted...

Contact a Lions Member you know or reach-out to:

Prior Lake Lions Club Of District 5M-2

16228 Main Ave SE Suite 110, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Phone: (952) 447-7277

FB@PriorLakeLionsClubOfDistrict5M2 EMAIL: <u>PLLIONS@NUVERAMAIL.NET</u>

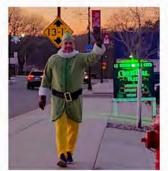
#MissionOnePointFive#MissionIsPossible#sharingtheopportunity

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Le Sueur Lions Club

The Lions lions started selling Christmas trees on November 19th and had a lot of fun and holiday spirt while doing so.













On Tuesday November 14th, The Le Sueur Lions Club and The Le Sueur Rotary Club came together to pack backpacks with 3000 pounds of food to feed 49 families in our community through the Backpack Program.







Congratulations to 7th grader, Allison, on winning the First Place Prize of \$50 for Le Sueur Lions Peace Poster Contest.



Le Sueur Lions Club

November 18th, the gals in the LeSueur Lions club were busy creating beautiful holiday porch pots! These festive porch pots will be for sale at the Lions Christmas tree lot. Quantities are limited! Special thanks to The First Lutheran Church and Corner Drug for their porch pot requests.













On December 1st the Le Sueur Lions Participated in Christmas in the Valley by handing out candy canes to everyone who stopped by the Lions cart, while they waited for the parade of lights.











Le Sueur Lions Club

As 2023 winds down and normal people slow down for the fall and winter season, the Le Sueur Lions have been as busy are ever! We are very proud of the way our Lions contribute to the community of Le Sueur. The trails at River Park are groomed and just waiting for snow so our snowshoeing citizens can enjoy the efforts of Lions Gail and Richard Chilman who spend hours and hours in the park getting the trails in shape.

Our very own President, Lion Johnny has been instrumental in the "Christmas in the Valley" event. Lion Johnny designed and fabricated a "to scale" model of the giving tree that is lit with over 10,000 lights on the lawn at the Mayo house. Johnny served on the planning committee for this year's Christmas in the Valley event. Lion Larry, served as master of ceremonies introducing the musical groups before the parade of lights. The goal is to keep adding events to the Christmas in the Valley our Lions club are a big part of the planning and execution of this community event. Before the parade of lights, and the arrival of Santa, the streets were filled with people enjoying free treats and lots of music. The Lions booth served as candy cane headquarters with the Salvation Army kettle ringing its location. Our entry into the parade was advertising our Christmas tree sales and an invitation to join the Lions Club.

A new twist on our raffle project is underway and going great. It's the 52 raffle. Two drawings a week for 52 weeks. Tickets are \$52 each and only 400 are being sold.

Norwood Young America Lions Club

NYA Lions Tree Lot and Thanksgiving Meeting.















Waconia Dandylions Changing Lives

Thanks to the generous donations and fundraising of our Fall Flannel Bar Crawl we were able to adopt 7 local families for the holidays! We partnered with Backyard Wishes to provide gifts to our local children and parents in need! We also donated gifts to the Waconia Toy Drive and volunteered at their Gift Giving Day!

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year with our amazing community! Huge thanks to our volunteer committee for blessing 30+ children and parents with their holiday wishlists.













Brownton Lions

Brownton Lions held the Kids Halloween party on October 31st, with 126 kids attending. They played games and earned tickets to turn in at the prize table. The funds that were collected were donated to the McLeod County Food Shelf. Also, there was food available from the Strides4CJD Foundation. They offered pizza and pop.





On December 2nd we held a Santa Day for the kids, with 95 children attending. They came to see Santa Claus and give him the "letter". They also received a "goodie bag" and a present, which was a hardcover Christmas book. All which was donated by the Brownton lions. And one of our members also baked "cut out" cookies and each child was invited to frost and decorate their cookies to take home, or eat right away. We ended up with hot chocolate and treats.





Brownton Lions



We were honored to have three new members join our club. They are Fred and Wanda Heidecker and Brenda Brelje.



We forwarded the Buddy Bags that we put together at our Hutchinson District meeting to the Brownton Police Department. Accepting them is Bryan Hasbargen.

If you're looking for something fun to do... Every Saturday night at the Brownton Bar & Grill, the the Brownton Lions sponsor the meat raffle from 4 to 6. Come & join us.

> Thanks, President, Lion Jan Messner.

Call or text me if you have any questions. 320-296-1001

Carver Lions

As always, December was a busy month for the Carver Lions.

We started the month with Christmas at Village Hall on December 2nd. Lion elf Cathy partnered with the Carver Fire Department for this event. Santa arrived on the fire engine, then spent time meeting with kids from the community to hear what they wanted for Christmas. Participants were invited to enter our coloring contest, sign up for door prizes, munch on cookies and make a craft. As part of this event, we asked those attending to bring a non-perishable item. We were able to donate 42 pounds of food to Bountiful Basket food shelf. A total of 15 volunteers including 4 firefighters helped with this event.

Our next event was the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 12th. We had 63 donors during the event, and a total of 8 Lions volunteered 18 hours.

The very next day was the annual Senior Citizens Luncheon hosted by Lions Evelyn and Sandy. 56 members of the Carver community over age 65 enjoyed lunch and fellowship at Carver City Hall. A lunch of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, stuffing and carrots was served. Dessert was provided by the Carver Creamery.

We held our annual holiday party on Wednesday, December 21st. Members enjoyed a delicious prime rib dinner, games and door prizes.

We're already looking forward to a number of events in early 2024. Mark your calendars for the annual Soggy Bottom Snow Golf Tourney on Saturday, January 27th from 11am - 2pm. Funds raised at this event will be given to local Carver families in medical crisis who are experiencing a financial hardship. All are invited to attend.

Our weekly meet raffles are ongoing each Saturday.

And, we are starting to accept applications for the 2024 Carver Lions Brad Bramigk Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to high school seniors and post secondary students from our community. Scholarships will be awarded later in the year.













Paint the Town RED Sat, April 13, 2024 Prairie Event Center

Parkers Prairie, MN



Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala,

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear GREEN. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming newsletter articles. If you have any questions, please contact LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.







HAMBURG LIONS

Pancake & French Toast



Sunday, January 21, 2024 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Hamburg Community Hall 351 Henrietta Ave. Hamburg



Pancakes, French Toast Sausage, Scrambled Eggs Beverages

FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Proceeds will be donated to MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation



Benefitting the Jordan Lions Scholarship Fund Over \$295,000 in Scholarships to Date!



Thursday, February 1, 2024 7:00 - 9:30 pm Ridges at Sand Creek



Enjoy a variety of beers and wines with complimentary appetizers! Silent Auction

Like us on Facebook for a preview of Silent Auction items

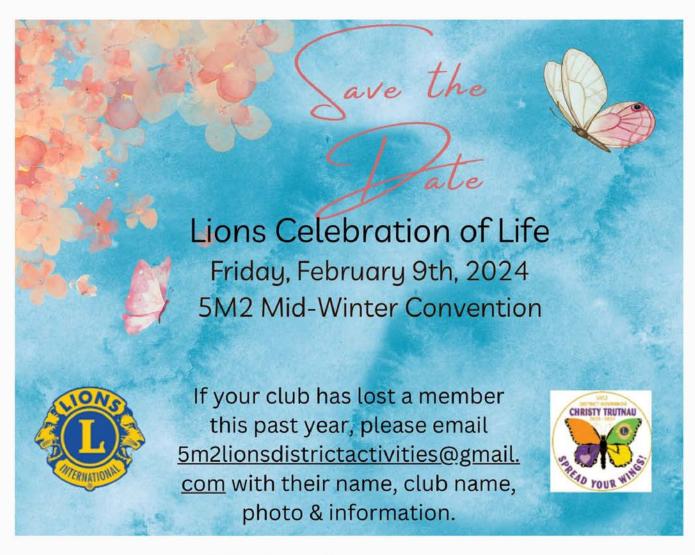


\$25 per ticket Buy your tickets from any Jordan Lion or at Jordan Wine & Spirits

We are always looking for new Lions to support our community.

Please contact Todd at Toddsch@comcast.net if interested









Bingo every Tuesday at Code 3 bowling in Gibbon Starting at 7pm

Meat Raffle every Friday at d's Pit Stop in Gibbon Starting at 7pm









This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

March 15-17, 2024 Shooting Star Casino 777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen, MN

The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)

The goal of this institute is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level.

Qualified candidates are:

- Lions in good standing
- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino ,777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen ,MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- · Lions, Past, Present and Future
- · Change Management
- · Supporting Lions' Teams
- LCIF
- Communication
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Diversity
- Lions Mentoring Program
- · Creative Thinking
- Ensuring Club success

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.

MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE MARCH 15-17, 2024, MAHNOMEN MN PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 23, 2024
PLEASE PRINT

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lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive





Make a Pledge

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Mail

Mail U.S. Checks, drawn from a U.S. bank and payable to LCIF, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Visit lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive for mailing in Canada and India.



Wire transfer

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10 S. Dearborn St.

Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation

Chicago, IL 60603 USA Account Number: 754487312

Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – along with your name, Member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, Member ID, club name, and district name.



Contact Donor Services

For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.



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How to Donate

Several methods are available to support LCIF.

Credit Card or PayPal

Donate securely at lionsclubs.org/donate.

Check

Send US\$ checks, payable to LCIF, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Wire Transfer

To transfer funds to LCIF, present the information below to your bank, along with local currency funds covering the amount of your donation and applicable bank charges.

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Transfer of Stock

To transfer stock or other securities, use the instructions and form found at lionsclubs.org/waystogive.

Complete Your Pledge Form Today!

Please return your completed form by either:

- Email: Scan and send to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org
- Postal Service: Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547 | Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

If including your initial payment with the form, please follow instructions above.

LCIF Pledge Form

All donations receive Melvin Jones Fellow credit!

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