



# 5M2 LIONS' NEWS



January 2020

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## Driven to Serve

Lion Brian Thies, District Governor

### Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

As Kool & the Gang would say, "Celebrate Good Times, come on!" February is the 5M2 Lions Celebration Month highlighted by our Mid Winter Convention February 14-16th at the City Center Hotel in Mankato.

Start the weekend or evening off by attending the Memorial Service for our fellow Lions who have passed this past year. This begins at 7:00 pm and stay for an evening of celebration with food, fun and Good Times as we listen to the Tuxedo Band, enjoy the hospitality of the Vice District Governor's Hospitality Rooms and visit with our fellow Lions from near and far.

Saturday morning begins bright and early with breakout sessions on the impact that we as Lions are making. The Magic of Service starts our day with a fun look at everything you need to know about Lionism and were afraid to ask. This is followed by a mother's story of her journey with her daughter's cancer, hear from Dave Thoen's about his islet transplant story and learn more about the impact and advancements that the Lions Gift of Sight have made during their sixty year history.

We continue our celebration at lunch with the Peace Poster and Essay Winners. We will be learning about being an Advocate Lion from PID Mike Molenda.

After lunch, join the Convoy Cruise for Children's Cancer. Bring a car, truck, download an air horn app to your phone or just join in for some exercise before our business meeting. Goodies will be given for participation donations.

We have many things to discuss at our Business Meeting. Please make sure that you have chosen your delegates. Every vote counts! Make sure your club's voice is heard!

For those not attending the business meeting, join in a service project. We will be sorting eyeglasses, making cards for the children's hospital or packaging toiletry kits. Many hands make quick work, so let's join hands and get it done.

Come celebrate and thank the many AWESOME clubs, club secretaries and members who will receive awards at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday evening. This is where we will also get to hear from our International Guest ID Bob Block's message.

Immediately after the banquet, the celebration continues with Lions Minute to Win It games and hospitality poolside.

The celebration concludes Sunday (after an Ecumenical service at 8:00 am) with our closing brunch. Here will will CELEBRATE our contributions to the Parade of Green, announce our Raffle Winners and say farewell to ID Bob and Lion Brenda Block.

Let's Celebrate. See you in Mankato and thank you for all you do!

## Toiletry Items Drive at the Mid Winter Convention



Please bring your unused hotel-sized shampoos, conditioners, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other toiletry items to Mid Winter where we will be packing kits for the U of M Masonic Children's Hospital.

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## Get Your Lion On!



*Lion Anna Wickenhauser  
1st Vice District Governor*

What an exciting time to be a Lion. In January, I had the opportunity to attend several District Mid-Winter Conventions. The answer is NO-I am not completely talked out;). I was given the chance to observe and learn how other districts do things and maybe "bor-

row" some ideas from them. I heard from fantastic speakers who made me humbled and proud to be a Lion. The visiting International Directors were thought provoking, inspirational, personable guests that I enjoyed listening to.

The month of February is going to go quickly for me. LCI is challenging us with the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI). We will get more information on this at the DG Training in St. Charles, Illinois. I will be going February 10-14th, 2020. Yep, you read that correctly-I will be coming straight from the airport to Mankato to attend the Cabinet meeting and our Mid-Winter Convention.... pray for decent weather and no flight delays.

I am so very fortunate to have a Hospitality Room Team-the theme this year is SINGAPORE SOIREE. They have

taken A LOT of pressure off of me from the planning, organizing, set up and clean-up to ensuring that the Lions attending the convention have a great time! Stop by and sip and sample your way through Singapore.

Also, please check out the Parade of Green donations in the newsletter to make sure your checks are written correctly. There have been a few changes to the Parade of Green this year.

Thank you for the nominations for Zone Lion of the Year. It was a pleasure to read about the outstanding Lions in our district. The awards will be presented at the Spring Zone meetings.

By the next newsletter I will have hopefully been elected to District Governor Elect or else I will have to send the Business cards with my name on them back to LCI. All kidding aside, I have enjoyed meeting Lions and hearing about their projects and activities, most of the trainings;) and I am excited in my upcoming role as District Governor July 1, 2020. I cannot do this alone and with YOUR help we are going to keep up (in my opinion), our reputation of being the BEST DISTRICT in the Multiple!!!

I will see you at the Convention and remember...."Get Your Lion On"

## Meet our Visiting ID for Mid-Winter Convention **ROBERT "BOB" BLOCK, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**



Robert "Bob" Block, from MD 1, Illinois, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Director Block has more than 48 years of experience as an architectural and design engineer and project manager.

He was encouraged to join by his father and became a Lion in 1974 with the Calumet City Lions Club where he followed in his father's footsteps and became club president in 1980. He has held a number of other offices within the association including multiple district convention chairperson and member of the Centennial Action Committee. He served as Host Committee chairperson for the 2017 Centennial International Convention in Chicago. Director Block also served as volunteer coordinator for the 50th anniversary Special Olympics Unified Cup in 2018 and was a moderator at the 2017 and 2018 USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service, Director Block has received several International President's Awards. Director Block is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Block has been chairman of the Dyer Summerfest for more than 14 years as well as an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He was elected to the town council twice where he served as council president for two years.

Director Block and his wife, Brenda, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 43 years and have three children and six grandchildren.

**Did You Know...**



*Lion Glenn Kaufmann  
2nd Vice District Governor*

Lion Lisa and I are starting to navigate Pancake Season 2020 throughout 5M2. While we make our travels I continue to try and avoid the need to move up a pant size. It's great to see all of the enthusiasm clubs have for their pancakes, but what if there was something more? What if there was

**SOMETHING BEYOND THE PANCAKE?** Did you know there are countless opportunities for all of us to make a difference outside our individual clubs? Even if you don't know what they are yet, rest assured there are many opportunities for involvement at the zone, district, and multi-district levels.



District Governors are always on the lookout for eager Lions who have energy, new ideas, or just want to learn more about Lions.

So, you say you're interested, but wouldn't know where to start? Here's a list of Job Descriptions held throughout the district:

- ✓ District Governor
- ✓ Vice District Governors
- ✓ Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer
- ✓ Zone Chair
- ✓ LCIF Chair
- ✓ Computer Technology
- ✓ Can Do Canines or Leader Dog Chair
- ✓ Special Olympics Chair
- ✓ Constitution & By-Laws or Long-Range Planning Chair

- ✓ District Convention Chair(s)
- ✓ District Activities or Historian Chair
- ✓ Journey for Service
- ✓ Leo Chair
- ✓ Liberty Day Chair(s)
- ✓ Lions Quest or Youth Exchange
- ✓ Newsletter Editor
- ✓ Protocol or Public Relations Chair
- ✓ Peace Poster or Write-Off Chair(s)

Small job descriptions are also available for most of the Lions foundations, such as:

- ✓ Hearing, Vision, Diabetes, KidSight, and Childhood Cancer.

To read the above job descriptions, point and click your way to the District Website ([www.e-district.org/sites/5m2](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m2)) and look for the Job Descriptions and Links Header.

Not everyone is interested in Lions activities outside of their clubs, but if you're interested in making a greater impact, find an area that speaks to you and reach out to anyone on the District Governor team (DG Brian, 1VDG Anna, or 2VDG Glenn). Good luck and we're all looking forward to working with you.



**February Governor's Travels**

- February 1 Green Isle Dinner show
- February 1 Polar Plunge??
- February 2 Courtland
- February 6 Eagle Lake
- February 8 St Cloud
- February 8 Shakopee Ice Golf
- February 13-16 Midwinter
- February 17 Glencoe
- February 18 Mayer Area
- February 22 Marshall
- February 24 Montgomery
- February 25 Waconia

- February 26 Shakopee
- February 27 Albert Lea
- February 28 Jordan Fish Fry





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



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow lions,

Several natural disasters have been heavily reported in the news of late. As bush fires reach historic levels of destruction in Australia, LCIF is there during this time of need. Since November 2019, LCIF has awarded US\$343,000 in grant funds. This funding purchased water tanks in District 201-N1 and provided immediate assistance to those affected in Districts 201-N1, 201-N2, 201-V3, and 201-V6. Additional LCIF grants are expected to be awarded in the coming weeks. These fires will have a devastating environmental impact for years to come. LCIF is working closely with Australian Lions to provide continued relief and support.

Starting December 28, 2019, an “earthquake swarm” swept the island of Puerto Rico, putting residents on edge. The 6.4 magnitude quake that hit on January 7, 2020 came a day after a 5.8 magnitude quake; it was followed by major aftershocks, and a 5.9 magnitude earthquake on January 15. At least one person was killed and several others were injured. Power was lost Island-wide immediately after the quake. Damage to homes was extensive and, more than 8,000 people were homeless and camping outdoors in various types of shelters, with 40,000 others camping outside their homes. Lions are there meeting immediate needs with US\$60,000 granted so far for disaster relief efforts.

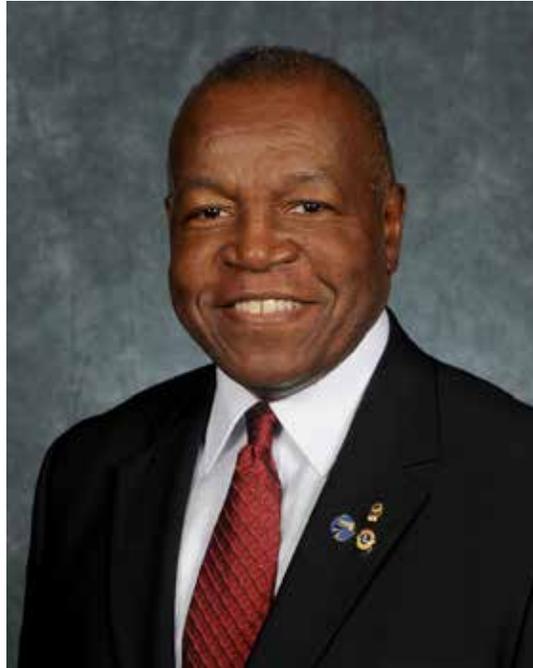
With our District Convention just a few weeks away, we have the opportunity to help our fellow lions through LCIF by making donations during the Parade of Green. If your club or you personally wish to support disaster relief efforts, you can write “disaster relief” on your LCIF check memo line. If your club won’t be at the convention, you can mail your check(s) to me and I’ll send them to LCIF, and acknowledge them as part of the Parade of Green.

The opportunity for a personal donation or pledge to LCIF still remains. Donation and pledge forms will be available at the Convention. We will also be collecting change, coins or otherwise. Every bit of a donation added together makes a difference. Your generous donation to LCIF will help us respond to needs in Australia, Puerto Rico, and wherever we are needed around the world.

Checks can be mailed to:

Lion Debra Wasserman  
530 8<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Faribault, MN 55021

## *DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER FIRST VICE PRESIDENT*



Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was appointed to the office of first vice president by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors on January 9, 2020.

Vice President Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, DGE group leader and international director. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and was appointed as the Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012-2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the club Lion of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, seven International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award.

Vice President Alexander has two daughters, and his partner in service, Shabiki Cazabon, is a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



# **Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children**

## ***Monday, April 20, 2020***

### **Details**

#### **What:**

Minnesota Lions, Lioness, and Leos Clubs (along with their families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors) will come together to pack food for starving children around the world. Let's serve locally to support our international service goal around hunger relief.

#### **Where:**

5M2 ---FMSC packing site in Chanhassen @ 18732 Lake Drive E.

### **Registration**

**Sign up NOW to be a part of the 2020 Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children**

Website: [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)

Click on Volunteer at the top of the page. Click on Search Group. Type in Lions Day. Choose the Chanhassen location and the time slot that you would like to volunteer. Click on join. Either Log in (if you already have an account with FMSC or Create an Account). To create an account, all you need to do is put in your name, address, phone number, email and a password. Once you are into the Join Group, just answer the questions and there will be a confirmation that you need to do and you are registered. If you need any help with this OR want me to sign you up, please feel free to contact me at:

**952-807-3136 or [mondordarlene8@gmail.com](mailto:mondordarlene8@gmail.com). (5M2 GST)**

**Chanhassen – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, 55317**

**Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – 70 – Join Code V7L70G**

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70 - Join Code PDPD3E**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – 100 Join Code GV4VPL**

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### **Goals**

**Participation Goal:** Fill all the above reserved spots for each shift

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### **Contact**

5M2 – Lion Dar Mondor, 952-807-3136 or [mondordarlene8@gmail.com](mailto:mondordarlene8@gmail.com)

## Viewing Forward



### MN Lions Vision Foundation

Happy 60th Anniversary, Lions Gift of Sight! For six decades, Minnesota Lions have had 20/20 vision and we use our best resources to maintain our vision into the future! From that first year when MN Lions voted to donate \$6,400 (\$1.00 for each Lion in the state) to the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology, we have had goals and have succeeded in bringing the best eye care possible to our citizens and the world. As the Lion symbol represents –looking back on a great legacy and looking forward to future successes and goals.

As we prepare for Midwinter, many of our clubs are packing up great treasures of eyeglasses for MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC), Good time to review our packing skills. The traveling vehicle will be in Mankato again. The Sauk Rapids staff has hints that will make their job easier as they prepare our gifts to deliver to final sorting in Rosholt, WI for processing and grading. Usable glasses are those with both lenses intact and bows not broken, both plastic and metal (adult and child sizes), non-prescription sunglasses (including clip ons), readers, and broken metal frames. BUT, do not send loose lenses, broken plastic frames, and cases for glasses. There are not funds to ship the bulkiness of

cases – sorry.

Midwinter is shaping up to be another fun and learning experience. One Saturday morning seminar will be conducted by University staff highlighting advancements in treatments and surgeries thanks to Lions funded research. You will be able to pat yourselves on the back as you understand the good we have really done. Remember this as you budget for Parade of Green. From corneal transplants here in the Midwest to improving care of many eye diseases to developing the bionic eye. From Kidsight to eyeglasses recycling. We contribute so much! The quote we all know, "alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".

Please, please consider contributions as your club can afford. Checks should be payable to Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation to be eligible for Helen Keller Awards. Note to clubs with gambling funds: you are giving to a 501(c)3 organization.

Lions Christy and Mary are anxious to visit your clubs and share the passion of Lions' original mission. As directors, we continue to View Forward. Our past is great and our goals will continue to be met. We are your directors ready to serve. Give us a shout – maryspille@gmail.com or christy1135@gmail.com. Together, "WE SERVE" continues.

## Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



It's Mid Winter Convention time. Do you plan to attend? The convention committee from Zone 5 has been planning a great convention. Your Hearing Trustees would like for 100% of the clubs in 5M2 to donate to

the Parade of Green, Hearing Foundation. Even a small amount will help. The funds raised are going toward the remodeling project at the Lion's Children's Clinic. Adding another sound proof room for testing plus equipment for this room. Your Trustees will have a display table at the Convention. Stop by and see what is new. Also, bring your used hearing aids and drop off at the Hearing display table.

Your Trustees are available to come to speak at your club meetings.

PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Vern Breamer

## Constitution & Bylaws

Steve Wasserman

Constitution & Bylaws Chair

### One more reason to attend the Midwinter Convention!

I know everyone is psyched up and excited to come to the Midwinter Convention February 14 – 16 in Mankato. If you're still sitting on the fence though, let me give you one more good reason for attending: You will be able to vote on Constitution & Bylaw Amendments! Now you only get to do this if you are a club delegate and attend the business meeting on Saturday, so mark your calendars and be sure not to miss it. Club Presidents and Secretaries should have received the proposed amendments by the time you read this newsletter. If you somehow missed getting them, email LionSteve@charter.net, and I will send you a copy.

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5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com



# Northern Pride Lions Forum

March 27-28, 2020

St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center  
10 4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301



Special Guest Speakers  
are going to be  
out of this world!!

Follow us on FaceBook for updated information  
<https://www.facebook.com/NPLLF/>

Register today at [lionsmd5m.org/Events/Northern Pride Lions Forum 2020](https://lionsmd5m.org/Events/Northern%20Pride%20Lions%20Forum%202020)

**Northern Pride Lions Forum Registration Form**

OR

**Online event registration**



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# Northern Pride Lions Forum

March 27th - 28th, 2020

**Best Western Plus Hotel (Kelly Inn)**  
100 - 4th fourth Ave. South, St Cloud MN USA

For directions go to: [www.bestwesternstcloud.com/](http://www.bestwesternstcloud.com/)



"Meet your fellow Lions from Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, NW Ontario and Minnesota."



## 2020 Registration Form

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

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**SIGN UP ONLINE @**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-forum-2020-registration-61698945206>

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

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

mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, P O Box 94, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$109.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until March 10th, 2020  
 Best Western Hotel, 100 - 4th Avenue South St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606  
[www.bestwesternstcloud.com/](http://www.bestwesternstcloud.com/)      This block is called **"Northern Pride Lions Forum"**

Cancellations prior to March 10th, 2020 will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after March 10th, 2020 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

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

## District 5M2 Mentorship Program

REMINDER – If you have had a new member this past year and have partnered that member with a seasoned member to “learn all about Lions’, please consider submitting a district Mentorship Program form to PDG Nancy Mathwig, 5M2 Global Leadership Chair. In order for your new Lion to be recognized at the 2020 Midwinter Convention, forms need to be received by PDG Nancy no later than February 8, 2020. Forms can be found at [5m2lions.org/Forms & Award Applications/5M2 Mentoring Brochure & Application](http://5m2lions.org/Forms & Award Applications/5M2 Mentoring Brochure & Application). The program is a wonderful way to have your new Lion learn about your club, zone, district and Lions Clubs in general and to RETAIN the member by getting them engaged within the first year.



### ***PROTOCOL PLEASE!!!***

When planning for special events and a larger than usual head table, please check the Protocol Manual – page 6 & 7 – on the 5M2 Website for the correct seating. In addition, when there are spouses present, it is customary to seat them with their escorts, alternating the men and women, if possible. However, a man should be seated at each end of the head table.

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman  
Protocol Co-Chairs



### ***PUBLIC RELATIONS KIT***

The district now has two Public Relations Kits available for clubs to use for special events and fundraisers. If your club would like to arrange to use a kit, please contact the following:

Northern Clubs:	Lion Troy Feltmann Lester Prairie, MN troymfeltmann@gmail.com C: 320-282-6520
Southern Clubs:	Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman Albert Lea, MN tomar73@charter.net R: 507-373-8702



## *Eleventh Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update* March 21, 2020

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.

Following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists one on one, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

### **Saturday, March 21, 2020**

11 a.m. | Registration and lunch

11:20 a.m. | Program

1 p.m. | Meet and greet with scientists

### **McNamara Alumni Center**

University of Minnesota

200 Oak Street SE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Faculty Research Presentations:**

- **David Bernlohr, Ph.D.**, Research on the role of calcium in insulin action that could lead to a new drug for treating type 2 diabetes
- **Brian Fife, Ph.D.**, How blocking the body's immune pathway could stop the immune attack on islet cells
- **Michael Garwood, Ph.D. and Paul Wang, M.D./Ph.D. candidate**, Advances in viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre- and post-transplant
- **Bernhard Hering, M.D.**, Discoveries in pig islet research that could lead to a cure

### **RSVP by Wednesday, March 11:**

RSVP online at [www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2020](http://www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2020)

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at [ochte001@umn.edu](mailto:ochte001@umn.edu) or 612-625-8424 with any questions.

*A confirmation letter, including parking information, will be sent prior to event.*



# SAVE THE DATE

## SMZ MID-WINTER CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020

Driven to Serve.....Loads of Fun



### Friday:

- Welcome
- Necrology
- Entertainment:  
The Tuxedo Band

Dress casual to truck into the night - jeans and t-shirts are acceptable and encouraged

#### NOTE:

#### Parade of Green

See separate list in newsletter

### Saturday:

- Seminars
- Business Meeting
- Afternoon Activity
- Banquet
- Entertainment:  
Minute Games

### Sunday - Brunch

## 2020 5M2 Mid-Winter Lions Convention

*Lion Brian Rykhus and Lion Lori Klein (convention co-chairs)*

### Attention Clubs -

Midwinter Convention is right around the corner.

Remember:

- \*\* pictures for opening ceremony (one of banner and one of event or project) - send to [rose.thies@sibleyeast.org](mailto:rose.thies@sibleyeast.org)
- \*\* door prize from each club
- \*\* encourage members to attend
- \*\* Parade of Green Donations

Any questions about convention, reach out to Lion Brian ([brian@community-resourcebank.com](mailto:brian@community-resourcebank.com)) or Lion Lori ([lori@yahoo.com](mailto:lori@yahoo.com)) who are the convention co-chairs.

### Attention Cabinet:

If you are wanting a table or half a table at the midwinter convention, please let Lion Brian ([brian@community-resourcebank.com](mailto:brian@community-resourcebank.com)) or Lion Lori ([lion.lori@yahoo.com](mailto:lion.lori@yahoo.com)) who are the convention co-chairs.

## H. PARADE OF GREEN.

The District will encourage all clubs to make a donation to each area of the Parade of Green at the District Convention. Parade of Green areas are to 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. Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
5. Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
6. MD5M Kidsight Foundation – 501(c)(3)
7. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
8. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
  - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3))
  - b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
9. 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)
10. 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota – 501(c)(3)

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**Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**February 14-16, 2020**  
**City Center Hotel, Mankato Minnesota**

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

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

Last Name	First Name	E-mail address
Address or PO Box	Club Name	Phone Number
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs
Guest or Spouse Last Name	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)
- Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
  1. Check and form(s) mailed to:  
 Lion Loretta Klenke  
 602 East 170<sup>th</sup> St.,  
 Jordan, MN 55352
  2. Call Lion Loretta (952) 445-0289 with questions – leave a detailed message
- **Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be directed to Lion Loretta at the above address or leave a detailed phone message.**
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before January 12, 2020– Full refund
- Postmarked between January 14 and February 2 – 90% refund
- After February 2 – no refund

**Convention Fees:**

- Early registration (postmarked before January 8)      \$15.00
- Regular registration (after January 8)                      \$20.00

**NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

- **Meal Packages:**

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		<b>All Meal Package</b> <b>\$69</b> (Includes Sat. Lunch, Sat. Banquet and Sun. Brunch)	
		<b>Saturday Lunch</b> <b>\$22</b>	
		<b>Saturday Banquet</b> <b>\$34</b>	
		<b>Sunday Brunch</b> <b>\$15</b>	
		<b>Friday Night ID Supper (by invitation only)</b> <b>\$20</b> (Note: not included in all meal package)	
<b>Total Meal Cost</b>			
<b>Total Registration Fees</b>			
<b>Grand Total Meals &amp; Registration</b>			

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



Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention  
February 14-16, 2020

MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

Reservations will be accepted by mail, fax,  
or phone.

Please complete and return this form to  
Mankato City Center Hotel with payment  
information no later than January 13, 2020.

Mail to:  
Mankato City Center Hotel  
c/o Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention  
101 East Main Street  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Phone: 507-345-1234  
Fax: 507-345-1248

\*\*One-night reservations will be based on  
availability\*\*

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel your reservation, you  
must do so 24 hours in advance of the date  
you wish to cancel.

**\*\*CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY  
TO CANCEL\*\***

Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but  
we will try to accommodate as best we can.\*\*

\*\*Poolside rooms are subject to hearing noise  
from the Fri. and Sat. evening events,  
including band music. If this is a concern, it is  
best not to request poolside\*\*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Only send one registration form if sharing a room\***

Payment methods:

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card – Circle One

Visa MC Amex Diners Discover

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

**TO GUARANTEE ROOM:**

Credit card number is required  
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

OR

Pre-payment by check for one-night stay  
(with remaining balance due at check in)

**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

Please note that your reservations must be received  
by January 13, 2020 to receive the Lion's 5M2  
Mid-Winter Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be booked  
at standard rates.

**Arrival Date – Select One**

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, February 13  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 14  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 15

**Cost for Three Nights**

\_\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$362.58  
\_\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$362.58  
\_\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$399.85  
\_\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$399.85

**Cost for Two Nights**

\_\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$241.72  
\_\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$241.72  
\_\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$263.90  
\_\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$263.90

**Cost for One Night**

\_\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$120.86  
\_\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$120.86  
\_\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$131.95  
\_\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$131.95  
\_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required  
\_\_\_\_\_ (room contains one Queen bed)

\*\*\*Taxes of 10.875% are included in the price  
\*\*\* All rooms are non-smoking and are  
equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

We will confirm your reservation by sending you a  
postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not  
receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us  
three weeks from the date you send in your  
registration form for processing. If e-mail  
confirmation is preferred please include e-mail  
address. \_\_\_\_\_



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2019 - 2020 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness 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. **Last year the recipients were from Minnesota, Ohio and Oklahoma.** The 2020 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2020.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org) In the right column, **click on LITPC Scholarship Information.** Then **click on Scholarship Application Form.** Please follow the instructions, 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, 2020** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application **OR** call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

**“WE SERVE”**

# LIONS', LEOS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## Chaska Lions

### Carver County introduces new housing to address veteran homelessness

Minnesota is trying to become the fourth state in the country to end veteran homelessness.

On Friday, a ceremony took place in Carver County to help in meeting that goal. Currently, there are 295 homeless veterans in Minnesota.

"It's no longer a marathon when it comes to this issue, it's a sprint," said Larry Herke, Commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Herke, though, said he's seeing progress.

"They've been in a car, they've been under a bridge, they've been on a neighbor's or friend's couch, and they've come to us," Herke said.

This latest partnership is between the Carver County Community Development Agency and the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. A ribbon-cutting introduced a brand new four-unit transitional housing project in Chaska.

"They answered the call for our defense; we at least can assist with ensuring that they and their families are sheltered," said Randy Maluchnik, Carver County Commissioner.

Plus, the Chaska Lions donated nearly \$20,000 to rehab the three-bedroom unit.

"This will help that group of almost 300 veterans that we're tracking," Herke said.

Once veterans are all moved in at this location, Carver County Veteran Services will take the lead on programming, including help with health care benefits, education and career support.

"We here in Carver County will strive not to leave our veterans behind," Maluchnik said.

Since 2014, the number of homeless veterans has been cut in half in Minnesota. While this doesn't mean anyone who served will never be without a place to call home, it's creating a solid response system just in case.



Chaska Lions President Brian Dahlke

"They've seen the success that we've had this year, and they've decided to have faith in us to help them, and they've put up their hand and said, 'I need help,'" Herke said.

The first veteran to apply for housing at this location has been approved, and they're just finalizing the move-in date.

The states that have effectively ended homelessness among veterans are Connecticut, Delaware and Virginia.

### And More Chaska Lions Highlights...



\$7,000 to the Carver County Sheriffs Dive Team. They came to us and shared with us what they do for our community. We were able to give them the opportunity to replace older equipment with new safer equipment!



We delivered a check for \$18,950 to the Carver County Community Development Authority

### Lafayette Area Lions Club

#### Lafayette Lions assist charter school with freezer problem

The Lafayette Lions presented a check to Lafayette Charter School help it weather the storm of having it's large walk-in freezer break down earlier in the year. Since insurance will not cover the loss of the freezer, the school is struggling to figure out how to proceed. The Lions donated \$2,500 to allow the school to buy several small freezers to get by until a permanent solution is found.

President Mark LeGare and vice president Andrew Maidl presented the check to LCS teachers Natasha Petersen and Tally Clobes. Other Lions pictured with LCS students are Ruth Klossner and Neal Hoffmann.

Head cook Ann Gieseke was especially thankful for the freezers that the school was able to purchase and install just before students returned from their winter break.



#### Lafayette Area Lions serve waffle breakfast

The Lafayette Area Lions served their 16th annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast Sunday, January 12, with nearly 350 hungry diners in attendance.

Thanks to ALL the Lions members—from set-up through clean-up—who made the event a big success. Nearly all of the club's 54 members were involved before, during, or after the event.

A steady crowd filled the Lafayette Community Center from start to finish.

Club president Mark LeGare served beverages during the early shift. Lion Dale Bjorklund served sausages in the background as a Dad's staffer made waffles.

Lion Stacy Reinhart served milk to a young diner during the second shift.

Lion Pam Morson served sausages during the second shift.

Future Lion Conner Portner pitched in to dish up strawberries for the waffles. The strawberries are a hit with the crowd.

Club vice president Tom Hayes helped out with clean-up in the kitchen.

The event is a great fundraiser, with proceeds going toward community needs.



### Stewart Lions Club

Jackie Erickson from CorTrust Bank gave Orville Trettin-Stewart Lions club a check for \$200. The bank had an open house, they wanted to donate \$200 to a local non-profit organization and the people who came into the bank got to put in their vote to who it should go to. Lions won!!



### Cologne Lions Club



DG Brian recently awarded Cologne Lion VDG Anna Wickenhauser with a 15 member Key Award.

### Carver Lions Club

Soggy Bottom event was Jan 25. Carver Lions raised \$20,000 to be given to 2 recipients in Carver who have extensive medical expenses. One from Cancer and one a young girl from a boating accident. In the group pic with the check is her father holding the check and the young girl is next to him.





# Green Isle Lions Club's ANNUAL DINNER & SHOW

Saturday, February 1, 2020  
Social Hour 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm  
Held at the Green Isle School Gymnasium

Dinner provided by *Chef Craig's Catering*  
Entertainment by *David Malmberg, Ventriloquist*

\$25 DONATION PER PERSON  
BYOB, Beer & Pop Available

THREE CASH PRIZES: \$100, \$75, & \$50  
(You need not be present to win)

SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES  
(Net Proceeds for improvements to Community Parks)

Tickets can be purchased from any Green Isle Lion  
or at the CornerStone State Bank in Green Isle



**We Serve**

## The Lester Prairie Lions will be serving a **Community Breakfast**

At the  
**Lester Prairie City Hall**  
on  
**Sunday February 2, 2020**

Serving: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Juice and Coffee

**From: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**

**Free will offering**

The proceeds from this event will go to support other  
**Local Lions projects**

**Please come, enjoy and support!**

The Lions collect & reuse eye glasses and hearing aids.  
Use our drop box in front of the LP Post Office.

# Faribault Lions Club 54th Annual!



## Pancake & Sausage Feast

Sunday  
February 2  
2020



7:30 AM  
to  
12:30 PM

**Faribault Eagles Club**

**Free Eye Screening for children 6 months—6 years old**

**Donation: Adults \$7.00, Children 12 & Under \$4.00**  
**All Proceeds go to Lions Projects**

**Please Bring Your Old Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids to Donate**



Courtland Lions  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual

# SOUP-A-BOWL

Sunday, February 2, 2020



Courtland Community Center  
300 Railroad Street  
Courtland, MN

### SERVING

10:30 A.M. TO  
1:00 P.M.

### FREE-WILL DONATION

Profits are used  
for local projects.

### MENU

Chili  
Potato & Ham Soup  
Bread Stick  
Variety of Toppings  
Coffee - Milk  
Variety of Bars

Have old eye glasses or hearing  
aids laying around? Bring them  
and the Lions will have them  
refurbished for those in need.

Bring a non-perishable  
food item for the local  
Food Shelf.



### 17th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Event

Benefitting the Jordan Lions Scholarship Fund  
- Over \$247,000 in Scholarships to Date! -

Thursday, February 6, 2020  
7:00 – 9:30 pm  
Ridges at Sand Creek



Sponsored By:  
Jordan Lions  
Jordan Wine & Spirits



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

Like us on Facebook for a preview of Silent Auction items



\$20 Advance Purchase or \$25 at the Door  
Buy your tickets from any Jordan Lion  
or at Jordan Wine & Spirits

We will also be collecting for the Jordan Food Shelf  
*We are always looking for new Lions to support our community.  
Please contact Todd at Toddsch@comcast.net if interested.*



## The "Magic" of Service

### Come celebrate Lions and our service!

Newer members, sponsors and any Lion wanting to know more about our awesome organization, we invite you hear about magic moments and magic facts that will leave you feeling inspired to help make magic within your own Lions Club and District!

Place: City Center Hotel  
Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020  
Time: 8:00 AM sharp  
Limit of 50 Lions so please sign up early  
And RSVP by 12/31/19 (Registration form is attached)



Come for: Coffee, rolls, laughter and learning  
Chance for: gifts cards, prizes, Twin tickets and Wild tickets

Questions? Please contact either Lion Christy Trutnau at [christy1135@gmail.com](mailto:christy1135@gmail.com) or PDG Joan Blank at [lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com)

BINGO				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Permit # XB-04490-20-007

## Minnesota Lake Lions Night of Bingo

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MINNESOTA LAKE, MN

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020**

6:00 p.m. sandwich meal available for \$6.00

Pork sandwich, chips, drink, and bar



7:00 P.M. Bingo games start

Advance sale \$20

At the Door \$25

Tickets available from Lions Club members or call Deb, 462-3230



CASH PRIZES

Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects

# Winner Winner Fish Fry Dinner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 4:30 to 7 PM

St. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH – LOUIS HALL  
Jordan, MN

Come support the  
Jordaness Lions

proceeds go to  
Lions Diabetes Program  
Jordan Community Projects

**\$10 FISH DINNER**  
INCLUDES:  
ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH  
COLESLAW  
POTATO SALAD  
BEANS  
BUN  
DESSERT  
1 MILK OR SODA POP  
\$ 5 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12  
TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE





**Arlington Lions Club 43rd Annual**

**Fish Fry**

Friday, February 28, 2020  
Arlington Community Center

Adults	\$12.00
Take Out	\$12.00
Children 6—12	\$6.00
Kids 5 & Under	Free

Serving  
**Premium Quality Fish**



**HOMEMADE** Potato Salad & Cole Slaw  
Serving 11:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.



**VESELI AREA LIONS  
BEER BASH**

**SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Brewster's Bar & Grill  
Veseli**



**Music by Barry's Beats  
9:00 - 12:30**

\$5.00 donation - tickets available from:  
Veseli Area Lions Members and Brewster's Bar & Grill



**SILVER LAKE LIONS CLUB  
ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER**



Thursday, April 23, 2020  
SILVER LAKE AUDITORIUM  
SERVING FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS

ADULTS	\$8.00
4 TO 12	\$4.00
3 AND UNDER	FREE

MENU

<b>POLISH SAUSAGE!</b>	
<b>CHEESEY HASH-BROWN POTATOES</b>	<b>CORN</b>
<b>BREAD</b>	<b>SAUERKRAUT</b>
<b>MILK AND COFFEE</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>

*Proceeds will go to the  
Silver Lake Fire Department /  
Silver Lake Ambulance  
Thank You!*



**Wanted: Host Families for Summer Lion Youth Exchange Program**

The Lions International Youth Exchange Program has over 30 youth traveling to Minnesota this summer to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Program and they are in need of families willing to host them. They come from 18-20 different countries and typically stay for the month of July.

Lions, their friends, and other local volunteers can serve as Lions youth exchange host families. It is not mandatory for host families to have children the same age as the Lions youth exchangee. However, host families should enjoy the company of young people.

Host families agree to provide meals and lodging for the young person. In exchange, the young visitor agrees to participate in daily family activities.

For more information about this exciting opportunity, or if you would like a club presentation:

Contact Jim Walters, [golfwithjim@gmail.com](mailto:golfwithjim@gmail.com) or call 952.239.2559.

