



5M7 GRAM



Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,



The natural desire for humans is to be recognized for doing something. Sometimes that desire can be overwhelming to the point of doing something bad just to be seen and recognized. Those who do good, often times, lead to people not to seek recognition, but still secretly yearn to be valued. It's an internal struggle for them.



Recognition, however, can go hand-in-hand with how we view our value to society or groups, such as church or Lions, we are involved in. And sometimes how we value ourselves.

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I am reminded of a movie I saw while in high school called Johny Lingo. Johny was a young man who fancied a young woman everyone did not think would amount to much. She was not very attractive and did not dress in the latest fashions. He saw something different in her. He traveled to the island where she and her family lived to ask her to marry him. He had his dowry ready, seven cows. When he offered the seven cows as a dowry, Malia's father about passed out and she, well she could not believe that she was worth seven cows! A few years after they had married her father came for a visit and he was taken back with her beauty and grace and made claims that he was cheated because she was worth at least 12 cows!

What had changed? It was the value she had of herself. Johny recognized she had value even if she did not immediately see it. His actions proved to her of her value, and she grew, personally, into accepting her value.

Every Lion has value in our community, so let's recognize them for their contribution to the club and to their community. Apply for the Melvin Jones Fellowships, the Dream Catcher Awards, the Top Dog Awards, and others and give them to your deserving members because they may not do that on their own.

DG Lion Peter

*Every act of kindness grows the spirit
and strengthens the soul.*

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR TEAM



5m7 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Here's hoping each of our clubs is thinking about your club elections at this time. Just a few days ago Lions International sent an email to all of our club presidents, 1st vice presidents and secretaries with information about elections and some resources for club officers. In that email it said that they would like elections to be completed by April 15th and your club officers then reported to LCI on the

MyLCI portion of the Lions International website. If you need assistance with getting your officers reported please let one of the DG Team or PDG Dan Kaiser know as he is our district administrator. We can help you get this completed.

An officer training will be held prior to the new year, most likely at the end of May. Please stay tuned for the dates for this training and whether it will be in person or online. Information will go out to club officers about this training as soon as we have information for you. Stay tuned!

I have recently heard from several clubs who are meeting in person for the first time in a long time, planning projects for the spring and summer and are excited to "get moving" again. They are excited to go out and tell their communities that they are still here and are getting out again. And there are those clubs who are doing the drive-thru events, and those who are providing service virtually. Our clubs have adapted in your own way, and I am so happy for that.

Who is going to the **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 9-11, 2021 in Des Moines, Iowa?** It's really close to Minnesota this year! This forum offers over 70 seminars in 2 ½ days that will give you insight to develop your growth as a leader. I went to this Forum a couple years ago when it took place in Spokane, WA. All I can say about the experience is, "Wow!" I experienced learning about leadership, meeting new **LIFELONG FRIENDS** who I still communicate with, **DISCUSSIONS, FUN**, and made **CONNECTIONS** with people from all over the world. Here is the website for the USA Canada Forum: www.lionsforum.org. Go there and look around. See if this is something that you are interested in. Load up a few of your club members and go to Des Moines! I will see you there!

If you are the Service Chair in your club and you are excited about service to your community and want to work with all of our clubs **WE NEED YOU**. Are you the person in your club who is doing your service reporting on My Lion, and know the ins and outs? **WE NEED YOU**. We need you for a couple reasons. I

am looking to put together a Training Team of lions who would like to help clubs who are unable to report at this time. And I am also looking for a Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator for our district. You would communicate with our Multiple District and also our clubs to help them with service ideas, service reporting, etc. Please let me know if you are interested in this. I would love to chat with you.

Keep up your great work, 5m7. Good things are happening in District 5m7. The below numbers are with 36% of our clubs reporting your service. **THANK YOU!** We have served a known 29,789 people. Please reach out if you need assistance reporting your service.

People Served: 29,789

Service Activities Completed: 214

Volunteer Hours: 2,828

Funds Donated: \$140,810

Please **reach out** to your District Governor Team if you have questions, need assistance or if you would like to chat about anything at all. We are here.

Hope to see you soon!

District Governor Elect Judy Herrala

1st VDG Elect

Dear Fellow Lions,

Some of the clubs are struggling in our district. I feel a large part of this is the result of not being able to interact with each other due to the social distancing that's been required of us as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. This is a problem that is not exclusive to the Lions organization. I belong to a fraternity of catholic men, Knights of Columbus, and we are facing the same problems in our councils. What can we do about this? Should we ask members to get involved with different fundraisers or go on membership drives? Should we ask members to get involved with volunteer projects, such as building handicap ramps for people who need them? I think not. Not yet. I think we have to work on our fellowship towards each other first. If our fellowship is weak, it will affect everything else we do and who we are as Lions.

What can we do to improve fellowship? We have to start with the little things that build good relationships. Are we greeting each other when we get together? Do you call each other and chat once in a while? Are we holding grudges from the past? How do you feel about your fellow lion members?

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Can you sit next to each other and feel comfortable? If not, why? Was that person mean to you in the past? Did you offend them or did they offend you? Let it go. The clubs that are going to survive and do well in the future have members how understand this. They care about each other.

It's the little things that we do for each other that build good fellowship. Do something nice for someone you don't know. Do something nice for that person that rubbed you wrong in the past. Don't be afraid to apologize when you offend someone.

One of my best friends and I were working on a project at church a few years ago. He was trying to put something together and I told myself he was taking to long to do it. I told him to get out of the way "I would do it myself". Right after these words left my mouth I realized how big of a jack-ass I was. I apologized to him and told him I was so out of line for saying what I did. I told him if he wanted to slap me to go ahead, I had it coming. He laughed and said "I know how you are when you are stressed out from work". We had just talked about a problem I was having at work. I told him that I really felt bad for saying what I did. He was a good friend doing volunteer work with me and doing the best job he could. Can you imagine what would have happened afterwards if we weren't good friends and I had not apologized. We would probably never have volunteered to work together again. I hope something like this has never happened between you and one of your fellow lions.

As I said earlier, you have to have fellowship in your clubs before the service work, the fundraising, and membership drives will be successful.

Good luck to all of you and never give up.
1st VDE Lion Mark Landwehr

Newsletter articles are due by the
25th of each month to: 5M7 Gram
@gmail.com. NO EXCEPTIONS



The most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise US\$300 million. By June 30, 2021, Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people each year.

Join LCI VP Douglas Alexander & friends for music, entertainment & inspiration

Watch the live Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon on YouTube
Sunday, April 11th
5 - 9 pm EDT (New York)

Every \$\$\$ donated will change lives! **DONATE NOW!**
<https://givetoday.lionsvirtual.org>

100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100

#LCIFLions
#WeServe
#LionsVirtual

For more information contact Lion Jim Kugler at
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DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



MINNESOTA LIONS
VISION FOUNDATION

Part 3 of Lions Gift of Sight: A Legacy of Service

The first meeting of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank was held in the fall of 1960, and the board consisted of 10 members, two from each of those 5 districts in the Multiple. Lion George Dugan was elected chair and served in that capacity until 1978.

The Lions come through with financial support, and in the spring of 1961, Minnesota Lions presented the University of Minnesota with a check for \$6,400. But money wasn't the only way that Lions supported their new eye bank. To facilitate eye donation throughout the state, local Lions clubs provided hospitals with eye donor kits, which contained the necessary instructions and materials to enable any physician to remove eyes from a deceased person.

The Lions diligently distributed donor cards, and by the early 1970's, thanks to the outreach of local Lions clubs, approximately 100,000 Minnesotans carried donor cards asking that their eyes be donated to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank after death. This was Minnesota's first donation registry. Please note the progressive language on the card: I hereby donate my eyes at the time of my death to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank for cornea transplant, vitreous implant and/or research to find cures for disease of the eye. Not just transplant, but research as well!

Thanks to the all the Lions Clubs that are collecting used eyeglasses! I know there is a lot more clubs collecting eyeglasses, so please contact PDG Terry Wold or myself and we will come by and pick up those glasses. So, check those collection boxes and give us a call. I've transported about 50,000 pairs of glasses to the Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Sauk Centre, Minnesota.

Thank you for all you do!

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Editors Note:

FYI.....The April Gram is in the colors of the month of April which are white, yellow and red. Depending on the colors I just might do it every month.



**CATCH THE DREAM ...
CATCH SOME CASH**

A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

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



10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10
2 \$1,000 winners
2 \$500 winners
2 \$200 winners
4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified. Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee for tickets & information!

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www.mnlionsdiabetes.org





DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

Do you have a low-income person who needs hearing aids? There is a procedure that needs to be followed in order for your club to help out. First, that person must see an audiologist for a hearing evaluation. The audiologist should work with Medicare and/or Lions clubs to help with costs of hearing tests and later installation of hearing aids.



After the evaluation, if the person needs hearing aids, the audiologist needs to order hearing aids from Starkey (address below). Your district should have money in their Starkey account from the used hearing aids that your district has donated. This money will provide free aids for the person. The audiologist then calls territory account manager at Starkey to order hearing aids. Your district trustee will help get that information for you. The audiologist then will fit the aids. Lions Clubs may have to offer some financial assistance.



If your recipient is young person up to age 15, the audiologist may want to check with other hearing aids companies for grants to help with purchasing hearing aids for children.

Lions Club International also has more information and materials to help with hearing aids in a program called Lions

Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP) available only through **local Lions clubs**.

To learn more about this project and for an application, go to <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif128.pdf>.



We are going virtual this year for our walk to D-Feet Hearing Loss! Although we won't gather, the important work of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation doesn't stop so join us on June 5th wherever you are to support hearing health!

Your participation in this fundraiser helps us continue to meet our commitments to the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota and the Department of Otolaryngology at the U of M. Kids are diagnosed and treated six days a week at the Lions Children's Hearing Center.

Thanks to the Foundation's pledge to fund the new sound booth construction and equipment purchases, you can help us and the U of M provide support to even more kids! In addition, we continue funding research projects to find new cures and treatments for patients experiencing hearing issues and our Professorship endowment will facilitate teaching students who will help those with hearing loss well into the future.

YOU can help continue this important work by participating in our virtual walk on June 5. TOGETHER, we can all do our part to help D-Feet Hearing Loss!

Club Presidents, I would love to either come to a Club meeting in-person or virtually, however it is you meet to talk about the Walk and the other great things we are doing at the U of M. Give me a call.

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**THE SUREST WAY TO BE HAPPY IS TO
SEEK HAPPINESS FOR OTHERS.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.





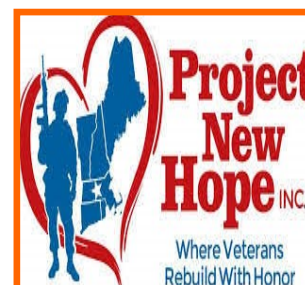
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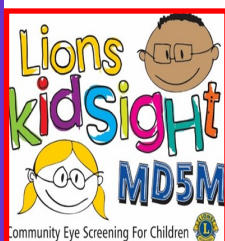


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The Youth Exchange program will spend 2021 bringing awareness to youth and Lions club of the Youth Exchange program for the 2022 summer year. If your Lions club would like more information around the Youth Exchange Program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

YOUTH OUTREACH Lion Virginia Hestekind

"Kids are the future Lions so Be Kind; Kindness Matters"



They are starting to bring students back into the classroom. Yeah! Hopefully, this means that vision screenings will soon follow. We are ready! Touch base with your school contacts to see if they will be doing screenings on their students this spring. Let us know if you would like to reserve the screening equipment. Do not forget about

KidSight Vision Screenings when you are planning your club activities and events. We are still waiting the State Fair Board decision on our 'Great Minnesota Get Together' in August. Hopefully, we will be able to solicit volunteers to join us in the KARE 11 Health Fair Building for KidSight Vision Screenings! Keep posted for updates.

Lion Ann Kaduce and Lion Mary Curtis, Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, INC 5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com

Vision screening is not the goal; it is the method we use to reach our goal of every child seeing clearly!

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans



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



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET

**2021
MINNESOTA
RETREATS**

JUNE 4-6
Audubon Center near Sandstone, MN
OCTOBER 8-10
Ironwood Springs Ranch near Stewartville, MN
DECEMBER 3-5
Inspiration Point near Clitherall, MN

Good news, everyone! Project New Hope has three military family retreats planned for 2021. We are looking forward to getting back to serving those who have faithfully served our country. I encourage everyone to print out our poster and put it up on local bulletin boards, and/or forward the poster to others electronically. As always, Lion Cindy and Lion Kevin (both U.S. Army veterans) are available to speak to your club or zone, remotely or in person. Take care and spread the word.



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



26486 Sioux Trail, Madison Lake, MN. 56063

Our Mission: Connecting, empowering and transforming kids with Type 1 Diabetes

On behalf of Camp Sweet Life our thanks to all the Lions' Clubs for your continued support of our programs for kids and families affected by Type 1 Diabetes.

At Camp Sweet Life, we take the health and safety of our campers, volunteers and staff very seriously. We have been actively monitoring COVID-19, vaccinations, and actively monitoring and evaluating how this challenging situation would affect Camp Sweet Life in trying to do a week-long camp in August. After reviewing recommendations from local and state authorities, with our Board of Directors, Medical Director, and Camp Committee we have made the difficult decision that Camp Sweet Life must suspend in-person week long camp in August 2021.

Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc is currently surveying our families to see what is the best options and what they want to participate in this spring and summer. Volunteers are always needed so watch our website: www.campsweetlife.org for more information.

EXPRESS for GOOD [EFG] April 19, 2021 to May 18, 2021

Something new and you can volunteer and help Camp Sweet Life. During the period of April 19 through May 18 you can take surveys [on your phone, iPad, or computer]. For each survey you take Camp Sweet Life will receive \$2. You can take 75 surveys or each email address you have. Our goal is to raise \$5,000. For more information see our website or call Lion Rene' Maes Jr: [c] 507-995-6910 or rene.maes@campsweetlife.org



Camp Courage | Camp Friendship | Camp Eden Wood | Camp Courage North | Plymouth Office. www.truefriends.org or call 952.852.0101 Ruth Kewitsch, Sr. Director of Development O:952.852.0128 C: 952.829.5911

CAMP UPDATES



There will be camp at half capacity to allow for safety guidelines. True Friends is halfway through renovating the nine buildings that are in need. This project will be complete by June 1 or earlier.



Before:



After:

This is the second project that Lions Clubs helped to fund & LCIF matched with \$100,000 grant.



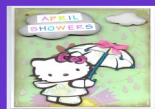
The first project was the new gym floor

True Friend is "so grateful for this amazing generosity! Thank you!"



Camp is open and taking reservations for all campers. There are a lot of Activities happening at camp:

- Golf Classic at Madden's on June 18th
- Fishing Classic at Quarter Deck on June 19th: Anyone wishing to stay at Camp Confidence during the classic will be able to stay for free.
- On-Line silent auction during the Classic Weekend June 18th - June 19th
- Lions Weekend July 23rd - 25th: There will be a dedication of the Lions cabin (Lions Den) on Saturday, July 24th. The Lions cabin sleeps 20 people and will be open for lions to stay in on the Lions weekend. If you stay at camp for the weekend, it will be FREE. We will serve a noon lunch on Saturday. There will be several projects to participate in during the weekend, if desired. To make reservations or for more information please call Mary at 218-851-3275 or www.confidencelearningcenter.org



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS

5M7 ENVIROMENTAL MINUTE

Some clubs are involved in a project they call Bags-to-Benches. They collect plastic bags and when they collect 500 pounds of bags, they are awarded a park bench made from, you guessed it, recycled plastic bags. Every 500 pounds gets a new bench. There is a time limit, though. 500 pounds has to be collected within a six month time period. Now, if your club maintains a park, your club could install the benches in the park. Very cool! It keeps the plastic bags out of the landfills and beautifies the parks.

If your club is interested go to <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs> for more information.

NexTrex

plastic film recycling challenge
info sheet

COMMUNITY
PROGRAM



1 How does the challenge work?

- Determine a six-month collection time period.
- Collect a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film and bags.
- Weigh and record amount of film recycled each month.
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling.
- Report recycling totals to Stephanie Hicks, shicks@trex.com each month.

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



2 What does Trex provide?

- Two recycling bins
- Posters
- Award

3 Award

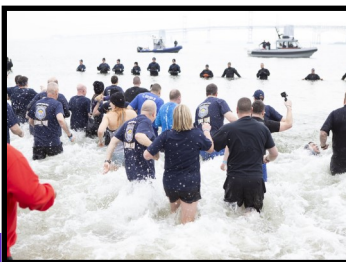
- If goal is met or exceeded, group will receive a Trex bench.

register on the website: [trex.com/recycling](https://www.trex.com/recycling)

YOU can ROAR
but can
YOU PLUNGE?



Join Lions Club 5M7 as we support Special Olympics Minnesota in their annual Polar Plunge!



Our Lions crew will participate in the Corporate Hour Plunge on

Date: Friday, April 16th

Time: Plunging starts @ 3:30pm

You will be assigned a time slot as the event gets closer to maintain proper social distancing based on registration # and current MDH/CDC guidelines.

Location: Minneapolis: Thomas Beach on Bde Maka Ska, West Calhoun Blvd.

-Options for Plunging:-Traditional Lake Plunge
-Virtual Participation – Get creative and record your self plunging from home. You can then post your video to social media!

Funding minimum: \$75 (plus you earn this new plunge shirt!)

READY TO REGISTER AND PLUNGE?

The fun starts here: <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/lions5m7>



Please contact me for any questions regarding the plunge!

Lion Anne Emanuel 8433 Gateway Drive Monticello, MN. 55362 (c) 612-715-0214 or annie.emmanuel06@gmail.com



All funds raised by Lion plungers go directly to SOMN



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS

UPDATE: LION'S DAY AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

As many of you may recall, we have organized and put together LION'S DAY at FMSC with Lions, Lioness, Leos, families and friends from 5M2, 5M5, 5M6 AND 5M7.

The first one was held at all 3 FMSC locations on March 26, 2018. There were a total of 11 packing sessions with 484 Lions, Leos and Lioness and family and friends of Lions participating out of a total of 1,339 total volunteers. There were a total of 1,503 boxes that were packed which was a total of 324,648 meals! This fed 889 kids for a year! The amount of donations was \$13,526.55.

The second one was held at all 3 FMSC locations on April 15, 2019. There were a total of 10 packing sessions with 605 Lions, Leos and Lioness and family and friends of Lions participating out of a total of 875 volunteers. There were a total of 888 boxes that were packed which was a total of 191,808 meals! This fed 525 kids for a year! The amount of donations was \$19,961.

The third one was originally scheduled for April 20, 2020. With the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to postpone the event and rescheduled it for October 20, 2020. Little did we know that the pandemic would still be here AND that on that date, there would be a SNOW-STORM!! It was held at all 3 FMSC locations. There were a total of 9 packing sessions with 118 Lions and Leos and family and friends of Lions participating out of a total of 183 volunteers. There were a total of 323 boxes that were packed which was a total of 69,768 meals! This fed 191 kids for a year! The amount of donations was \$15,350 (\$ raised from February, 2020 – December, 2020).

As of today, the pandemic is still here! MANY challenges and changes have occurred at Feed My Starving Children as they, too, work around the pandemic restrictions to be able to continue to feed the starving children throughout the world! MANY challenges and changes have also come to Lions and to Lions Clubs!! Hopefully now with vaccines being available and people being vaccinated, things will continue to improve!! With ALL of these changes, we are NOT planning another LION'S DAY at FMSC. The efforts on our part as Co-Chairman have included hundreds of hours each year to plan, organize, and carry-out successful LION'S DAYS!! Our thought is that EACH Lion and Leo can personally go to FMSC by themselves or with family and friends and pack food. We also feel that Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs can plan their own time during the year to go to FMSC and pack food. Remember, HUNGER is one of the 5 service areas of need in the Lions Clubs International Global Service Framework!!

Monetary donations can be made ANYTIME during the year by individuals, Lions Clubs or businesses!! Especially now during the pandemic, the NEED is greater than ever before!! Please feel free to go on their website at: www.fmsc.org and read the stories, get updates, sign up to volunteer and make donations! Thank you ALL so VERY much for your participation and donations for this project in 2018, 2019 and 2020!! **WE SERVE!! WE SERVE!! WE SERVE!! WE SERVE!!**

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie

Co-Chairman of LION'S DAY at FMSC 2018, 2019 and 2020

MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION, INC.



The Board of Trustee of the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation would like to invite you to join us in the fight against childhood cancer. But first you might want to know who we are and what we do.

In 2018, the Childhood Cancer was named one of Lions Clubs International Global Causes. We serve to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive. The next generations ability to thrive is closely tied to the support of the local community. Lions and Leos have seen and felt the effects of cancer on children and their families and continue to bring hope through tangible service and support.

In December 2018, representative from eleven districts of MD5M met at the U of M Masonic Children's hospital to adopt the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. It took us two years of toil and preparation, but in July 2020, the foundation became a 501 [c] 3 non-profit organization.

The purpose of the foundation is to raise funds for research for the U of M Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and the Masonic Cancer Center. These funds will engage in research or treatment of childhood cancer. The Foundation wants to go further to help provide service for the support of families of childhood cancer patients and the survivors of childhood cancer and their families.

So Lions Clubs began to ask, "What can we do to help?" Fund raising is a start but it goes beyond the financial aspects. We needed to think outside the box and think of easy simple ways to help these families. Families find themselves splitting time between the Masonic Children's Hospital and home. Often parents are split in two directions and the load at home gets very heavy. The family becomes two, single family households and the emotional stress becomes overwhelming for everyone.

Here's how the Lions can step in to help. Here are some ways you can help a family in need and help make things easier at the hospital and at home. Gift cards from local restaurants and grocery stores are a great way to help those staying at the hospital or caring for family at home. Gift cards for gas can also help the family with expenses.

Consider lawn needs like mowing, raking leaves and bagging them, driveways and sidewalks may need shoveling, plus whatever else could be done at home. Pet sitting, running errands, and offering rides to the hospital are also a big help. Just keeping an eye on things is a great help to the families.

We hope your club will consider helping a local family that is going through difficult times when dealing with childhood cancer. Remember the motto: **WE SERVE.**

NOTE: All t-shirts have been sold. Thank you to all who purchased.



CONVENTION UPDATE



2021 MD5M Convention – status updates as of 3.11.2021

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention "Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree" on May 1, 2021 for a one-day virtual convention!

REGISTRATION IS FREE!!! Register today via online registration on the MD5M website (lionsmd5m.org)/Conventions/MD5M Multiple Convention/2021 Online Convention Registration (Eventbrite). An in-depth letter explaining the convention changes was sent to all club Presidents and Secretaries in the Multiple with email addresses at the end of February. If you either your club president or secretary did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact your District Governor or convention@lionsmd5m.org.

Links will be available to access Zoom and Facebook live for convention participation. This is an exciting year for the 2021 convention that will give the opportunity for all of you to join! There is no traveling required, no registration fee, no hotel or meal costs.

Tentative schedule—beginning at 8 a.m.

- Welcome
- Service of Remembrance (2020 & 2021)
- Opening Ceremony
- Business meeting with online voting, which will include voting to endorse PDG Joanne Ogden, District 5M10, as International Director representing Constitutional Area 2, Canada
- Keynote speaker—PIP Frank Moore. Past International President Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.
- Awards—Peace Poster, International Essay Contest, Hall of Fame (2020 & 2021), AI Jensen Awards (2020 & 2021)
- Afternoon speakers (online) - three University of MN speakers - o MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Children's Hospital
- o MN Lions Hearing Foundation, Dr. Bevan Yueh, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.
- o MN Lions Vision Foundation, Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight and Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences

Watch for additional information on virtual voting, silent auction and annual Foundation meetings as well as a separate flyer explaining a service project challenge to all MD5M clubs. District 5M-2 is Looking forward to seeing you all Joining the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!



VOTING DELEGATE INFORMATION

Each Lions Club in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for every 10, or major fraction thereof, members, (5 members will be considered a major fraction), as shown by the records of the Association of office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held (March 1). However, each club is entitled to at least one delegate. **FORM NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT BY APRIL 15!!**

Voting will take place electronically so all delegates require a valid email address and use of a smart phone, computer, or tablet to be able to cast their vote. **EVERY DELEGATE NEEDS A SEPARATE EMAIL ADDRESS.**

Click on or copy the link below into your web browser to fill out your Delegate Information. If you are unsure of the number of delegates you are allowed contact Lion Cindy at 952-484-0404 or email executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org
<https://forms.gle/bQF398KjhoMR1u4L7>



Lions Clubs International

The **2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention** will be a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you: **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world. **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon. **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options. **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming. **Convention updates** – Check our convention [website LCIcon](https://lionsmd5m.org) for convention updates and details as they become available.

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the next 5M7 MIDWINTER Convention there's talk of having a speech contest for the Leo's Clubs. Fantastic idea I think!!



CONVENTION UPDATE

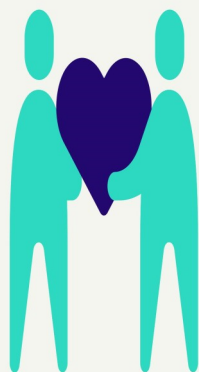
MD5M Lions Annual Convention Call for Service

Even though we are not together, let's be united in service during our Annual Convention.

There are needs in every community, and Lions ready to serve. Join us in sponsoring a Food Drive or Diaper Drive (both adult and infant) in your home community or surrounding areas.

Send us photos & number of items collected and where you donated them. Homeless Shelters, women's shelters, schools and food shelves are all in desperate need at this time.

Join us in making a difference locally.



How to help

About Us

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization. Where there is a need there is a Lion.

Need more ideas or have questions?

Contact your District's Global Service Team or
Rose Thies @ rthies001@gmail.com.

1 Start brain-storming what type of project your community needs (diaper or food drive) something else?

2 Begin promoting your project. Use traditional methods (radio, newspapers, flyers) but also use Social Media (Facebook, instagram, etc.)

3 Set up your collection sites and collect until April 30th or do another type of project.

4 Send photos and a recap of your event to
5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com



 @MD5M Lions



WHAT'S UP

Catch the Dream...Together We Can

Virtual Silent Auction

In lieu of an in-person silent auction at the MD5M 2021 Convention, our auction will be online. The auction will support the service of:

- Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Canada Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



Bidding Open

April 9th – April 16th

JOIN THE FUN!



View Auction Items Now at: <https://lions.betterworld.org/auctions/lions-diabetes-childhood-cancer> For more foundation information, visit: MnLionsDiabetes.org or MnLionsChildhoodCancerFoundation.org



HELP BUILD UP A FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HEARING AID BY DONATING USED HEARING AIDS!

Most clubs and communities don't realize that it isn't just glasses that can be donated to Lions, but also HEARING AIDS. These are then sent to a place that refurbish them as needed and make them available at a lower cost. **PLEASE LET YOUR COMMUNITIES KNOW ABOUT THIS!** Your contribution of used hearing aids makes a significant difference in the lives of those who would simply slip through the cracks.



WE'RE BACK!

A month later but still serving the same great Smelt you've come to enjoy



**Brooklyn Park Lions
58th Annual
Smelt Fry**



**May 12th, 13th, & 14th
4:30 pm to 8pm**

**Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center / Armory
5500 85th Ave. N.**

Watch the Brooklyn Park Lions website and Facebook page for further information.



The **Elk River Lions** are starting to get things rolling again. Three Elk River Lions showed up at the home of a 2 year old who does not have the use of her legs due to abdominal hypotonia, to drop off a "Zipzac" chair (made in Ham Lake, MN.) On the day we delivered it, visiting family for over an hour, they really had a positive impact on us. Today when they sent this picture we could see the positive impact on them. This reminds us why we became Lions.

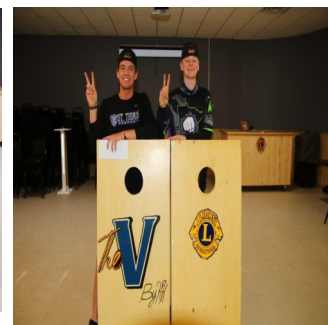


CONGRATULATIONS...

The **Maple Lake Lions** were honored as the **Grand Marshal** of cities annual St. Patrick's Day parade. This years event was a drive-through parade and over 400 vehicles drove by the stationary floats. The Lions were recognized for their many contributions to the community.



Maple Lake Lions also hosted their Spring Fling Double Elimination Bags Tournament on March 20th. 32 teams paid the \$40.00 entry fee for the contest, which was described by organizers as "very successful, with many compliments from the players". First place winners Chad and Jason earned \$250.00 and 2nd place was worth \$170.00 to Hunter and Tyler.





WHAT'S UP



HOWDY THERE BUCK-A-ROO'S !



We got ourselves a **CHARTER NIGHT** comin' up real soon for the Lions Club of Big Lake Lioness. We're thinkin' of havin' a BIG ROUND-UP of all our partners to come and help us celebrate the evenin' on **Monday May 24, 2021** at the **Lions Park, CR 5 Big Lake** where there's plenty of pasture for the horses to graze while we chow down.



If you're a might thirsty you can come on up around 6:00 pm for a cool one!

Cookie's thinkin' about what to have for this shindig. He's sendin' out the wrangler's to rustle up some beef. That means **BBQ** for sure!



Cookie's a might parrticular so he'll want to start servin' up the grub for all you cowhands around 6:30pm. You don't want to be late for Cookie's grub!

After all this chowin' down, we'll sit around the campfire and have ourselves a little entertain' program by Pete and his team!



SAVE THIS DATE NOW YA HEAR!

FLYERS will be sent out later with more info. Be watching for it!