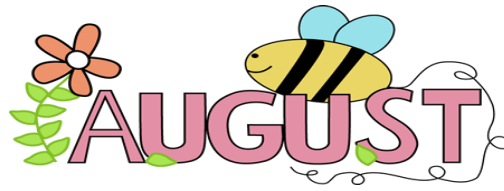




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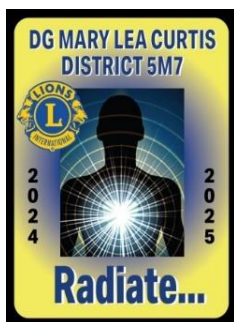
# 2024

### 2023-24 5M7 Cabinet

DG Mary Lea Curtis  
 1VDG Deb Weston  
 2VDG Nancy Johnson  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer Teresa Goff  
 IPDG Peter Lendway

### Zone Chairs:

Zone 1 Josh Gunderson  
 Zone 2: Glen Nemec  
 Zone 3:  
 Zone 4: Kevin Beadles  
 Zone 5: Steve Asplund  
 Zone 6: Pete Yelle  
 Zone 7:  
 Zone 8: Jeff Allen  
 Zone 9: Bob Olsen



Greetings fellow Lions and Leos of 5M7!

It is definitely a busy time of year for our clubs with county fairs and community events. I'm trying to make as many as possible. Make sure you are using your social media accounts to advertise and promote your activities and service. If you need help covering your shifts, give me a call. I'd love to help as my schedule permits.

Lions International has given our District a goal of inducting 169 new members while retaining current membership, as well as starting a new club! We can do this! What does this mean for your club? Replace any lost members as well as inducting three new members into your club. It is doable! Keep posted, we are working on developing action plans for success.

Confirm you have all club officers with contact information entered into the Lions Portal. Enter your service hours. I should be seeing plenty of submissions at months end with all the community events that are happening this summer! Reach out if you need assistance. We are here to help.

Club Excellence applications for the 2023-2024 Lions year are due to me by August 31, 2024. Applications can be downloaded from Lionsclubs.org. If you don't meet qualifications this year, start planning and working on it for next year. Check out the Kindness Matters Service Award and Lions International Marketing Awards while you're there.

I'm challenging every club to start a new service project under one of our pillars that you have not done before. (or one that you haven't addressed in a while) Venturing into a new area of service may help refresh and energize your club and bring in new members. Be creative, try something new and HAVE FUN doing it.

Mark your calendars. There are several opportunities coming up for you to learn more about Lions, meet, and reunite with fellow Lions. **Northern Pride**, September 20-21, St. Cloud; **RLLI**, November 14-17, Detroit Lakes; **Mid-Winter Convention**, January 24-26, St. Cloud; **ELLI**, March 13-16, TBD. Information can be found in this and future issues of this publication. We are also working on the District and Multiple level developing additional training and learning opportunities for Lions.

Some of you may be thinking "Why is this her message this month? This stuff is the Club Presidents job". Actually, it is everyone's job to **Radiate** everything about Lions! A Lions Club is a team of volunteers working together to accomplish our ultimate goal of SERVICE to others. We should all be on the same page – aware of our goals, working together to accomplish them.

Don't forget to submit a request for Cruising with the DG and your Governor Team visit.

Continue to **Radiate** every day and **Make Your Mark!**

DG Mary



## 1 VDG Deb Weston Message

Greetings Lions and Leos!

I'm back from Australia and New Zealand! It truly was a trip of a lifetime. Following the International Convention, I toured both countries with 42 Lions from across the US. What an incredible experience it was to explore both countries with Lions. Not only did I have many fabulous adventures in Australia and New Zealand, but I met incredible Lions, many from Wisconsin, and learned about how they served in their clubs, districts and multiples. The majority of Lions were District Governors, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, and Past District Governors. I'm excited to share all the new service projects and membership recruitment ideas that were passed along to me. It was sad to say goodbye after our 13-day tour but I know I will see them again.

I attended the "Welcome Home Dinner" for Brian and Lori Sheehan on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud. Lions from all over our multiple attended including our 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President Mark Lyon, International Directors Joanne Ogden, Bert Nelson, Past International Directors Ken Ibarra, Bruce Beck, Mike Molenda and numerous more. It was an incredible evening with so many great stories from so many Lions who served with Brian and Lori. The Sheehan's shared highlights of their travels to over 90 countries over the past 2 years representing MD5M and Lions International. They both shared that it was an incredible honor to serve and to have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing Lions around the world, but they are extremely happy to be back home. Our multiple is extremely grateful to the Sheehan's for dedicating so much of their lives to serving those across the world. THANK YOU PIP Brian and Lion Lori!

The Council of Governors met the following morning and we heard from PIP Brian and 2<sup>nd</sup> IVP Mark. They both shared concerns that our multiple is losing large numbers of members. 2<sup>nd</sup> IVP Mark shared that since 1980 our membership numbers keep decreasing and we must turn that trend around. His answer is that our clubs need to provide more service projects to encourage membership.

All of our clubs need to work at recruiting new members. Increasing the number of service projects is the best way to recruit members. I would like to recommend to you to have your club order the New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs entitled "Just Ask!", Fostering a Culture of Recruitment. It is an excellent guide which will lead your club through a four-step process for recruiting and revitalizing clubs with new members.

I'm on both the Mid-Winter Convention Committee and the MD5M Convention Committee and we are in the midst of planning our seminars and speakers for both conventions. I would like to ask you what topics, information and/or speakers you would like to hear from at next year's conventions. These are your conventions and we would appreciate your input and for you to attend along with your club members. PLEASE, let me know your thoughts and ideas!

We are thrilled to be hosting the 2025 MD5M Convention at the Hilton Minneapolis - St. Paul Airport. We will be needing lots of volunteers so let me know if you'd be able to help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Lionism,



1VDG Deb Weston



## 2 VDG Nancy Johnson Message



Well, my journey has begun! As the new 2VDG, want to start by thanking all the Lions who have helped me get to this point. I've learned a lot already and I know there is so much more in

front of me. Special thanks to DG Mary and 1VDG Deb Weston, I look forward to our time together these next few years, I think you do a great job!

My name is Nancy Johnson, I am a member of the Centerville Lions Club, who have been so very supportive of my decision. I am honored to have been nominated and elected as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. I never imagined filling a role like this for the Lions. While serving as the Zone Chair for 5M7 Zone 7, I realized how much more information we can bring to people in larger groups and how each club has so many things in common, good, and bad. There were great opportunities to just listen to clubs have them speak to one another.

I feel strongly about working to close the generation gaps we currently have. I want to find new ways to invite new ideas into clubs and in turn, bring in new members of all ages. We know traditions are hard to change but I believe we must incorporate new traditions to fit our communities. Times have changed and so has the way we serve. I love to see people interested that have

young children. Speaking from experience, it is great family time and teaches our children to serve in a fun way. Not everyone can make every meeting, so let's have creative ways to do that. I would like to find more ways we can just invite volunteers who may not immediately want to join, but once they get the great feeling of serving, they may change their minds. So that's my two cents on that for today!

I will be attending the USA/Canada Forum in September, I'm nervous and excited about that. I feel very lucky to have strong people in front of me to show me the way and I will do my very best to serve all of you. I know I will be meeting so many more Lions as we begin our club visits, I look forward to it! We will "Radiate" and "Make Your Mark" together.

Lion Nancy Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor



## Theresa Goff-5m7 Treasurer

Dues invoices have been sent.  
Please pay promptly! Did not receive your invoice or have questions? Please contact me!

5M7 Treasurer  
Theresa Goff  
[5M7Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:5M7Treasurer@gmail.com)  
612.799.2770



LCIF-IPDG Peter Lendway/PDG Mark Landwehr

**Hello Lions and Leos!**

As your clubs plan projects keep in mind funds may be available to your club for the larger projects you are considering. LCIF is there for you to explore grants and apply for funding. One grant program is the DCG, or District, Club and Community Impact Grant, is based on a percentage (15%) donated (\$5000.00 or more) to LCIF by districts and clubs and, if not applied for, can accumulate for a fifteen year period.

The clubs in District 5M7 with DCG funds available are: Elk River, Ramsey, Spring Lake Park, Monticello and Grandy. Our own District has DCG funds available as well. More information on the DCG Grant is available on the district website, including applications.

*Your LCIF Coordinators IPDG Peter Lendway and PDG Mark Landwehr*

PDG Al and Lion Virginia Zimmerman  
named 2024 Isanti County Outstanding  
Seniors

The Zimmermans were nominated for the award by their seven children, along with their spouses, 21 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren, for their “outstanding achievements in volunteerism.”

The Zimmermans are heavily committed to the Cambridge Lions Club where Alvin has been a member for 56 years and Virginia has been a member for over 30 years.

Lion Virginia appreciates the fact that she and PDG Al both like to serve. “And that’s what they do,” Virginia said regarding the Lions

Club. “We serve, and we help less fortunate people.”

PDG Al served 5M7 as District Governor, 2006-2007. He was inducted into Lions MD5M Hall of Fame, 2021-2022; a very cherished honor for him.

Virginia is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has been chosen as Lion of the Year.

They made their first official appearance as the 2024 Isanti County Outstanding Seniors during the Isanti Rodeo Jubilee Days Parade. They were also honored during an outstanding senior program during Senior Day at the Isanti County Fair and at Braham Pie Day.

In the words of their granddaughter Sonia Hartland, we can all agree: “Their lifetime of service, compassion and leadership is worthy of this prestigious recognition.”

**Congratulations PDG Al and Lion Virginia! 5M7 is proud of your mentoring, dedication**



**and service.**

*PDG Al and Lion Virginia are pictured in front of the Cambridge Taco wagon at the Isanti County Fair.*

## Lions Clubs International – Press Releases matter!

As a part of Lions Clubs International, our work at the local, district, multiple, and international level is the driving force in making communities and beyond a better place for everyone. What a shame our efforts are not better known by the public, as well as our fellow Lions. By getting the word out on what we Lions are doing, or have done, we can ensure greater public participation in Lions' events and projects. In addition, the efforts we make in promoting ourselves can help recruit others to become Lions. One type of promotion that Lions clubs can better utilize is the press release.



Press releases should be a regular part of your marketing strategies. A press release is an official statement issued to media outlets (newspapers, radio, television, etc.) giving information on a particular matter. Press releases can cover general information about your group or can cover details on a specific event or activity. You may have seen or heard about press releases before over the course of your life. What you may not know is that the Lions have press releases available for use by their members.

Lions Clubs International, as well as the Lions Clubs International Foundation, have prepared dozens of press releases for your use. These templates and full-fledged press releases can be modified for your use. Whether you are announcing the instalment of your newest club officers, promoting an upcoming Lions' community event, or sharing the results of your latest fundraiser, a press release can help you get the message out.



The link below takes you to the LCI Lions Press Center website page. On this page, you can find the section containing recent LCI press releases and access to the archive of past LCI press releases and templates for creating your own unique press releases:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/footer/lions-press-center>

You don't have to "reinvent the wheel" because LCI has already done the work for you with these press releases. You just tweak the press releases a little, and then get them submitted to your local media outlets. In some cases, local newspapers, radio, and television stations are looking for news and will be receptive to your submissions. If you can include photos along with your press releases, it can be a welcome addition to your submission. Don't forget to share your press release as part of a post or article on your own website or social media page. It may help attract visitors to your sites and to your Lion's events or activities. Make sure your press releases incorporate all the necessary requirements regarding the use of Lions branding. Please expand your marketing and public relations efforts by incorporating press releases into your plans.

Lion Lyle Goff  
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair  
[gofflt@msn.com](mailto:gofflt@msn.com)



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE LIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER AND WORK AT THE STATE FAIR FOR KIDSIGHT!**

**There are still 11 shifts that are open and need to be filled.**

**Monday 8/26 =** 2:45 to 6:00 need 2 escorts  
5:45 to 9:15 need 1 escort

**Tuesday 8/27 =** 8:30 to Noon need 1 vision screener, 1 greeter and 2 escorts  
11:45 to 3:00 need 1 escort  
5:45 to 9:15 need 1 vision screener, 1 greeter and 1 escort

Volunteers get free admission into the fair and reimbursement of 50 cents per mile for mileage.

**Volunteers DO NOT have to be a Lion. You can invite family and friends to help too! Training is done on site. This is a perfect time to see what KidSight vision screening is all about.**

***Not sure what the positions do so you aren't sure what to sign up for?***

- Greeter = you ask the people walking by if they would like their child screened and explain a little bit about what it is. You get the parent to fill out the consent form.
- Escort = you take the paperwork and bring the child to the vision screener. You report the results to the parents.
- Vision Screener = you are the one operating the machine and screening the child.

If you have questions about these positions, please call Lion Deb Johnson at 612-810-2119.

**PLEASE NOTE: the last shift each day shows it ends at 8:15pm; however, this has changed. The Kare 11 Health building is staying open until 9pm so the last shift will now end at 9:15pm.**

Here is the link to the signup genius site in case the QR code doesn't work.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-48608689-state#/>

### **FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OPENING**

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in Lions at the District level? Do you believe that helping catch vision problems in children is important? If you answered yes to these questions, you should think about becoming a KidSight Foundation Director!

If you are interested but have more questions about what it would entail, please email [5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com) or call Lion Deb Johnson at 612-810-2119.

5m7 Club News/Information

Elk River Lions



The Elk River Lions Club served food and root beer floats, and gave away \$3500 worth of backpacks and school supplies at the Sherburne County Fair.

Cokato-Dassel Lions



Lion Beth Janish received the KidSight Sight Savor Award at our July meeting. Lion Beth was honored for completing her term as president and for educating us and getting our club involved in the KidSight program.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. | Prairie Park – 13355 90th Street NE  
 WEB: otsegoprairiefestival.com | @otsegoprairiefestival

**OTSEGO PRAIRIE FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW**  
 BROUGHT TO YOU BY Otsego, Otsego Park & Club, Otsego

**LIVE MUSIC** **PETTING ZOO** **INFLATABLES**  
**FREE ADMISSION!**  
**DINGO PERFORMERS & PAINTBALL**

**CAR SHOW**  
**FIREWORKS** **PICKLEBALL & BEAN BAG TOURNAMENTS**  
**RAFFLE BEER GARDEN** **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**TITLE SPONSOR**  
**The Bank OF ELK RIVER**



Otsego Lions

Otsego Lions had a **great team building** event July 21st. We had a picnic and bags tournament. Great turnout and the weather was perfect. Great time had by all. Our next big event is the **Prairie Fest on September 21st**. This is held at Prairie Park in Otsego the third Saturday in September every year. We keep growing the event with new bands, a huge car show, pancake breakfast, beer garden and lots of food trucks. Then stick around for the fireworks after dark, when the party really gets started. Plan on joining us for a great time in Otsego. Featured entertainers this year are Todd Hurst. And Shane Martin Band.

## Howard Lake Lions Club



**MEMORIAL PARK  
HOWARD LAKE**

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**  
Bring your lawn chair  
**Free will donation for the meal**

HOWARD LAKE LIONS CLUB



WE "GET TO" SERVE

**Serving Hamburgers, Sweet Corn and Lemonade.**

Music by **CHOPPER**  
Sweet Corn donated by Untiedt's Vegetable Farm.  
Sweet Corn steamer provided by American Pressure Inc.



Adult beverages will be available for purchase from the Howard Lake Orphans



Root beer floats available for purchase from the Howard Lake Royalty

SQQ Cones and Popcorn available for purchase

**Friday, August 16th  
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**





## Hugo Lions Club

PARTNER WITH HUGO LIONS FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

**A Day Of Golf  
At Oneka Ridge  
To Support**  
HUGO Good Neighbors FOOD SHELF

- SPONSOR PARTICIPATION INFORMATION -



**DONATE A PRIZE**  
Gift Cards, Products, Promos  
Email us to arrange pickup

**SPONSOR A HOLE**

**PAR**  
\$150  
Logo recognition at hole

**BIRDIE**  
\$300  
Logo recognition at hole & social post

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TO THE COURSE**

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\$500  
Limit (1) Party Cart -or- (1) Booth on Course

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HUGO@NLIONS@GMAIL.COM  
WWW.GOODNEIGHBORDAYS.COM




JOIN HUGO LIONS FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH

**A Day Of Golf  
At Oneka Ridge  
To Support**  
HUGO Good Neighbors FOOD SHELF

**LOCATION:**  
ONEKA RIDGE GOLF COURSE,  
HUGO MN

**ENTRY:**  
\$100 PER GOLFER  
\$400 PER 4 SOME

**INCLUDES:**

- GREEN FEE
- CART
- TEE BOX GIFT
- DINNER

**\$26 DINNER ONLY\***  
\*Pre-registration required

**TIME:**  
11:30AM CHECK-IN  
12:30 PM SHOTGUN START

**REGISTER BY AUG. 18  
& GET A FREE RAFFLE  
TICKET BUNDLE!**

**RAFFLES  
FIELD EVENTS  
CONTESTS**



VENMO @HUGO-LIONS  
CHECK OR ONLINE QR  
Include team names with payment






Isanti Lions Club-Congratulations on 50 years of Service!



Isanti Lions Club celebrated 50 years of service to the Isanti Lions Club on May 18th, 2024. District Governor Peter Lendway presented awards to Elaine Fischer-Helen Keller, Lorenz Hansel-Melvin Jones and Joe Mau-Lion of the Year.



The Isanti Lions mascot at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



The Isanti Lions were honored to be this years Grand Marshall for the Isanti days parade. Isanti lions have generously served the Isanti Community for 50 years of service.

## April 2025 MD5M Convention News/Information

### MD5M Convention Fundraiser

Come help support the efforts of District 5M7 to host the MD5M 2025 Convention by purchasing raffle tickets. The tickets are only **\$10** each and there are **three (3)** cash prizes to win.

#### Prizes:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$1,000.00US**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$500.00US**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$250.00US**

There are a total of **1,500** tickets for the raffle and you need not be present to win. The drawing of the winning tickets will be held at the **5M7 2025 Midwinter convention at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. You must be **18** years or older to purchase a ticket or to win a prize. Winners are responsible for all applicable fees or taxes. The MD5M 2025 Convention committee wishes to thank the Nowthen Lions Club for sponsoring the raffle.

Tickets are available at zone meetings, cabinet meetings, from the Governor Team or any convention committee member.

NAME	_____
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PHONE/EMAIL	<b>NO. 0001</b>
<b>MD5M Convention Fundraiser</b> <small>sponsored by the Nowthen Lions Club</small>	
<b>Best Western Plus - Kelly Inn</b> 100-4th Avenue South St. Cloud, MN 56301	
<b>January 25, 2025 - 1:00 PM</b> Permit# X-92233-25-019	
<b>PRIZES</b>	
<b>1.) \$1000.00 Cash</b>	
<b>2.) \$500.00 Cash</b>	
<b>3.) \$250.00 Cash</b>	
<small>Need not be present to win. Must be 18 years or older to purchase ticket or win a prize.</small>	
<small>Winner responsible for applicable fees or taxes</small>	
<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>NO. 0001</b>

### Amanda Jackson-5M7 Gambling Chair



**District 5M7  
MN Lion Clubs  
in Charitable  
Gambling**

Attention 5M7 Lion Clubs – is your club running charitable gambling? If yes, please join our Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5m7gambling>

Would love to connect with all 5M7 clubs who are currently involved in gambling or would like to start.

5M7 Gambling Chair, Lion Amanda Jackson [amandakins@comcast.net](mailto:amandakins@comcast.net) (763) 286-5039

### Cruising With The DG



Join the Governor's Team as they journey through the District visiting clubs and attending community events. Seize the opportunity to network with fellow Lions and learn about their clubs. A random drawing will be held for each visit. Cruising Lions will receive a pin and their name will be placed into a random drawing at years end for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

### Cruising With The DG

Instructions: Cut out and send to DG via mail or in Word, complete information, right click to copy, then paste and send in email. For PDF, complete information, save and send in email or use Adobe Acrobat and send.

Which days of the week work best for you?  
(Circle)

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email to DG Mary @ [lionmaryleacurtis@gmail.com](mailto:lionmaryleacurtis@gmail.com) or send to 10749 Tyler Court NE; Blaine, MN 55434 (612-269-3121)



You may already be familiar with the wonderful history and programs of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF). Celebrating over 60 years of service, the Foundation has been working to help the blind and visually impaired since 1960.

As a Board Member of MLVF, we are a partner and involved in the Eye Ball Gala and planning Thanksgiving for Vision; a wonderful event to provide updates on research and recognize and hear from families of cornea donors and recipients.

MLVF is the recipient of the proceeds from our Lions Eye Ball Gala and Thanksgiving for Vision by holding a basket silent auction on October 25-26, 2024. Held at Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center, both events are a gathering of Lions from around the state of Minnesota.

We are reaching out to our fellow Lions Clubs and community members to donate an item and or basket to the silent action. Please call me for a pick up at 612-382-2236. Kindly send any Gift Cards or Certificates to:

**PDG Steve Linder**  
**5567 153<sup>rd</sup> Court NW**  
**Ramsey Mn 55303**

Thank you sincerely for your time and consideration. Please e-mail me at [slinder71@usfamily.net](mailto:slinder71@usfamily.net), if you would like further information.

Through our support of Lions Gift of Sight (formerly Lions Eye Bank), our collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology, and our work collecting and distributing used eyeglasses. The Foundation helps countless people every day.

Lion Ron Tiernan and PDG Steve Linder will be in Training July 25-27 to learn even more about Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Thank you for all you do. PDG Steve Linder and Lion Ron Tiernan, MLVF Board of Directors

## Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Membership Team Approach (GMA) Coordinators



### **Meet Lions Jim and Jo Young!**

We are very excited to be the GMT and GMA for our District this year! Lion Jim has been a Fridley Lion for 16 years, Lion Jo for 12 years. This is our first year working at the District level - we are very excited to meet many of you over the next year as well as work across the District to help us grow our membership! A little information about us - we've been married for 43 years and have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. And 2 "fur babies"! We look forward to working with you all.



# Ignite the Lions Pride

## MD5M Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025

[5m7lions@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lions@gmail.com)



Lions and Leos from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be gathering at the MD5M Convention on April 25 – 27, 2025. During these three days at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota, this assembled group of community activists will be doing more than just attending meals and handing out awards. Everyone at the convention will have an opportunity to learn and grow as a Lion or Leo.

Contrary to what some think, the MD5M Convention is not just for DGs, PDGs, PCCs, PIDs, IDs, or anyone else who has initials in front of their name. The annual multiple district convention is for all Lions and Leos to attend and to enjoy. This is an opportunity for everyone to focus on increasing and strengthening their leadership skills, explore different opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build their knowledge on Lions' causes, share their personal experiences, and learn new ways to make a difference in their communities and across the world.

Here are a few important things to help you consider attending the MD5M Convention:

**Fellowship** – With a collection of 300-400 Lions and Leos on hand, you will have something in common with everyone there. You'll be able to immediately connect and network with the other convention attendees. This will open you up to opportunities for sharing ideas, information, and experiences. You can take this knowledge back to your club for others to hear and for your club to possibly utilize in your events and projects.

**Seminars & Guest Speakers** – There will be presentations made by some wonderful speakers at seminars and during the convention meals. Many of these speakers are people who have benefited from the Lions' supported programs they come to represent. You will be moved and inspired after hearing their stories and are encouraged to share their tales with your family and fellow Lions/Leos.

**Convenience** - All the MD5M Convention activities will be housed at the Hilton Minneapolis–Saint Paul Airport hotel. No need to worry about taking shuttle buses back and forth between different hotels. Room rates are very reasonable, so that means you can bring the family along with you. While you're busy with your fellow Lions/Leos, they might want to hang out by the pool or go spend some time at the Mall of America, IKEA, or some other nearby shopping and dining destinations.

So, what are you waiting for? You can register for the MD5M Convention by using the link provided below:  
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention?usp=sharing>

You can reserve your room at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport hotel by calling **(952) 854-2100** and ask for the **"Lions 2025 Convention"** rate of **\$119.00** per night plus taxes and fees.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the MD5M Convention in April 2025.  
**5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee**



# 105th - MD5M Multiple Convention April 25-27, 2025 Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport 2025 MD5M Registration Form (Please Print)



Lion
  Leo
  Guest

Lion
  Leo
  Guest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify dietary needs:

Please specify dietary needs:

Vegetarian  Gluten Free Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian  Gluten Free Other: \_\_\_\_\_

	Cost Prior to March 1, 2025		Cost after March 1, 2025		\$ Amount
<b>Full Hospitality Book: (Hospitality book includes convention and all meals)</b>					
	\$192.00 USD	\$261.00 CDN	\$220.00 USD	\$304.00 CDN	_____
<b>Separate Meals: (Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book)</b>					
Friday Night Social	\$23.00 USD	\$32.00 CDN	\$27.00 USD	\$37.00 CDN	_____
Saturday Breakfast	\$32.00 USD	\$44.00 CDN	\$37.00 USD	\$51.00 CDN	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$46.00 USD	\$62.00 CDN	\$53.00 USD	\$73.00 CDN	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$78.00 USD	\$106.00 CDN	\$90.00 USD	\$124.00 CDN	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$39.00 USD	\$53.00 CDN	\$45.00 USD	\$62.00 CDN	_____
<b>Total \$ Amount if separate meals chosen:</b>					_____

- No meals available after April 1, 2025.
- Make Checks payable to: 5m7 Lions
- Mail registrations to: **MD5M Convention c/o Judy Herrala, 222730 Waco Street, NW, St. Francis, MN 55070** –OR– you may register online: <https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention?usp=sharing>

**HOTEL INFORMATION: Hilton Minneapolis-St Paul Airport, 3800 American Blvd East, Bloomington, MN 55425**  
 Call (952) 854-2100 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2025 Convention" rate.  
 Room rates are \$119.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 1, 2025.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: Registration Committee Lion Orville Lindquist at (612) 850-8132—OR—email at [orville.lindquist@gmail.com](mailto:orville.lindquist@gmail.com) or PDG Judy Herrala at 1-763-753-6962—OR—Email at [JLHBELLS@earthlink.net](mailto:JLHBELLS@earthlink.net)



# Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025

[5m7lions@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lions@gmail.com)



## **TABLE SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsors would have the opportunity to secure a table dedication in their honor for each of the meals. Sponsors can be individuals, clubs, districts, foundations, businesses, or other entities. Sponsors would have exposure to all attendees at all the meals.

### **Four meals at the MD5M 2025 Convention:**

Saturday Breakfast  
Saturday Lunch  
Saturday Banquet  
Sunday Brunch

#### **Terms of sponsorship:**

1. Tent cards or signs would be placed at the table indicating the sponsorship.
2. Sponsorship would be for all four meals at the convention.
3. Sponsors wishing to use a logo would provide a suitable digital file for use in the creation of the tent cards/signs.
4. Sponsors will also be listed on the sponsors' page in the convention booklet.
5. Sponsorship cost is \$250.00US.

#### **Table Sponsorship registration:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "5M7 Lions" and mail order form and check to the address listed below:

**MD5M Convention  
c/o Judy Herralá  
222730 Waco Street NW  
St. Francis, MN 55070**

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

# LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM



## RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)

November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



**RLLI** participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

## ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)

March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



**ELLI** 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.

### You qualify for trainings if you:

- Are a current member in good standing
- Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.
- Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas
- Like having FUN!!!!

### Participants are required to:

- Attend all sessions of the three-day institute.
- You may commute to trainings if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.
- Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of training weekends

**Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register**



# Northern Pride Lions Forum



**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn**  
100 4th Ave. South, St Cloud, MN USA  
2024 Registration Form

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

**Lions Membership # :** \_\_\_\_\_

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 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers:  
(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

### SIGN UP ONLINE @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-leadership-forum-2024-registration-871516237527?aff=oddtcreator>

**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**

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$139.00 USD per night (+ taxes)

Best

Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606



This block is called **“Northern Pride Lions Forum”**



Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr, Sauk Centre, MN 56378  
Cancellations prior to September 14th, 2024, will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied  
Cancellations after September 14th, 2024 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)

<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>





# Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

## Saturday, September 14, 2024

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

**The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will  
once again be the Presenting Sponsors.**



[candocanines.org/woofaroo](https://candocanines.org/woofaroo)





2024-2025 District Governor Team\* Club Visit Request



Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Meeting: No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Clubs attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Hour Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Request: (Install officers, Induct members, Present Awards, other)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to me via mail or email to schedule your club visit. I will contact you prior to the visit to reconfirm date, number of Governor team attendees and go over any special requests.

Thank you. We look forward to visiting your club!

District Governor Mary Lea Curtis  
10749 Tyler Court NE  
Blaine, MN 55434  
612-269-3121  
lionmaryleacurtis@gmail.com

\*Team includes 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's and Zone Chair  
If your club typically only includes free meal for DG, we will pay for additional meals.