

August 2021



5M7 Gram

Welcome to the 18 new members who have joined our clubs in district 5m7 in July. And **THANK YOU** to our clubs who extended your welcome to these new members. I am confident that each of you will enjoy your membership in the Lions Clubs of 5m7. Our clubs offer so many opportunities for service, life-long friendships, and personal growth all while serving your community. Thank you for being a part. I look forward to meeting each of you this year.



It has been just 28 days since I was sworn in as district governor. And these 28 days have been quite busy. And very invigorating! I have attended two Council of Governor meetings, attended the MN Lions Vision Foundation training/tour and Board Meeting, visited the Clear Lake Lions Club, attended a MD5M Global Membership Team Meeting, attended the Global Action Team Summit, held a special meeting to appoint our new 2nd vice district governor, attended our 5m7 convention meeting, worked with the Anoka Lions at the Anoka County Fair...and more! Oh what a whirlwind it has been.

Welcome to our new 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Steve Milius from the St Francis Lions Club. He was appointed as 2nd Vice District Governor on July 19, 2021. 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Steve is excited to serve in District 5m7.

Reporting our service has always been important for all Lions' clubs. Reporting changed a few years ago to be all online and on a new platform. The new platform was tough at first and many of us didn't like it. I guarantee you, that Lions Clubs International (LCI) has improved the way we report online, and I encourage you to try it again. There are many of us here to help you with reporting. Why should we report? If we do not report our service, nobody else does. We want LCI to know all that we are doing in our communities. Now is the time to toot your own horn as a club and shout out to the world about the good you are doing in this world. Every single one of our clubs is doing service activities. We all need to be reporting them. If you need assistance with this please contact me or our Global Service Team and we will help you! We promise.

Our district cabinet is full of Lions who are very eager to come out to your clubs or to our zone meetings to present their program to you. As we remember, they didn't have the chance to present their programs to you last year, unless you had them via zoom. They really are waiting to be invited. You can have a presentation from Can Do Canines, Diabetes, our gambling chairperson, Leadership, Membership, Service, KidSight, Leos, Hearing Foundation, MN Lions Vision Foundation, MN Lions Children's Cancer Foundation, Project New Hope, Special Olympics and more! There are so many topics to choose from. Let me know how I can help you get these scheduled.

The USA/Canada Forum is happening on September 9-11, 2021, and it is just four hours away this year. Have you and your lions' friends signed up yet? Get a carload of friends together to go get inspired! Here is the website address: www.lionsforum.org. It is there that you will find the schedule, the registration form, and more. Please go to the website above and find out more about "The Forum." **YOU WILL BE INSPIRED.**

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 Judy Herrala

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FROM THE DESK OF....

Hi Fellow Lions and Leos



The Anoka Lions sponsored the beer booth at the Anoka county fair again this year and I had the pleasure of working a shift with them on Saturday the 24th. The evening reminded me of why I joined the Lions. I had fun and felt good about doing a service project, and I worked alongside a bunch of great fellow Lions. It also brought back memories of working the beer gardens at summer festivals at the little Catholic church I attended when I was much younger. This community of German farmers liked to drink beer and the taps at the beer wagon ran steady most of the evening ; so did the taps at the beer garden at the fair on Saturday. It took some good volunteers to keep up. Anoka Lion member Jim Pokela did a great job putting this all together, I've noticed this about Jim in the past. He's good at what he does.

I encourage all the clubs, if you have not already done this, to get together and have some fun. Fellowship is as important to our future as good leadership, getting new members, and doing all the great service projects we do.

1st VDG Lion Mark Landwehr

ALSO NOTE.....

We welcome our new 2nd VDG Lion Steve Milius to the 5M7 family and we'll hear from him in our September Gram.

**2021 REGIONAL LIONS****LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

WHEN: October 21-24 2021

WHERE: Holiday Inn , Detroit Lakes MN

[The Regional Lions Leadership Institute [RLLI] is a leadership development program for Lions who want to get more deeply involved in Lionism—and an opportunity to meet other Lions throughout the region (MD5M) . Attending this program will prepare you for future leadership and to gain a deeper understanding of how to serve Lionism for the future RLLI is beneficial in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion—graduates over many years attest to this.]

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute! Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director. The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program. Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by August 31, 2021. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection. Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact: Lion Dennis W. Kelly III dkellylion@gmail.com. We look forward to giving YOU this **UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!**to keep up. .

Leo Clubs of 5M7



We are looking for new Leo clubs near you! We are excited about building relationships with school and communities to develop more Leo clubs! If your Lions club would like to sponsor a Leo club, please reach out to us and we would love to make it happen. School is starting up soon, and now is the time to make the connections.

The following are the current 5M7 Leo clubs: *ANOKA LEO-TORNADO SERVICE CLUB; ANDOVER LEOS; BLAINE BENGALS; COON RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL; SPRING LAKE PARK LEOS*

If you are interested in getting more involved with a Leo club, or would be interested in starting a Leo Club, please reach to either chair member:

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Lion Pete Yelle pete.yelle58@gmail.com



Lion Stefanie Nelson
5M7 District Chair: Youth Exchange

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612-298-1523

We are hoping that we can run the Youth Exchange program with camps for students to attend worldwide again for the summer of 2022.

With school starting in person in September, I will be working on getting the word out for the January application time.

If you have Leo clubs that would be interested in learning more about the Youth Exchange program, please do not hesitate to reach out.



We seem to be getting back to a kind of normal now. Face-masks coming off, clubs meeting again. Boy I really missed visiting clubs.

Just finish training for the Vision Foundation over in Roseville. Toured the Lions Gift of Sight building. That's where all the eyes are tested and separated for different uses. Great tour!

I accepted a new position with Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, I'll be the Minnesota Lions eyeglass Recycling Center Collection Chair. So, what does that mean? I will be covering the Multiple District recording club collection, how many glasses are turned in, and reporting back to the Vision Foundation. I will be contacting all the club to get the information I need.

If you need to have used glasses picked up, you may contact PDG Terry Wold or myself and we will do our best to set up a date to pick them up. What we need from you, please count all eyeglasses in a box, write the number of eyeglasses on the outside of the box. **NO GLASS CASES PLEASE**, they take up too much space and add to the weight of the boxes.

I can take hearing aids, but please keep separate. Please no ink cartridges, Walmart will take them. Please invite one or both of us to explain what Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is all about.

I know it's been a tough year for charitable gambling, but if you have a little extra dollars not being used, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation could really use the donation.

Any questions please contact either PDG Terry or PDG Steve

Thank you for all you do.

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Cheerful Giver

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

GLOW RUN [in person this year] **SEPTMEBER 18, 2021**
Register at Eventbrite link and receive a really cool performance T-shirt if registered by September 10! Link to Eventbrite 2021 Virtual Glow will be up soon.
ONLINE AUCTION: Last year's online auction was so successful we will be doing it again online. All proceeds go to Camp Sweet Life. It will be held in **September 2021**. Check out our FB page www.facebook.com/CampSweetLife/.
SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP 2022: Sunday July 31
Thursday August 4, 2022 Info at campsweetlife.org or 507-934-9352 or contact Rene' 507-995-6910



Through serving two tours in Vietnam, establishing a family, continuing to work, and finally retiring, Gary has been dedicated to keeping others safe. However, after a rapid decline in his ability to hear, he realized he would need help to remain aware of important sounds around him. At night when he takes them out,

he's nearly deaf.

Growing up in a loud work environment, followed by artillery noise levels in the military, likely caused progressive hearing loss throughout Gary's life. He felt his family's safety slipping out of his control. He was especially anxious at night when his wife, Deb, was left entirely in charge of the household's security. He would not be able to hear intruders or any of the smoke alarms in the home to notify others.

Gary says the wait for the right match was challenging but justifiable since, "A quality place takes their time to ensure that everything is in line." That insight and patience was reinforced the day he was partnered with Marly, a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever. Marly has transformed Gary's world by bringing his attention to noises he can't hear, then literally bringing him to the source of the sound. She alerts and shows him to the doorbell, the smoke alarm, a timer on his phone, and even Deb calling his name. One day his grandchild called for him downstairs and Marly alerted Gary to the request a floor away from them. He comments she is always alert and listening, ready to work even when she's not constantly needed.

Read more of Gary's story at <https://candocanines.org/a-veterans-new-buddy-to-have-his-back/>

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



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



ZONE CHAIRS

Zone 3: Lion Deb Johnson

Zone 4: Lion Monica Johnson

Zone 5: Lion Angela Sedesky

Zone 6: Lion Robert Meyer

There are additional opportunities for Lions to become Zone Chairs in our district. Please contact DG Lion Judy for more info.

Editor's Note..... Colors of the August Gram are of red, orange and light green.

A Celebration of Life

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:
PDG CLAY O'FLANAGAN 09-10**

Date: Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021

Where: Legion Club in Buffalo, MN

Time: 11:00 am - service with lunch following. After lunch, (approx. 1:00-4:00) we will be celebrating Clay where we can visit, share memories, sing and have fun the way Clay would want us to.

Dress: Very casual, the way Clay would want it

Any updates will be posted on his Caring Bridge page: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/clayoflanagan/>.



So much exciting news from the **Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation!**

First of all, we want **THANK** all those who participated in our annual D-Foot Hearing Loss Walk, either by donating and or by participating in their own local walks. Because it was virtual for the most part, we had hopes we could raise enough to meet our obligations to the projects we support. **YAY!** We raised over \$129,000! We had more than 30 clubs in our multiple that gave \$1,000 or more.



THANKS SO VERY MUCH!

To locate your district board member, go to <https://www.5mf.org/board-lions-multiple-district-5m-hearing-foundation.html>

Greetings Fellow Lions.....

We can't believe it is August already! Summer may be coming to a close soon but there are many exciting things ahead for the fall! The first exciting thing we are looking forward to is the Minnesota State Fair! We will be doing KidSight Vision Screenings in the KARE 11 Health Fair building once again this year. Please join us! Prior vision screening experience is not required! We can teach you on the job. Shifts are three and a half hours. You will receive a free admission ticket to the fair and your mileage is reimbursable. We will be there all day Monday, August 30 and Tuesday August 31. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Sign up is easy, use this sign up genius link: State Fair Kidsight: State Fair 2021 Kidsight Screening (signupgenius.com)



Once the excitement of the fair is over it will be time for kids to return to school. Part of the requirements schools must meet every year is screening students; one of those screenings is sight. Several school districts are utilizing Lions and our KidSight screening program. Please contact us if you need machines reserved for your schools. Have questions, contact us, we can answer them.

We are always available to speak with your club about Lions KidSight screenings. It is a very fulfilling service you can provide to the future of your community. Contact us and we'll get you on our calendar.

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

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

Important Notice

In order for me to get the Gram out to everyone in 5m7 you **MUST** make sure I have the correct/current president and secretary names and email addresses. This goes for PDG's. If you wish to receive the Gram, please share your name and email address with me @ 5m7gram@gmail.com and I will send out. When our website is up, everyone will have access to the Gram.

**LOOKING FOR A
FEW GOOD LIONS!**

**JOIN THE
TEAM**

The MLDF is in search of a good Lion to serve on the foundation beginning July 1, 2021. Also another Trustee needed in July 2022. You will be one of 22 trustees from all over the state of Minnesota. This is a very rewarding position and a great way to meet others and share in a wonderful goal of promoting awareness to Lions and the public of diabetes, and to help raise money through the Parade of Green and fundraisers for use in finding a cure for Type one and Type two diabetes.

Our Mission Statement is : The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health activities.

This is a fun and fulfilling position. We meet quarterly and work closely with the University of Minnesota. And a beautiful brand new green shirt will be provided! I will personally work with you in the welcoming and learning process. Please contact me and I will be glad to discuss details.

Lion Joel Anderson Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Foundation Co-Treasurer District 5M7 Co-Trustee

Cell 612-723-9120 Joeland1954@gmail.com

Web-site www.MNLionsdiabetes.org



**MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES
FOUNDATION, INC.**

"Catch the Dream" – Life Without Diabetes!

Our next meeting will be October 2 in St. Cloud. As meeting via Zoom has some positive advantages, we are still keeping Zoom available for those that prefer that instead of in person. We look forward to your support this year with any donations and Parade of Green.

CONVENTION UPDATE



The dates are set for January 7 through January 9, 2022.

The location will be the NW Marriott in Brooklyn Park, 7025 Northland Blvd. All of the convention details will be out in an invitation the first week in October. Here are some of the details:

FIRST, there will be a cabinet meeting on Friday January 7th. The Zone chairs should expect to provide the International Director a short update on your respective zones. The other cabinet officers will be able to give the Director an update of their respective committees at the business meeting Saturday afternoon. Following the cabinet meeting there will be a reception for the cabinet and club presidents. Nothing else is planned for Friday evening.

SECOND, Saturday morning will feature 3 or 4 presentations. The last presentation will be an open discussion with our International Director. Immediately following the directors, the convention will convene. We will have a service of remembrance and business meeting. For the first time there will be a Leo's Speech Contest. There are three categories; grades 7 and 8, grades 9 and 10, and grades 11 and 12. There will be cash awards for each category. The winner of grades 11 and 12 will be offered a youth exchange scholarship of \$1k or a \$250 gift card. Following the banquet we will be entertained by Bryce Hegge. He's a talented young man from the Buffalo area. You can look him up online at BryceHeggemusic.com

THIRD, Sunday morning we'll hear from our International Director. Our International Director is Lion Dianne Pitts from South Carolina.

FOURTH, there will be tables available from the convention committee for the Foundations. We have a limited number of tables available for the convention as part of our overall costs therefore, anyone wanting a table will have to rent a skirted table from the Marriott at the cost of \$30.

FIFTH, clubs will be asked to donate a door prize. Door prizes will be handed out during each meal. The Leo's will be tail-twisting at the noon luncheon. There will be a link for hotel reservations available later this fall. Cost for a standard room, which is a suite, will be \$119 +tax.

Lion Jim Kugler, 2022 Convention Chair



The Elk River Lions Club had a very successful Sherburne County Fair.

MJF Lion Amy Berthiaume chaired the food booth for the first time and added root beer floats to the menu which was hugely popular!

Charter Member Lion Don McRae was at the head of the Lions float for the Sherburne County Fair Parade, honoring his 50 years of service!!!

The Club continues to volunteer for Magnus Veterans Foundation in Dayton, which has one more summer concert fundraiser coming up on Saturday the 21st of August with "A Hard Days Night" performing (you guessed it) the music of the Beatles!!!! And yeah, they're pretty good!

The mission of Magnus Veterans Foundation is: Heal and honor our veterans and their families through community fellowship and a comprehensive approach to restoring the mind, body, heart, and spirit.

Lion Kevin Beadles , Membership Chair Elk River Lions



NOTE: No update from Project New Hope as of now.

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

ANDOVER FUN FEST! Andover Lions served beer/white claw beverages to adult consumers. The event was held July 9th, and 10th See their FB page for more pics.



Rush City Lion's 50th Anniversary

Is coming soon!

Saturday, October 16, 2021 Chucker's Bowl & Lounge

1270 West 3rd Street, Rush City, MN 55069

Social Hour: 6:00 PM ~ Dinner: 7:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!

On behalf of Lion Dave Schoumoker from Ham Lake Lions



VFW POST 9625 PRESENTS

The legendary
DENNY & THE DC DRIFTERS

Friday, August 13th | 7:30PM

Hits from the 50's & 60's

Tickets: \$15 at door

VFW POST 9625

1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433



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Contact Dave: 763-286-3577

During the events, the Albertville Lions sell brats, hotdogs, pizza, candy, and pop out of our dining car!



ALBERTVILLE LIONS host Music in the Park weekly every Thursday in June until end of August. We also have a Farmers Market running the same time and runs until the end of September. Throw in a couple of car shows, tractor show, petting zoo, extreme kids challenge and know there is something for everyone!

Music in the Park

Central Park, Albertville
Live Concerts - 6:00 - 8:30 p
Bring a Lawn Chair and Enjoy!

June 17: Whitesidewalls
June 24: Standing in Line
July 1: Shane Martin Band
July 8: Tricia & the Toonies
July 15: Mitch Gordon
July 22: Forgery Trio
July 29: Robby Vee
August 5: Teddy Bear Band
Aug. 12: 70's Sunshine Band
August 19: Santrio
August 26: Outside Recess

Albertville Lions
Farmers Market

Central Park Shelter
Main Avenue NE Albertville
Thursdays 3-7 pm
June-September
Crafts & Vendor Fair
Live Music - June. - August
Car Shows - Jun 24, Aug 19
Tractor Show- July 22nd

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MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than August 31st 2021

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____

OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute, your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration and check to MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters by September 30th, 2021.