



# WE SERVE

## DECEMBER 2020



**Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,**

We are closing in on the end of the calendar year where we celebrate with family and friends over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. This year, unlike in years past, we are celebrating during a pandemic that is overshadowing our activities.

As Lions, we have the opportunity to serve the members of our communities that will not be able to meet with their family and friends. Some Lions are shopping for those who are not comfortable going out in public. Some Lions are providing gift cards to families hit by unemployment to buy much needed groceries.



The caring and compassionate actions of the Lions in our district happen because it is who we are, I am proud to be part of the Lions and I am proud of you. The pandemic has not changed you. It has strengthened you and provided new opportunities to serve. Thank you for your service.

This year our convention will be an online convention, held on Saturday, January 16th. Everyone is invited to attend. Nominations will be made online and voting will be through email, more details to follow. Nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, the Al Jensen Award and the Hall of Fame Award will all be done online. Discuss with your clubs who you think should receive the Al Jensen and Hall of Fame Awards. We will also have a constitutional amendment that will be presented and discussed to be later be voted on via email. This is your district, so attend if able. The DG Team and cabinet will be available to assist with any online training needed to familiarize you with how the online program, Zoom, works if necessary.

If you are comfortable enough in doing so you can also host those who do not have internet access, as long as social distancing guidelines are followed.

Have a Merry Christmas!  
DG Peter

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# 1st VDG Lion Judy Herrala



## 5M7 Lions, Lioness. Leos:

I am hoping everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. I've heard of so many new ideas that families have come up with for Thanksgiving. People have been very creative in how they are making this work and I have to say that these ideas that I am hearing are coming from many of our Lions. Lions are very creative and carry over that work into our everyday life. I am very THANKFUL for every single one of our 5m7 Lions, Leos and Lioness. I get excited when I can look at MyLion to see your activities and the good things that you are doing in your communities.

**Service Activities:** Many people think that the Lions are unable to carry on our service activities. But are we really unable? I am thinking not. Lions of 5m7 you are amazing! As I look at all of the activities that are reported on MyLion my amazement doesn't stop. I spoke with a couple clubs this month that excitedly told me what they have worked on and are going to work on and their new ideas for it all. You see, just like at Thanksgiving when we adapted, the Lions are adapting. Many of our activities can be adapted. Some cannot, but others can. This weekend my club is going out into the park to light up the trees socially distanced. While we can't have our community there with us at this time, we will share on our Facebook page that they are up and to go look at them. In April last year, our Global Service Team Chair shared with you a list of 100 service ideas. There is a new list of service ideas which has come out from our Multiple District Global Service Team. I will send it to all of our Presidents and Secretaries. Take a look at it, send it to your club and ask members to look to see if there is anything new that your club would like to try from the list. There are many things to choose from. Some are simple; some are a little more complex. There is something for every club on the list.

**Elections:** Are you District 5m7's next candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor? There are pre-requisites to being a district governor. You will need to have served as a club president and also zone chair and/or the district secretary. There are a few other requirements and you can find all of this in our District 5m7 Constitution and Bylaws. The elections for the District Governor Team will take place on January 16, 2020, at our Mid-Winter Virtual Convention. I want to tell you that there is a lot of training, from our Multiple District and Lions Club International, which takes place while you are the 2nd and 1st Vice District Governor's. It is training which will not only assist with your Lions career but also in your personal life. The Leadership training is phenomenal. You will learn about all causes that we support and then some. There are monthly zoom meetings with vice district governor counterparts in the multiple district. Those are just fun check-in meetings to say hello and see how other districts are doing what we do, questions can be asked and information is given. There is a whole lot of support out there for the governor team. If you think we are out there going about this all alone, we are not. You can bet we have phone numbers and emails in every pocket we have should there be a question. Interested? I can tell you my experience and point you the right way.

**My LCI:** I would just like to remind you to keep up on your member's information at LCI, in MyLCI. Last year and especially this year, LCI is sending out emails more. Not only to the club leadership, but also to all members. If your member emails are not correct at LCI, your members will not see this information. And you know what else about this? Where do you think your governor team goes to find an email or a phone number for someone in our district? We go to LCI. When we send an important email to all in our district, we go to LCI to get the emails. Please ask your club once in a while if anyone has a new email or phone number and update the information at LCI. And if YOU have a new email or phone or you have moved, please let your secretary know. Having this information helps us communicate with you better.

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!

Lion Judy Herrala



# DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



MINNESOTA LIONS  
VISION FOUNDATION

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is doing well even with the new COVID-19 shut down. It's a tough time for everyone one now. With clubs either taking a hiatus or going to zoom meetings it's a tough year. Most Midwinter Conventions are pretty much going to zoom also. I really miss going out to the cubs and pancake breakfast meet with new and old members of Lions. Right now, the count I have for Eyeglass Recycle Locations in District 5M7 is 226. Please remember to collect the sites as often as you are able. If you like to get a few new plastic buckets, just let PDG Terry or PDG Steve and we can get them out to you. Now I have a project for every club in District 5M7. Please send me the locations of you collect locations.



## EVERYONE PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC

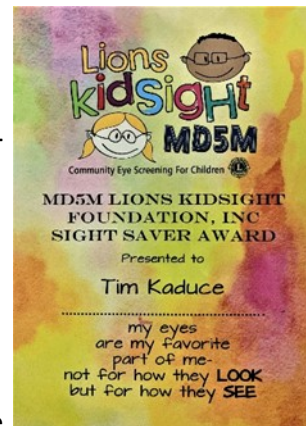
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*Merry Christmas.  
Happy Hanukkah.  
Joyous Kwanzaa.  
Seasons Greetings.*

## Greetings once again fellow Lions, Leos and Lioness of 5M7!

Even though COVID-19 is keeping everyone home and six feet apart, MD5M Lions Kid-Sight Foundation has been busy. We have established protocols for screening in a world of Corona Virus. We have purchased the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE). When we start to get this virus under control, we are ready to roll! Start thinking about your neighborhood pre-school centers and how you plan to approach them for vision screenings. We are in the process of establishing a dedicated website for our program. The latest version of our screening protocols and required paperwork will be available on this site. [www.kidsightmd5m.org](http://www.kidsightmd5m.org)



It's that time of year again to think about your contributions to Parade of Green. Please consider giving something to the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation. **Remember for every accumulation of \$1,000 you are eligible for a Sight Saver Award.**

We have a few people who have expressed interest in a zoom meeting for training and certification of the Kid-Sight Screening process. We are starting to plan for a Saturday morning after the holidays. It will last approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours. Please send us an email if you are interested in joining the group. Remember, we are available to attend club and zone meetings. We will gladly accompany, assist and guide you with your event planning visits to school nurses and childcare centers. Call us if you need help coordinating an event or would like additional information on vision screening. We are here to help you, as you SERVE your community youth

Lion Ann Kaduce and Lion Mary Curtis, Directors,  
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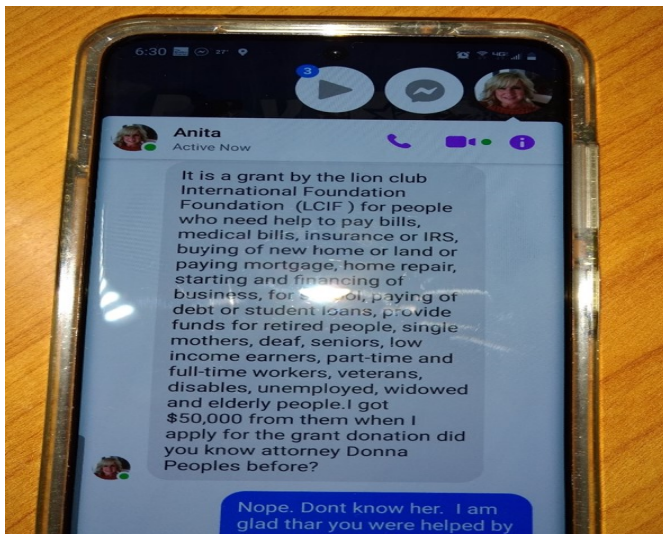
***Vision screening is not the goal; it is the method we use to reach our goal of every child seeing clearly!***



# DISTRICT CABINET NEWS

## LCIF SCAM

Pat Olson, a member of the Monticello Lions club, contacted me and said the his wife received a text from a lady that was someone that she had known a number of years ago, but hadn't heard from in years. After a few polite chit chats Anita, the friend, asked if Pat's wife knew about LCIF grants and how they would give \$50,000 to individuals to help with almost anything and that she had received one. This is the actual text that was sent.



You will notice that JoAnn did not agree with anything. In fact, JoAnn, a few comments later, did the correct thing. Anita asked if JoAnn wanted to get involved in donations and grants. JoAnn replied, "No, thanks we are involved in our own Monticello Lions club" and basically ended the conversation. Lion Pat called me, PDG Larry Kounkel, and the next morning, I called the legal department at Lions International. They informed me that people are hacking cell phones, so Anita was not really JoAnn's friend, but a hacker that had gotten Anita's number and tried to scam JoAnn. They said to 1) have JoAnn contact Anita, not via text, and either change phone numbers or password if possible, 2) report it to the local authorities so it is on file and 3) delete the friend from your contacts on your cell phone. Lions International said this is happening to the Lions, Kiwanis and other charitable organizations that make grants. People are trying to run scams, so be careful and know that the grants are run through Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts not individuals.

Submitted by: Lion Larry Kounkel

## "Catch the Dream" – Life Without Diabetes!

15 8th Avenue North, St. Cloud, MN 56303

**Goals/Mission:** To promote the mission of the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation which is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive health care activities.

[www.mnlionsdiabetes.org](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org)

## Catch the Dream... & Catch some Ca\$h

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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**GRAM ARTICLES ARE DUE BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH AND SUBMITTED TO: [5M7gram@gmail.com](mailto:5M7gram@gmail.com).**

**LATE SUBMISSIONS MAY NOT BE HONORED.**



# DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



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## LIONS, LIONESS, LEOS

It seems like every day is the same. Trying it work with members and keeping the club up and running. The community, the schools {the poor teachers} the families, businesses closed again, the Salvation Army {begging for ringers} Lions Parade of Green ?

The Circle Pines Lexington Club is small but mighty and working in the community, Signs " BE KIND" . The support of the community is behind us. The food shelf and we are behind it. Yes we will ring the bell.

With all that said we wish each one a Blessed Holiday Season and a better new year. So Wash your hands because Jesus and Germs our every where!

**Merry ChristMASSSSSSSSSSSS .**



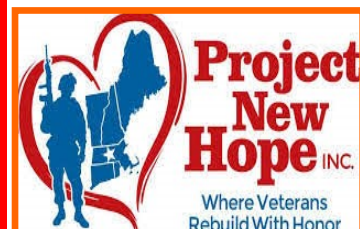
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*Yuletide Greetings.  
Feliz Navidad.*

# DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



## Greetings to all Minnesota Lions!

Although we are all experiencing a new normal, our faith in Lions and in each other continues. Nothing has changed in how "We Serve", except in the mode of delivery and interactions. We are having to be creative, innovative and technological in order to keep ourselves and others safe.

The Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees represent each of your districts with hearing health opportunities, information and ways to serve you. Each month, we plan on having a small article for your district newsletter that focuses on updates from our foundation, stories from you, ways you can be involved, how your donations help and gratitude for what you all do.

Look for our new logo to guide you to our articles. And please send us stories about people or activities from your communities relating to hearing health. There is nothing quite so inspiring as true stories that show us how much we make a difference. Send them through your district officers, newsletter editors, or directly to the Hearing Foundation: [hearingpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:hearingpublicity@gmail.com)  
Thanks again for all you do.

Minnesota Hearing Foundation Publicity committee  
Lion Michele Plagman Lion Barb Tanski Lion Jerry Amiot

## Greetings 5M-7 Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

I bring you all, warm well wishes from the Board of Trustees' of your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. We hope you all will be able to **"Save the Date" June 5th, 2021, that is the date for the next D-Foot Hearing Walk**, to hopefully be held once again at the U of M Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, Minnesota. Bring the whole family or make it a club function. At this writing, I am still the lone trustee, and I would be happy to come out to your club, either for a virtual meeting or in person to give a presentation on what all is happening at YOUR Lions Hearing Center. My contact information is below. I also would like to remind you all, that on Saturday January 16th we are holding our 43rd annual Mid-Winter Convention. This year it will be a virtual event due to the pandemic.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Harold "Hal" Hinchliffe

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## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/ granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021. Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org) In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, fill out ALL the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/ province and country in which the Club is located. **ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2021 to: Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman [bmnguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmnguthrie9@q.com) #763-786-8072.** You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address.

Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

**LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE"**



## ZONE CHAIR NEWS

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### ZONE 6

As we head into the holiday season, we will eventually find time to reflect and count our blessings. 2020 is a year never to be forgotten. Our lives have been turned upside down - personally, professionally, and socially. I commend the Lions of Zone 6 and 5M7 for creativity and endurance. You have learned to adapt within our pandemic restraints. You are still holding club meetings and most importantly, serving and meeting your community needs. Thank you, my fellow Lions. My Lions family is high on my list of life blessings.

Our midwinter convention will look different this year. At your club meetings this month you will have the, often difficult, discussion on monies being donated to Parade of Green. Once you have completed that task, I challenge you to come up with a creative way to have a gathering to view the midwinter zoom conference as a club. You could incorporate a meal, a fun activity or service project. You've already proven your gifts of creativity, show us some more!

Blessings to you my Lions family as we navigate the holiday season. Be smart, stay safe and always remember WE SERVE!

ZONE 6 Lion Mary Curtis

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# MID WINTER CONVENTION

## MIDWINTER CONVENTION NEWS



The Mid-Winter Convention will be held on Saturday January 16th. It will be held via the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. There will be a parade of Green and a Memorial Service. Watch for more details in the coming Gram.

PDG Lion Jim Kugler



We need clubs to provide biographical and service information including an original photo of our fellow Lions and Lioness who have passed in the last year. The Memorial Service is planned for the Mid-Winter Convention. Please send the information no later than January 1 to:

Lion Dan Kaiser 36455 Oasis Road, Lindstrom, MN 55045. Contact him at 651-583-3428 or danandcathy@frontiernet.net If you have any questions whatsoever, please call Lion Dan.

## Lions of 5M7,

We will be holding our 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention on-line this year. January 16th is the date, and an announcement will be made in the near future regarding exact times, formats, etc.

But one thing that is for sure is that the Lions Foundations and our other causes still need our support. To that end, we will have a **Parade of Green** as part of our Convention.

If you want me to distribute your contributions to our causes, and to be recognized at the Convention, you will need to give me some lead time to organize the proceeds. What the 2020-2021 5M7 Convention Committee has decided is that the **Parade of Green forms and the donations should be mailed to me prior to January 1st.**

As matters now stand, subject to change, is that during our Business meeting I will announce the clubs that have contributed, and the number of causes they have donated to.

This year's Parade of Green form is attached at the end of the Gram. Please mail the completed form and donations to:

Lion Jim Pokela, 5M7 Secretary/Treasurer  
709 River Lane, Anoka MN 55303  
612-203-6411







## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *SANTIAGO LIONS DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST WITH SANTA*



December 6th 2020  
8:30 am to 11:30 am  
Santiago Town Hall

*Please bring a non-perishable  
item for local food shelf*

#### REDUCE YOUR HOLIDAY WASTE

The holidays are upon us! The EPA reports garbage rates increases 25% between Thanksgiving and New Year. With the holidays waste is generated from food, gift wrapping and packaging. Here are some tips to consider this holiday season. For Holiday Meals and Leftovers:

- Ask family members to bring containers for leftovers, that way no one household gets stuck with all the extra food.
- Compost those food scraps instead of throwing them in the trash.
- Donate extras. Many non-perishable items can be sent to local food shelves which is a good way to pay it forward during the holiday season.

#### Gift Wrapping:

- Packing material like peanuts, bubble wrap and air pillows can be saved and used again or you can drop them off at any UPS store.
- For ribbons, bows and boxes try to save and use again the next year. If unable to reuse, cut up and place in the recycling bin.
- For cards, save on paper and send ecards for holiday greetings.



#### 2021 MD5M Convention

The 2021 MD5M Convention is just around the bend! District 5M-2 invites you to join the jamboree at the Mankato Event Center, Mankato, MN, April 30 through May2nd, 2021. Save the date, as District 5M-2 prepares for a weekend that is guaranteed to entertain you with festive music and inspire you with our speakers. District 5m-2 will also plan on a virtual convention as an alternative to unforeseen events.

More information on the hotels and registration form can be found on the 5M2 Lions Facebook page or at [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org). Registration and meal packages range from 0- \$130.00 per person. Information on the site will be updated periodically. Along with all of the fun and festivities, a raffle room will be available and co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. There will be speakers from the University of MN on Childhood Cancer, Lions Gift of Sight, MN Lions Hearing Foundation, and a speaker from Leader Dogs.

In addition to the usual business happenings of the convention, service projects will be included. Your help is always appreciated in making Service Projects a success. The MD5M convention host committee plans to focus on a few projects of need. More information to come!

District 5M-2 hopes to see you at the Bend in the River III 2021 Convention!



## WHAT'S UP

### FROM COON RAPIDS LIONS

Thanks to the 14 volunteers that helped decorate the schoolhouse at the Anoka County Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 7th. We met at 10:00 AM and were done by 11:30 AM! The weather was unusually warm, and the snow wasn't an issue this year. Those things, along with the new lights that we purchased last year, made our decorating go swiftly. The drive-through Holiday in Lights event will begin on Friday, December 4th from dusk until 9:00 or 10:00 PM through the end of December.

Lions that participated were: Lions Joel Anderson (chair), Bryan Robertson, Kathy Robertson, Steve Linder, Kathy Linder, Roger Johnson, Chuck Scollon, Joe Marvin and Stefanie Nelson. Lion Stefanie brought with her three Leos: Leos Kaitlyn Fuller, Cora Brooks, and Sarah Men; and her two children Olivia and Elizabeth Sackor. It was really great that there was no need to complain about the cold weather, as there was NO cold weather! In fact, Lion Bryan proudly wore shorts, and Lion Steve wore sandals without socks! Us Lions got to have fun. We did struggle again getting lights on the peak of the roof. Fishing with my long aluminum pole with hook attached to the end, didn't quite work on the peak. Then we suddenly had a nimble ninja appear on the roof attaching the light string in excellent speed and precision! That ninja was Lion Stefanie's daughter, Olivia. Thanks for saving the day Olivia.





# WHAT'S UP



## 2020-2021 5M7 MID-WINTER CONVENTION PARADE OF GREEN



**CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

501(c)(3) - Gambling Donations Allowed	Donations since 7/1/20	Donations Today
Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF (Melvin Jones - \$1000)		
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (Helen Keller - \$1000) Lions Gift of Sight, Macular Degeneration Center, Children's Eye Clinic		
Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (Believe Award - \$1000)		
MD5M Hearing Foundation (Hearing Research Fellowship - \$1000) Children's Hearing Center		
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (Dreamcatcher - \$1000)		
MD5M KidSight Foundation (Sight Saver - \$1000)		
Can Do Canines (Top Dog - \$500)		
Leader Dog (Founders Tribute Award - Bronze - \$500, Silver - \$1000, Gold - \$2500)		
Project New Hope (returning veterans program)		
American Diabetes Association (Camp Needle Point)		
True Friends (Camps Include: Friendship, Courage, Courage North and Eden Wood		
Camp Confidence		
Special Olympics		
Other (501(c)(3) Please List)		
<b>NON-Gambling Donations</b>		
5M7 Leos		
5M7 Youth Outreach		
Other (Non 501C (3) Please list)		
<b>Total Donations</b>		

