



WE SERVE



Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Those that have seen my Governors Pin will notice the motto "Kindness Matters" emblazoned across the top. Kindness does matter! There are all sorts of stories of how kindness changes lives. Here is one such story.

Once there was a homeless man, Billy, living on the street and had no place to sleep at night. Several people passed him by and waved off his request for spare change. Then someone who worked nearby, Sarah, stopped and put \$20.00 in his cup. He was shocked and exclaimed "Now I can sleep inside tonight! But why did you give me so much?" She replied "I believe that what goes around comes around."



He emptied his cup and discovered there was a large wedding ring in the bottom of the cup. He suddenly remembered seeing the ring on Sarah's hand when she put the \$20.00 in his cup. He got up and started looking for Sarah at the nearby businesses. He had stopped to rest in front of a pawn shop and decided to stop in and see what the value of the ring was and the pawn broker said he could give Billy \$4000.00 for it. Billy had a decision to make. He decided to continue looking for Sarah. It was a lot of money he was passing up. He could have stayed off the streets for months with that kind of money. Sarah had been kind to him and he felt the ring should be returned.

He continued his search on the other side of the street. He entered the second business and the woman there, Sarah's co-worker, said she worked there and called for her in a nearby office. She was surprised to see Billy there and warmly welcomed him. He gave her the wedding ring and she was ecstatic and relieved as she had been looking for it all morning. "Where did you find it?" she asked. "I think it fell into my cup when you gave me the money." he replied. "Why did you bring it back to me? It is worth a lot of money" she asked. "Well," he said "a wise woman once said "What goes around comes around."" They both laughed.

After Billy left, Sarah's co-worker was so impressed by his integrity she off handedly mentioned someone should set up a Go Fund Me page for Billy. She did just that. She wrote about the story of meeting Billy and of returning the ring. It wasn't long before there was enough donations to the Go Fund Me page for Billy to buy himself a house so he would never need to sleep on the street again.

You see, kindness mattered to Billy.

As Lions we can change peoples lives when we are kind. Be kind because we don't know what the people whose paths we cross are going through.

I hope this story provides encouragement and inspiration to you to be kind because "Kindness Matters."

DG Lion Peter

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1st VDG Lion Judy Herrala



5m7 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Thank you to all of you who attended the 5m7 convention virtually. It was certainly an interesting format for our convention, and it worked. We were able to have a memorial service, we heard from International Director Larry Edwards, from Pennsylvania, who brought news and information from Lions Clubs International. We heard a beautiful Kindness message from District Governor Peter, we heard a message from Lions Clubs International Second Vice President Brian Sheehan, and held our business meeting. During the business meeting we heard from our Foundation Chairs and held elections. All of this took place in approximately 3 ½ hours. For those of you who would like a copy of the memorial service which was interrupted due to technical issues, please let PDG Dan Kaiser know that you would like to receive it.

Thank you to Lion Joe Hazeman from the Nowthen Lions for making my nomination for District Governor and for Lion Judie Zaske for making a second. Congratulations to Lion Mark Landwehr for being elected to the First Vice District Governor position. The search is on for a Second Vice District Governor. If you are that person or know someone who may be interested in this position, please let any of the District Governor Team know.

Covid still has its grip. Despite that grip, several of our clubs have come up with new ways of getting their projects done. Some are creating new projects. This is good to see. Here are some projects I am seeing on My Lion: Work with the food shelf, food baskets, donations to boy scouts, kindness campaigns, nursing home birthday cards, holiday in lights, care center cards, and coats for kids. These are all things we can do in the Covid environment. Good for our clubs who are able to continue to serve in these these odd times. If your club is unable, there seems to be light at the end of this tunnel and your time is coming and is there when you are ready. If you need ideas about ways to serve that are safe, please do contact me as I have ideas, as do other clubs. Are you also reporting the service that your club is doing on My Lion? I know some clubs are reporting and I know that some are not. Please tell me how I can help your club with reporting. If your club isn't reporting your service, nobody is doing it for you. Then Lions International doesn't know the incredible, wonderful and awesome things that you do.

Are you an individual who has had interest in helping on the district level? District Governor Teams are always looking for members who have energy, ideas or would like to learn more about lions. Maybe you don't know what there is to do at the district level of 5m7.

I am looking to fill some cabinet positions for our next Lions year. Let me know if you have any interest or if you have questions about requirements, how many times a year the cabinet meets, job descriptions, etc. Being on the cabinet allows you the opportunity to not only promote your cause, but to meet many other lions while you are doing this. You will find your ways to promote your cause to our clubs. You will be the leader of your area in our district. The same leaders are at our Multiple District so they will communicate with you and share ways to help you promote in our district 5m7. The cabinet consists of our district chairpersons for the foundations that we support, the causes we support and also chairpersons for things such as Leadership, Service, and Membership. Let me know if I can answer any questions for you.

Go 5m7! You are all doing awesome service in your communities. It is amazing to see how our clubs and our members have adapted to continue your service. We can do so much to help so many and you are finding ways. Thank you for your service. It feels good to help someone, doesn't it? We know that. But do our prospective members know that? Go ahead and tell a few stories about how Lions has impacted you and how you feel when you help people. I bet you can get a new member or two.

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

Leadership is not a position or title, it is action and example.



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



Well, it's been another month of Zoom meetings. Hope fully this will come to an end and we will be able to meet in person again. The next few months of the 5M7 Gram, I'd like to write about The Gift of Sight, A Legacy of Service. I know that sometimes its tuff to read every article in the Gram, so I'll try to keep them short. Three dates to ponder. 1905, 1925, and 1944.

Corneal transplant have been around for more than 100 years (longer than Lions). Lions clubs have been involved with helping the blind since 1925. And eye banks have been helping doctors and their patients for over 75 years.

In 1960, we add to this legacy with the birth of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. How did it come about? More to come next edition of the 5M7 Gram!

If you need used eyeglasses that your club has collected please contact PDG Steve or PDG Terry and we'll make arrangement to pick them up. I have about 10 boxes full of used eyeglasses in my garage but would like a bunch more before I take them to St Cloud.

Thank you for all you do!

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Life Without Diabetes!**



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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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**"THE ONLY THING
WORSE THAN BEING
BLIND IS HAVING SIGHT
BUT NO VISION."**

HELEN KELLER
△@MANIFESTURSELF



PLEASE NOTE:
12th Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Research Update, March 18th, 2021; 6:00 pm, virtual, see www.mnlionsdiabetes.org for more information.



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



Lions, Lioness and Leos

I bring greetings from the Board of Trustees' of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Currently,

At our October board meeting, we discussed the funding requests submitted by Dr Samir Khariwala, and Dr. Bevan Yeuh, Dept. of Otolaryngology Chair. Due to the financial restraints imposed by COVID-19 we found it necessary to limit the funding request. The committee for the D-Feet Hearing Walk discussed ways to proceed with the upcoming 2021 Walk. Plans are currently being discussed with the hope we will be able to proceed with an in-person walk again at the U of M Landscape Arboretum, but plans are also being discussed for a virtual walk as well. The date for the walk is scheduled for Saturday June 5th, 2021, so please save the date, and make plans for a fun Lions club, and/or family outing.

I am available to either come out in person or appear virtually at your club or zone meeting to talk about the Foundation.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Hal Hinchliffe 5M7 Trustee, MLHF

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The Lions Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation expresses its gratitude to and honors individuals through the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award. A great deal of valuable research is carried out at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These awards come from the donations of clubs through the 5M9 district projects. For every \$1000 cumulated (per club), an award can be given to an individual, business or group who the club designates. The award may be given to a Lion, but does not have to be so.

The club decides and then sends in an application to the Minnesota Hearing Foundation treasurer, whose information is listed on the form. The form must include the club applying for the award, the name or names of the recipient(s) and the address of the recipient(s). The club will receive the plaque and can then decide when to give it to the award winner.

The plaque is a lovely tribute for service to others, especially in the field of hearing health. Over the next few months, we will be describing several of the research grants that have been given out this year. We are sure you will find some of them interesting and informative.



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Award

For more about the many services offered, visit our website: www.5mhf.org

Newsletter articles are due by the 25th of each month to 5m7gram@gmail.com



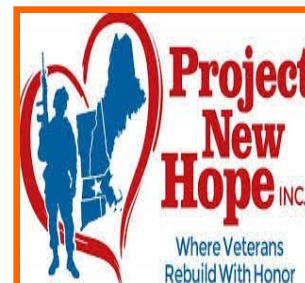
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Can-Do-Canines FETCHING BALL will be a Virtual Event February 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Auction opens February 18th; see www.can-do-canines.org/fetchingball for details.

Project New Hope continues to distribute PR items to veterans and their families. In addition, we are continuing to work on our public outreach to spread the news throughout the state to reach as many veterans and their families as possible. We are always looking for more veterans to serve. Both Lion Kevin and I are available to attend Lions Meetings, including Zoom or other electronic meeting formats, to explain and answer any questions anyone might have regarding Project New Hope.



**Happenings at the MN Lions
Childhood Cancer Foundation**

An account has been set up on Amazon which, if you use it, will result in a portion of your purchase being donated to the Foundation! Please check us out at Amazon.com: Online Shopping for Electronics, Apparel, Computers, Books, DVDs & more The Masonic Children's Hospital is accepting fleece blankets again! If you have items to donate, contact Foundation Treasurer Lion Tom McCarthy at tpmcc0526@yahoo.com and he'll put you in touch with the right folks at the University.



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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Youth Exchange program for the summer of 2021 will be cancelled this year. We are saddened by the cancelation again this summer, but many countries have borders that are still not open for visitors. With the increase in vaccinations, we understand that young people are not high on the distribution list and the safety of both the traveling youth and the host families are our top concern.

We will spend 2021 bringing awareness to youth and Lions club of the Youth Exchange program for an increase in participation for the 2022 summer year. Thank you for all the Lion Clubs that have supported the Youth Exchange program over the years.

If your Lions club would like more information around the Youth Exchange Program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

UPDATE: There are plenty of Childhood Cancer t-shirts remaining. If interested in purchasing, please contact DG Lion Peter or Lion Genia Sjerven.



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DISTRICT CABINET NEWS

Lions, Lioness, Leos;

We are highlighting a lovely children's book, written by a Minnesota grandmother whose grandchild has a hearing loss. She struggled with helping her granddaughter wanting to fit in but knowing that having a disability made her different. It is a lovely book about children with many disabilities not just hearing. We are including a photo with the author holding the book and Lion Jerry Amiot trustee for District 5M11. Thanks for your interest. If you have any stories in your district that you would like to share with others, please let us know.

Hearing Foundation Publicity Committee: Lion Michele Plagman Lion Barb Tanski Lion Jerry Amiot

Presentation of a "Super Kena" book by Lion Jerry Amiot to Sheila Capistran, the Climax Branch Librarian, with the Lake Agassiz Library System based in Moorhead, MN.



Becky decided to write "Super Kena" when Kena was a toddler. She searched the internet to find a book about a child with hearing aids but they were hard to find. Most of the books had animals with hearing aids in them. So, she decided to write her own book for Kena and that's how Super Kena –

A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids came about! It's meant to empower children like Kena but also other different-abled children who get teased and only want to fit in. The book touches on children with glasses, diabetes, who stutter, who have peanut allergies, with asthma and who are in wheelchairs. Together, they use their super powers to make a difference in the world by spreading understanding and acceptance one classroom at a time.

Cost: Hardcover - \$14.95 plus tax Ebook - \$2.99 plus tax
Target Audience: Super Kena – A Girl Made Fierce with Hearing Aids is geared to children ages 4 to 8 years old.

Editor Notes: This will be the last month this article will be in the Gram.

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. 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

bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072.

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address.

Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

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

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DISTRICT CABINET NEWS

Youth Outreach

The following clubs will get free new kits for the youth outreach funds. But the clubs need to let me know the contact person with a address. These are the clubs who that posters at the 2019-2020 convention in Brooklyn Park with PPD Jim Kugler.

- Circle Pines Lexington
- Centerville
- Lino Lakes
- Hugo
- Howard Lake
- Waverly
- Columbus
- Monticello
- Columbia Heights
- Spring Lake Park
- Forest Lake

Slogan for 2021-2022":

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED"



Plus some clubs have "Monkeys" I do not forget! Names are Rockford Lions?? Oh yes, Maple Lake Lions??

Order your kits now!

Lion Ginny,
Youth Outreach

5M7 Lions Clubs.....

Have you thought about mentoring a Leo's Club in your community? If you haven't thought about it, start thinking about it and start the discussion with your club membership. A Leos Club is an excellent way to introduce our young people to Lionism!



PROJECT NEW HOPE



Military Family Retreats at no cost to Veterans



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your health,
your mission,
and the people
you love.
That's it.
Naval Ravikant*



MID WINTER CONVENTION UPDATE

Parade Of Green Tracker Sheet

501(c)(3)- Gambling Donations Allowed

| | <u>Donations since 7/1/2019</u> | <u>Donations today</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Lions Clubs International Foundation \$ | 3,750.00 | \$10,975.00 |
| Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation | \$1,540.00 | \$8,730.00 |
| MN Lions Childhood Cancer Fndn | \$2,300.00 | \$4,100.00 |
| Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation | \$1,250.00 | \$7,720.00 |
| Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation | \$1,250.00 | \$7,307.00 |
| MD5M Kidsight Foundation | \$750.00 | \$5,020.00 |
| Can Do Canines | \$6,750.00 | \$6,120.00 |
| Leader Dog | \$51,000.00 | \$4,320.00 |
| Project New Hope | \$2,700.00 | \$5,695.00 |
| Camp Needlepoint | \$200.00 | \$4,370.00 T |
| rue Friends | \$10,800.00 | \$4,870.00 |
| Camp Confidence | \$0.00 | \$1,145.00 |
| Special Olympics | \$400.00 | \$5,070.00 |
| University of Minnesota | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other 501(c)(3) Please List | \$50,894.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Non-Gambling Donations | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | \$0.00 | \$350.00 |
| 5M7 Leos | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| 5M7 Youth Outreach | \$41,125.71 | \$0.00 |
| Other- Please List | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Donations | \$174,709.71 | \$78,442.00 |
| Grand Total | \$253,151.71 | |



What's Up



UPDATE.....

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention “**Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree**” in **Mankato, MN, April 30 – May 2, 2021**. Our theme builds on our previous Bend in the River themes. At this point in time, our committee is planning a hybrid convention to give all members the opportunity to join us for the weekend as they feel comfortable. All in-person events will be held at the Mayo Event Center, the same venue as the 2011 and 2016 conventions.

Registration and hotel information is available online via the MD5M website/conventions. Registration prices will be updated shortly to reflect the necessary format changes being made.

Changes to accommodate the hybrid model will be made to the raffle room/silent auction, co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, and which will be conducted all online. Stay tuned for updates and additional information from these two foundations. Another change will be online only voting for any voting needs. Further information on the club requirements for online voting will be sent to all club secretaries in upcoming months.

At this time, we have several great speakers lined up for the weekend - Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Hospital on Children’s cancer; Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight; Dr. Bevan Yueh from MN Lions Hearing Foundation and a Leader Dog speaker on the puppy program at Lino Lakes. Our scheduled International guest is Past International President Frank Moore. Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.

Plans are changing frequently as the host committee continues to deal with the changing coronavirus restraints. Watch for additional information in the next weeks and months via emails to your club secretaries, your district newsletters and via the multiple district website. **District 5M-2 hopes you will Join Us for the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!**

*A leader is one who knows the way,
goes the way and shows the way.*



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies. Although we are disappointed that we won’t be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

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 for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President



Breaking News

DG TEAM 2020-21



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE [RLLI] scheduled for March 18-21st has been postponed to Fall of 2021; dates TBD.

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE [FDI] scheduled for February 20-22nd has been cancelled.

5M7 SPRING SAFARI/EXPO: Scheduled for May; date and location TBD

5th ANNUAL RUSH CITY LIONS FIRE AND ICE LUNGE on Saturday February 13th, 2021. Contact fireandicelunge@gmail.com for information

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**2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
CANDIDATE TO BE
GOVERNOR IN 2023-2024**

ATTENTION DISTRICT 5M7 LIONS
**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL WAYS TO
SERVE THE LIONS?**
**HAVE YOU SERVED AS CLUB PRESIDENT AND ZONE
CHAIR AND/OR DISTRICT SECRETARY/
TREASURER?**

THIS COULD BE YOU!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!



If you are interested in being our next 2nd Vice District Governor, please call or email one of your current District Governor Team members.



*Take time to remember that 'special someone' on
February 14th!*

