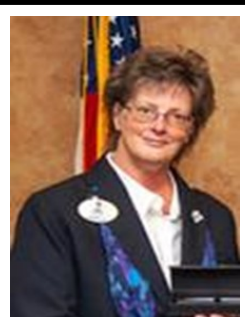


FEBRUARY 2022



# 5M7 Gram



## 5M7 LIONS AND LEOS

Well, that was fun! Our Mid-Winter Convention 2022, of course. First and foremost I must say THANK YOU to our convention committee led by PDG Jim Kugler, our chairperson. This planning begins even before the year begins in July. THANK YOU for giving much time out of your busy lives to plan this event.

It all began on Thursday evening when International Director Dianne Pitts arrived in town and PDG Larry Kounkel picked she and her husband Lion Joe up at the airport and zipped them to Monticello to ride snowmobiles and look down an ice fishing hole! (ON THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR.) Thank you Monticello Lions! Yes, that was a wish of hers. She got her wish, snowmobile suits, helmets, hats, mittens and all! We whisked her off for lunch on Friday and when we got back, off she went to the Gambling Seminar. She was kept very busy all weekend.

Friday evening there was an reception for I.D. Pitts and on Saturday morning were some forums. We learned about the equestrian program at Camp Friendship, had a town hall with I.D. Dianne Pitts and filled backpacks for homeless youth with the Leos. The opening ceremony was at noon with our flag ceremony. The format was a bit different this year and it worked well After lunch on Saturday we held our memorial service and the business meeting. After the business meeting we held a Leo's speech contest. Have you ever heard Leo's talk about their passion? I have now, and it was incredible. Good for our Leos, our future leaders for stepping up to participate. We held our Banquet featuring International Director Pitts, then listened to some great music by Bryce Hegge after dinner. The next morning we had breakfast and heard from the Leos about their Leos → Lions journey. Even though the format was different we accomplished what we set out to do. Meet our friends, make some new friends, have some fun, meet our leos, learn new things, hold an election, give some awards and much more. Thank you to everyone who attended for a great convention.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for the award winners at convention: Certificates of Appreciation: Lion Angie Sedesky (Andover Lions), PDG Dan Kaiser (Almelund Lions); Leadership Awards: Lion Rick Anderson (Albertville Lions), Lion Deb Weston (Elk River Lions); and Presidential Award: Lion Mary Lea Curtis (Spring Lake Park Lions). **CONGRATULATIONS** are also in order for our newly elected District Governor Elect Mark Landwehr and our newly elected Second Vice District Governor Elect Mary Lea Curtis. **CONGRATULATIONS** to PDG Al Zimmerman (Cambridge Lions) for being elected by our district to the MD5M Hall of Fame at this convention.

After our convention, off I went to more conventions. I have attended three other conventions so far in Minnesota and it has been fun to see how other conventions are run and what other districts are doing at their conventions. Mostly what I see is lions serving others, celebrating, having fun and just being together all while getting business done.


I am looking forward to many more club visits in the next few months. Remember that when I attend your club visit or meetings, I most certainly can help with giving awards, inducting members, or doing whatever is needed. Every single visit has been amazing. All of our clubs inspire me. I love to hear about your club projects and learn more about your club.

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*President's Message continues.....*

It's time to start thinking about your club elections. It is always an exciting time in our clubs as elections brings new ideas, new thoughts and maybe some new projects in our towns as we look to refresh what we do in our cities. Elections really need to be completed in April so when your members attend the 5M7 Spring Officer Training, they will be ready to attend sessions that are there for each of your club officers.

**SAVE THE DATE** for April 23rd for Spring Officer Training and stay-tuned for more information coming very soon!

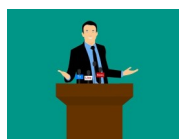
As always, please reach out to me if you have questions, need assistance or if you would like to chat about anything at all. I am here for you and will help you with anything you need.

Lion Judy [jhbells@earthlink.net](mailto:jhbells@earthlink.net)

[763-753-6962] "Soaring with Service and Kindness"



## *VDG Messages*



### *1VDG Lion Mark Landwehr.....*

*Hello fellow Lions*

Thirty eight years ago a young man attended the Mid-Winter Lions Convention for District 5M8 which was held in St. Cloud at the Kelly Inn.

The Lions Club he belonged to had a hospitality room at this convention and their theme had something to do with clowns. A young man had orange hair, a big red nose and painted eyes to go along with his clown jumpsuit and big shoes. This disguise helped him overcome his shyness as he jumped on the stage and made an announcement. Maybe the alcohol helped also. You see, back then the 5M8 would nominate its 2nd, 1st, and District Governor on Friday night while the hospitality rooms were open. It worked quite well. The incoming district governor had just been nominated and the speaker asked if there were any other nominations for this position. The young man who had just hopped on stage said, "I'm Bozo the clown and I also want to be placed on the ballot," adding "everyone should have a challenger in an election." They agreed but informed him that he wasn't qualified and to try again at a later date. I'm not the shy clown I was 38 years ago and am very honored to be elected as your District Governor and look forward to serving all of you in 5M7. DGE Mark Landwehr

### *2VDG Steve Milius .....*

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2022 Mid-Winter Convention. It truly was an educational experience! From the Town Hall Style Meeting of International Director Dianne Pitts to the speech contest of the Leos. Mix in a visit from our next President for the International Lions Organization, Lion Brian Sheehan and a backpack service project by the Leos of 5M7, throw in the Peace Poster Contest, and just for good measure add the Business meeting for the district. We had an enjoyable Banquet on Saturday evening with an excellent speech by International Director Lion Dianne Pitts and the presentation of several awards by Governor Judy and the International Director. Also, some nice music for everyone's enjoyment either listening or dancing pleasure. I look forward to seeing many more of you at the next Mid-Winter Convention! Thanks, 2VDG Lion Steve Milius

### **GST REPORT FOR 2022 MIDWINTER CONVENTION**



As the Global Service Team Coordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Lions & Leos in our District 5M7 for the service work they have done since July 1st, 2021.

The goal for the year, as set by the Global Action Team, is to have 79% of the Lions & Leos clubs reporting their service projects to Lions Clubs International. As of 11:30AM January 21, 2022, we have 59% of the clubs reporting their service activity. This is up substantially from last year's 42% at years end. Being the Global Service Team Coordinator I would like to see our reporting hit 79% and beyond. Currently there are 24 clubs not reporting any service activity. I will contact these clubs and work with them to hopefully get the service projects reported.

Once this is completed, I wish to move on to ways of exchanging information on new and current fundraising activities in the district. I would like to share information on activities that have worked well for clubs and those that have bombed as well, then clubs can review the outcomes and determine if any of these projects would work for them. Remember, membership growth and service work go hand in hand.

Once again, I want to thank all the Lions and Leos for their service activities. Remember the Lions slogan "We Serve" and International President Douglas X. Alexanders slogan for his term "Service from the Heart", as well as Governor Judy Herrala's slogan "Soaring with Service and Kindness". They all have a common theme which is serving others. This is what the Lions are all about. Thanks for your time,

Global Service team Coordinator, 2VDG Lion Steve Milius

## **CONVENTION NEWS....**

**There is a concern that the Nomination Committee for the 5M7 Mid-Winter convention did not meet the needs of the Lions District.**

We reviewed the requirements from Lions Clubs International (shown below) and found that a candidate did NOT meet the BASIC requirements to be qualified for a position. That is why the candidate was not acceptable for the election

**\*Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following Requirements:**

**\*Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing\* in his/her single or sub-district.**

**\*Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District.**

*(It is to be understood that the Candidate should provide the motion, second, if the motion carried or not, and minutes from regular club meeting where the Club is supporting and sponsoring the candidate for office)*

**\*Club President:** Year Served

*(It is to be understood that the Candidate should have been a successful club president)*

**\*Club Board of Directors:** Two (2) Years Served

**\*District Cabinet (check one)**

\*Zone or Region Chairperson Year Served

\*With none of the above being accomplished concurrently

**\*The Candidate is required to serve as Club President before Zone Chair in that order and not concurrently**

We have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed has not met the requirements for Second Vice District Governor in accordance with the International **By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6(c)**.

**Nomination Committee**

*International Director Dianne Pitts, Zone 5 Chair Angie Sedesky and District Governor Judy Herrala*

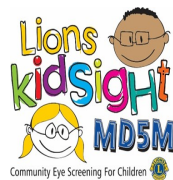
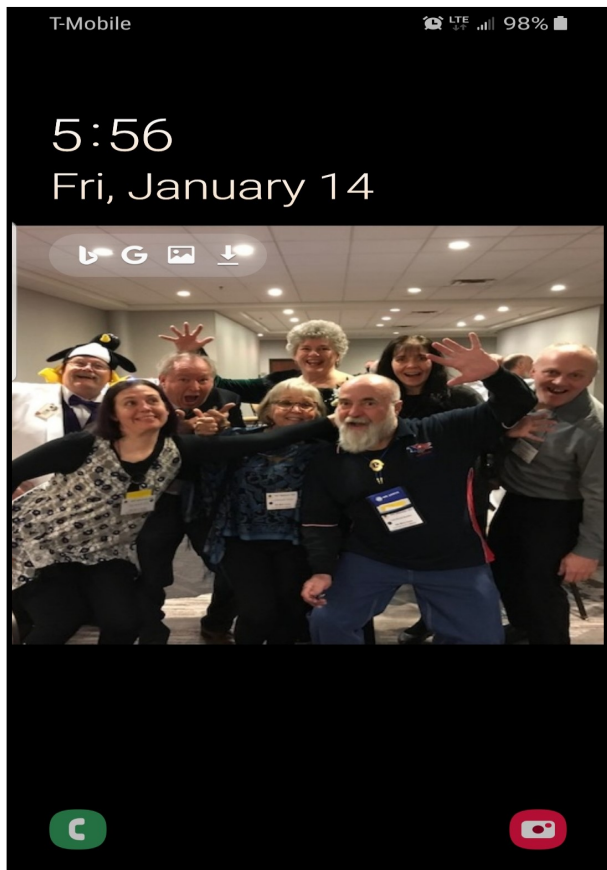


*International Vice President Brian Sheehan, Zone 5 Chair Angie Sedesky and international Director Dianne Pitts. Zone 5 Chair Lion Angie Sedesky also hosted the breakfast on Sunday. [More pictures next page....](#)*



**MORE Convention Pictures.....***Check out more convention pics on 'The Lions of 5M7' FB page.*

*Elk River Lions 'hanging out' with VP Brian Sheehan and International Director Lion Diane Pitts*



**Thank you fellow Lions of 5M7 for supporting KidSight!**

We are very appreciative of your gifts to the Parade of Green. It is an honor going to the bank to deposit your checks into our foundation account. Your hard-earned money will be put to good use.

We love reserving machines so you can perform KidSight screenings at your community events. Thanks to the Andover Lions we have the first community screening event on our 2022 summer calendar. Who's going to be next?

We will be hosting a KidSight training session this spring. The program will be virtual and in person so everyone will be able to attend and learn together. Keep posted for details.

We will be at the state fair in the KARE 11 Healthfair building again this year. 5M7 oversees the booth on Monday, August 29 and Tuesday, August 30. Please consider joining us. Contact us for information. We'd love to start filling our shifts.

We're trying to establish a social media presence. If you haven't already done so, please like us on Facebook and Instagram (MD5M Lions KidSight). We're slowly coming up to speed (we need a LEO to teach us how to have multiple posters). When we do manage to post please like and share.

Has your club donated to MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation? Presidents, watch your mailbox for a letter; it will have your clubs cumulative gift total and number of available Sight Savers Awards.

Once again, we can't say **THANK YOU** enough for supporting our foundation and helping us accomplish our goal of every child seeing clearly!

Lion Mary Curtis and Lion Ann Kaduce  
5M7 Directors, MD5M Lions  
KidSight Foundation  
[5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com](mailto:5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com)

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

**DID YOU KNOW**



**MD5M Lions KidSight**  
has a  
**FACEBOOK Page**



Like us on  
**Facebook!**

and Instagram Account

FOLLOW US ON  
**Instagram**





*Catch the Dream...  
Life without Diabetes*

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

To: All great Lions of District 5M7  
From: District 5M7 Trustees of Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation  
Subject: **LET'S RUN, WALK, SKI, SWIM, CURL, SKATE THE EXTRA MILE!**

*STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness*

February,

March

April 2022



Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

(2000 steps = 1 mile)

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own

Be a part of a team

Register at: [MNLionsDiabetes.org](http://MNLionsDiabetes.org)

Registration opens January 25, 2022 \$25 Registration Fee T-Shirts available *Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health. Net Proceeds*

Our Foundation is asking Lions and your Club to join us in STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness. You can do this as a Club, a Team or as an Individual. During February, March and April, we're asking you to commit to 15 miles of physical activity a Month. You choose your activity.

Register at [MNLionsDiabetes.org](http://MNLionsDiabetes.org) and be directed to our campaign site. Or fill out the enclosed form and mail us your commitment to your better health and the critical research this Foundation funds. Cost is \$25.00 per person – this is a fundraiser and an encouragement to involve yourself in healthy fun activities! Physical activity and food choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health.

The University of Minnesota, with the help of Lions, is getting close. Humans have had eyelet transplants that have cured them of diabetes, and FDA approvals are progressing on some research projects. But we have a way to go to make some of these incredible advances available to everyone. Your support is critical, and we hope you can go that extra mile. Be well and thank you for your consideration and support.

Trustees for District 5M7

Lions Joel Anderson and Mike Edwards

Lion Joel - [Joeland1954@gmail.com](mailto:Joeland1954@gmail.com)

Lion Mike - [Mnedwards1@bellsouth.net](mailto:Mnedwards1@bellsouth.net)



**Stories Wanted!**

We would love to have STORIES from you about how the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation has helped people in your community, or someone you know. People love to be inspired. It's what draws us to stories.

We love to see how regular people just like us can succeed against all odds, especially with Lions' help. And LIONS help people every day as WE SERVE.

Each year the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation reviews hearing research proposals submitted by the University of Minnesota Department of Otolaryngology. The grant requests total between \$50,000 and \$100,000 (depending on the year), and are vetted by the department chairperson before being presented to the Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees. Some of the money we receive from Lions Clubs in Minnesota is used for this research. We will be telling you about the process and how important these grants are in later editions of this newsletter.

In the meantime, please tell us your stories related to HEARING, and we will share them here. Thank you for ALL you do and for your continued support of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

Lion Hal Hinchliffe and PDG Lion Jim Mulroy



**Lions of the Greatest District in MD5M**

It's been a while since I've been to a live 5M7 Mid-Winter Convention. It was a wonderful experience to meet the new Lions and greet a lot of old friends. I'd like to thank some people involved with this year's convention. The committee that planed a great convention. What a fantastic job!

The Leos and their Advisers from Anoka, Coon Rapids, Andover, and Spring Lake Park. With all the things they had going on, they still had time to go through hundreds of mixed, unsorted glasses and got rid of the garbage and restacked in boxes. That saved me a lot of hours working in my garage sorting them myself. **THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!**

Congratulations to Lion Deb Weston and 2nd VDGE Mary Curtis for being awarded their medals. Congratulations to the winners of the Leos speech contest!

Thanks to all that brought glasses down to the convention. PDG Joe and PCC Steve from Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center come down from Sartell, Mn and picked up the boxes of glasses on Sunday morning.

Keep those glasses coming in. Just call and we can plan to pick them up. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for a recycling bucket, I've got a few of those left too. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO**

PDG Steve Linder 612-382-2236

PDG Terry Wold 612-759-5433





## 5M7 LEO CLUBS

ANOKA LEO-TORNADO SERVICE CLUB; ANDOVER LEOS; BLAINE BENGALS; COON RAPIDS

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL; SPRING LAKE PARK LEOS

We had 20 Leo club members from the Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids and Spring Lake Park attend the mid-winter 5m7 meeting on Saturday, January 8th at the Northwest Marriott Hotel. The Leos participated in learning about the Equestrian Camp Friendship program and participated in the town hall meeting with the ID Dr. Diane Pitts. Leos and Lions did service. Backpacks were constructed with hats, gloves, socks, earbuds, Chapstick, hand and toe warmers and snacks for a total of 100. The backpacks will be donated to the Brooklyn Park and Coon Rapids school for the students that need them the most.

**BIG Shout Out** to the following Lion clubs for supporting the backpack project at the 5m7 Mid-Winter Convention: Coon Rapids, Elk River, Hugo, Lions Club of Big Lake Lioness, Spring Lake Park and St. Francis. Your donations made it possible to purchase supplies to give back to the youth in need in the community.

NEW this year was the Passion Speech Contest. Leo members chose to share in front of an audience of Lions about the reason for doing what they do. What motivates them to get up in the morning and find joy in the world. We have five wonderful presentations with topics varying in subject matter from the twilight show to service with a family connection. The Leos were honored with a candid reflection from ID Dr. Diane Pitts on public speaking and sharing their passions. It was a great experience for both Lions and Leos all! As always, if you are interested in starting a Leo club, please contact us and we would love to help start the process.

Stefanie Nelson  
[stefanieenelson@gmail.com](mailto:stefanieenelson@gmail.com)

Lion Pete Yelle  
[pete.yelle58@gmail.com](mailto:pete.yelle58@gmail.com)

### Backpack stuffing.....



### Backpack Supplies



### Calling all Lions Families!

### Calling all Leos who love to travel!



We are looking for host families for the summer exchange program. We have three applicants thus far that will need a place to lay their heads and enjoy the great things of Minnesota.

**Family Stay Dates: July 1-21, 2022**    **Camp Dates: July 22-30, 2022**

Please let me know if you are interested and willing to host a student coming from another country in your home. Get together with other Lions close to you and host together. We are also starting to connect with students about choosing where they would like to travel- if there are questions send them my direction.

Lion Stefanie Nelson    5M7 District Youth Exchange  
[stefanieenelson@gmail.com](mailto:stefanieenelson@gmail.com)    [612-298-1523]



### Hello Lions and Leos of 5M7.

I would like to thank all who had participated in the Melvin Jones Fellowship drawing. The proceeds go to support our foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation, in its mission to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve the health and well being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.



Current District 5M7 LCIF donations sits at \$34,283.00. This puts us at #3 in the multiple. Once the Parade of Green is added in we will be at #2!

And now, the moment you have been waiting for. The winner of the District 5M7 2022 Mid-Winter Convention LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship drawing is our very own DGE Mark Landwehr! Congratulations DGE Mark! Once again, thank you to all that have participated.

IPDG Lion Peter Lendway



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2021-2022 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions 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 Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (4). The 2022 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2022.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the LITPC website: [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org)
2. In the left column, click on LITPC Scholarship Forms.
3. Then click on LITPC Scholarship Information.
4. When that page comes up, click on Scholarship Application Form

Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to 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 people (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, 2022** to: Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072 [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) You can either email us your application OR call us and we will give you our mailing address.

Thank You and Good Luck to ALL!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”

*Scholarships*



Enjoy good company, food and drink, silent and live auctions and a performance by Bob Stromberg. All proceeds help Can Do Canines provide specially trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities, free of charge.

*Saturday, February 26, 6pm*

DoubleTree Bloomington • 7800 Normandale Blvd • Minneapolis, MN 55439

*Master of Ceremonies*

Rena Sarigianopoulos  
KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor

*Entertainment*

Bob Stromberg  
Comedian

*Ticket Information*

**VIP Table** - \$1,800 each  
Includes up to 10 guests per table,  
access to an exclusive VIP reception  
and two bottles of wine with dinner.

**Individual VIP Ticket** - \$215 each

**Individual General Ticket** - \$150 each

Purchase tickets and pre-register for electronic bidding online at [candocanines.org/fetchingball](http://candocanines.org/fetchingball). Call 763-331-3000 with questions.

**Can Do Canines** will be holding its annual Fetching Ball Gala Saturday, February 26, at 6 p.m. This year's event will be held at the DoubleTree Bloomington (7800 Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis, MN). Participants will enjoy an inspiring client story, a unique look into the Can Do Canines prison dog training program, fabulous auctions and an entertaining performance by comedian and storyteller Bob Stromberg. KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Tickets must be purchased no later than February 16. All proceeds help Can Do Canines provide specially trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities, free of charge.

Some of the items that will be part of the auction include a dog sledding excursion, a stay in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and tickets to the 3M Open PGA Tour. Visit [candocanines.org/fetchingball](http://candocanines.org/fetchingball) for more event information and to register to bid.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### A CLEANER FUTURE.....

Legislative changes and consumer pressure could certainly create more of a market for at least some of the plastic that is now going straight into incinerators and landfills. A legal requirement or company commitments to use more recycled material in plastic products, including those made of less frequently recycled plastics, could create incentives for manufacturers to make more recyclable products and for recycling facilities to do a better job sorting, processing, and actually recycling that material.



The high demand for type 1 plastic used in PET beverage bottles is largely due to consumers pressuring beverage companies to improve recycling processes and lawmakers requiring them to use a certain percentage of recycled plastic in their products. A California law passed last year requires beverage bottles to be made of 15% recycled plastic which will increase to 25% by 2025 and 50% by 2030. Requirements like these force manufacturers to change the makeup of their products, to use more recyclable plastic or more environmentally friendly materials.

Consumers can change and push a market! Plastic companies are actively looking into better recycling methods and how to design plastics to be more easily recyclable because they know this is such an important consumer issue. There is support for all plastic packaging to contain at least 30% recyclable material by 2030.

Another part of the solution is to extend producer responsibility [EPR] which would require plastic makers and sellers to be responsible in some way for the life cycle of their products, including cleanup after they are sold. An EPR system in British Columbia increased the share of plastic waste collected for recycling from 42% in 2018 to 52% in 2020.

In 2021 Maine became the first state in the U.S. to pass EPR legislation addressing packaging waste. The law will levy fees on companies that create or use packaging; fees will be lower for practices with less environmental impact like using more recyclable materials. The fees will also be used to fund local recycling efforts. Oregon and six other states have EPR bills in the works.

Another worthy goal is eliminating single-use plastics, like plastic bags and polystyrene foam. But for this change to happen, the items that replace them have to actually be reused and often. If you go to the grocery store and forget your reusable bag and buy another one, you are creating a more harmful single use item.

Any real shift we consumers need to make rather than avoiding plastic is to evaluate our behavior and move away from unnecessary consumption

and living a throwaway lifestyle. Any solution will require the consumer to analyze their own consumption to try and understand what we're consuming and why and whether there are ways to reduce our individual consumption and that's a tall order for people. It's much easier to say "I can consume anything I want. I'll just recycle it".



### IS YOUR CLUB INTERESTING IN MAKING SOME MONEY?

The State Fair has lost a few clubs since last year and we are going to need more workers. What do you have to do?



- Get a free ticket to the state fair.
- Get free parking if you decide to drive.
- Work approximately 7 hr in an air-conditioned booth.
- Selling coupons for rides and games on the midway.
- This year it is changing to all computerized – no tickets.
- Pay is \$10.00/hr to your club no deductions.
- You get the rest of the day to enjoy the fair.
- Your club can work multiple shifts.

Contact PDG Larry Kounkel at [larryandmk@gmail.com](mailto:larryandmk@gmail.com) if interested.

**LION AL JENSEN LEADERSHIP AWARD:** One or two awards may be presented annually to Lions who have been members for five years or more. The selection/s must be based only on contributions at a District or Multiple level. The nomination must be on the official nomination form, signed by the District Governor and submitted to the Council Chair **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1**. The award will be presented to the most qualified Lion based on the following criteria. More information can be found on the 5m7 website.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE READ!

There is a Lion from Spring Lake Park Lions looking for a person to take some single-use insulin needles that he is no longer using. We hope to find a person to use these instead of just throwing them away! These are of course new and unopened items. There are two different brands of .25 X 8mm disposable Droplet pen needles. Please contact Lion Joel Anderson for more information.



## Minnesota Lions Missions

In April, 2017, while on an exploratory trip to Cuba, I was asked to start a Mission Group in Minnesota to conduct eyeglass missions to Guatemala. I began by contacting the District Governor in Guatemala and about that time one of the Wisconsin Lions Mission members volunteered to help me. We went to Guatemala, met the District Governor and made some other contacts. After a lot of work including Council of Governor meetings, conventions, meetings with the Wisconsin Lions Missions, we had our first mission organized.

We had 8 Lions from Minnesota and 15 from the established Wisconsin Lions Missions. We improved the sight and improved the lives of about 2300 people. When we arrived on the site the first morning, the line of people waiting was about 3 blocks long. It was like that every day. By the way, Guatemala has the second poorest economy in our hemisphere. We returned to the U.S. on the 23rd of Feb. 2020.

Within a couple of weeks, the country was put into quarantine for Covid-19. Our plans for missions in 2021 and 2022 were cancelled. However, I have great hopes for a mission in 2023. A mission like ours is truly a life changing experience. Many of the Wisconsin Lions have been going on this type of mission for more than 25 years. I would guess the average cost per person was about \$1500 for the week we were gone, which includes airfare.

If any of you are interested in a future eyeglass mission to Guatemala, you can contact me at [lionjim0809@icloud.com](mailto:lionjim0809@icloud.com). We currently have members from 5M1, 5M2, 5M6, 5M7, and 5M8.

PDG Jim Mulroy Executive Director

Minnesota Lions Missions



*Motto....DO FOR, NOT TO.*



## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING....

February

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**St. MICHEAL LIONS 2022 ANNUAL ICE FISHING CONTEST on Beebe Lake** Saturday February 5th from Noon to 3:00pm. Entry Fee: Adults:\$10 Children: \$5. Portable pop-up fish houses allowed. Wheelhouses allowed outside perimeter, must be within 100" of contest perimeter. [A \$10 donation to the Lions is suggested for use of the wheelhouse during the contest] Great Raffle Prizes...1st Prize: \$500. Fishing contest prizes per category [fish categories are crappie, sunfish and northern] starting at \$100. Come join in the FUN!!

February

12

**The 6th ANNUAL FIRE AND ICE POLAR PLUNGE hosted by the Rush City Lions and Rush City Fire Department** will be held on Saturday, February 12th at Flickabirds Resort between 9 am- 12 noon. Each plunger is \$75.00 per person. Many plungers go out and ask folks to sponsor them. The Rush City Lions/RCFD will keep 20% of the money raised by each plunger. The remaining 80% will go to the plunger's organization indicated on the registration form. Registration, pledge, and waiver forms are available online.

daniel dahlberg [dandeb66@yahoo.com](mailto:dandeb66@yahoo.com) 612-819-7312

Fire and Ice Polar Plunge Co-Chairs

February

19

The **BIG LAKE LIONS** will be holding their **GUN BLAST WINNERS CHOICE GUN RAFFLE** on February 19th starting at 2:00pm at McPetes Sports Bar, 590 Humbolt Drive, Big Lake. Around 20 guns to choose from each round. ONLY \$20 a ticket with 54 chances per round. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** Guns provided by Pistol Pete's Gun Shop. Questions call 763-263-2218 or 612-810-2119



### VALENTINE'S DAY MONDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

*What is the true meaning of Valentine's Day?*

*It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.*



**February is a short month so I'll be sending out your reminder early and asking for your articles for the MARCH GRAM be in to me by **8am on FEBRUARY 24th**. Thanking you in advance!**



## Purpose of the Faculty Development Institute (FDI):

To enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs.

## Participant Qualifications:

**Applicants should have experience serving as instructors for Lion's training events.** This experience should include using PowerPoint to support training delivery. (Note: Participants will not be expected to create any materials while at the FDI, but it will be necessary to use PowerPoint and other provided materials for some activities.)

Applicants must be willing to commit to a three-day institute, including classroom sessions and meals, and understand that personal time is extremely limited. **Attendance at all classroom sessions and scheduled meals is mandatory.**

Lions participating in this three-day course will be required to conduct a local training event within six months of the institute, in order to complete the FDI and receive their certification and pin.

Applicants must be capable of understanding and participating in the offered languages of instruction at this institute which will be English.

## Cost of the Institute:

Multiple District 5M will provide meals and training materials according to the schedule of the institute. Please note a non-refundable fee of **US\$175.00** is required for participation in this training event. Please do not send fees until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute. Participants are also responsible for their own transportation, lodging and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

## Selection Process:

Because of the high number of applications anticipated, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. **All applicants will be notified of selection status no more than three weeks after the application due date via the email address provided on the application form.** Multiple District 5M reserves the right to cancel the institute due to insufficient applications submitted by the stated application due date.

## Expectations of Lions Who Complete the FDI:

Serve as a leadership resource and pursue additional leadership and training roles and responsibilities in their respective zones, regions, districts, and multiple districts.

Share their institute experiences with members of their zones, regions, districts, multiple districts, and constitutional areas, and encourage other qualified Lions to apply to the institutes.

Utilize your newly acquired skill set to facilitate future Lions Leadership Development events.

## Application Procedure:

Submit the completed application form to your District Governor by the application due date to be considered.

**Application Due Date: February 28, 2022**





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# Faculty Development Institute

## Shakopee MN

April 8-10, 2022

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended

Location and Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 2: Experience and Skills Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.

Have you conducted or contributed to Lion's trainings? (List training course names and dates.)

Have you conducted or contributed to trainings unrelated to Lions Clubs? (List types of trainings and dates.)

Upon completion, how do you intend to use the skills learned at the Faculty Development Institute?

Why is this institute of interest to you?

### Part 3: Acknowledgements

I understand that MD5M is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property of participants.

I understand that participants are requested to carry medical insurance information in the event they require medical services.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Part 4: Signature—Applications missing the required signature below will NOT be considered for participation.**

**1. District Governor**

Please indicate reasons why you support this Lion’s application to this FDI (Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.):

I understand and agree that in the event the above named applicant is selected to attend and does not cancel his/her registration for the Faculty Development Institute in writing 10 days prior to the institute, or does not attend any portion of the institute, the district will be billed for one night’s meals according to Board policy.

I have read and agree to the above cancellation policy statement.

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Name of District Governor

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Signature

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Email (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_

Member number

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

**District Governor: Once approved and signed please scan and email to: [dkellylion@gmail.com](mailto:dkellylion@gmail.com)**