



# Lions 5M7 Gram

March

2018



## A Note From District Governor Dan Kaiser



Lions, Lioness, and Leos

Membership growth doesn't just lead to healthier clubs. It leads to healthier communities. On average, each Lion serves 50 people a year. Just imagine how many more lives your clubs can change when Lions invite new members to join them. Each club should have a membership drive each year, if you need help contact someone in the District Leadership to help. We have retractable banners that were used at the MidWinter convention that you can use and pamphlets of our programs for your event.

Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Club Excellence Award. Is your club striving to finish the year with a net growth in membership? Will your club participate in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to the community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award. Make it your club's tradition to achieve excellence every year! The form is on the 5M7 District Website.

Now is the time to start thinking about your officers for next year. Your club should have started to think who in your club will make an OUTSTANDING President, Secretary, or Treasurer. We also need to look for Membership, LCIF, Club Service and other chairs. Again this year I would like the clubs to start having their Officers entered on Lions Clubs International website by April 15th, let's not wait until May- Let's Get Done Early

Please keep in mind that we will be having Club Training again this year, in early May. It's open to all Lions members that will be accepting any Clubs Officers positions and those that might be interested in any position in the future. We have many new items to cover, so just because you have been an officer before, doesn't mean that things are the same. We have much more reporting, online courses, and resources that are available to make you as an Officer, Member, and as a Lion a greater asset to your club and community.

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## National Eye Donor Month

In case you weren't aware of it, March is National Eye Donor Month. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this in 1983 and for 35 years it has raised eye donation awareness, honored donors and their families, and celebrated cornea recipients. Your Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) board representatives, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle, would like to remind you to celebrate National Eye Donor Month by registering to be an eye donor.



The contribution of your eyes to the Lions Gift of Sight (LGS) will benefit so many others. Corneal transplants and important eye research can only occur when someone makes the selfless act of donating their eyes. During March, please make sure to tell your family and friends to sign up for eye donations and remember to tell your family of your wish to donate your eyes. By having your family informed about your choice, it will help simplify the process when the time comes.

## Voice for Vision Concert

Kat Perkins and Blind Joe Bommersbac, who wowed the judges and a huge TV audience while performing on NBC's "The Voice", will perform April 21 at a Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) fundraiser in the historic State Theater in Minneapolis. Titled "Voices for Vision", the concert will open with "outlaw country" singer Blind Joe at 7 p.m., followed by Kat Perkins' rock blend at 8:30 p.m.

Both are North Dakota natives who moved to Minnesota to pursue careers in music. Since their break-through performances on "The Voice", they have been recording and singing across the Upper Midwest. Perkins also has made it to the top of the iTunes charts, and has also been doing motivational speaking on fearlessness.

Proceeds from the April 21 "Voices for Vision" event will benefit vision research and services at the University of Minnesota. Tickets are \$34, \$39 and \$44, plus there are fees if you purchase tickets online at <https://hennepintheatretrust.org/events/>. People also can purchase tickets directly at the State Theatre box office and avoid the extra fees. We hope to make this an annual event so, please come out and share in the great music for a great cause!

## Eyeglasses Collection Sites

The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC) is in the process of updating their state-wide collection site list. The staff at the MLERC are asking all of the 5M-7 clubs who have collection sites to review their list, verify them and then send the list to your MLVF board representatives, PDG Paul and Lion Lyle. We wish to have this completed before May 1st so, please do not wait until the last minute to submit your list. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the sites listed in your community, please contact PDG Paul or Lion Lyle.

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## State Fair Booth

The MN Lions diabetes, hearing and vision foundations are partnering together to have an information booth at the Minnesota State Fair. Each district is assigned dates to provide volunteers and the dates for 5M-7 are Thursday August 25th from 8:45 AM to 9:00 PM and on Monday September 3rd from 4:45 PM to 9:00 PM. Your 5M-7 foundation representatives are asking you to join us in volunteering at the booth. If you are able to help, please sign up using this link to the on-line schedule: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e49aaaa2aa6fb6-state>. Your help will be truly appreciated any please feel free to contact PDG Paul or Lion Lyle with any questions.

Don't forget to turn in your collected used eyewear to your Zone chair, PDG Paul or Lion Lyle. If you haven't had a club or zone visit in a while from a MLVF director, it would be great for us to come see you. You can hear all the latest developments on research and treatments being done at the U of M, as well as how your club is sitting with Helen Keller Sight Awards. We hope you will have us come visit your club or zone in the very near future, so please contact us to schedule a presentation at your event.

Thank you 5M-7 for truly being "Knights of the Blind."

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## A Memo From DGE Al Kvistero

It's almost spring and I'm sure everyone is thinking the same thing....club officer elections again. Where does all the time go?

The last month has been busy, thank you all again for your support at the Mid-Winter convention. I've been busy sending emails and making phone calls working on our cabinet for the next year. I've also been at a few Governors Nights and this weekend I have to attend the Area Training for and Theresa Goff, Lion Tim Kaduce, Lion Denise Saylor and Lion Vicki

Violet. Thank you all taking the plunge for all of us.

On Monday March 26th, the Lions of 5M are having a huge project and looking to fill 5 shifts at 3 locations for Feed My Starving Children. We are looking to 1125 volunteers for the day. Any Lion, Lioness or Leo is welcome to join them in this project. Sign up and bring along your neighbor too, maybe they'll decide to join. Please look for more information on the Projects page on our district web site, you can also contact our chairs for the event, Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie at [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com). I believe we have 4 districts joining together for this event.

I have our convention committee named for next year. If you have any suggestions, comments and/or complaints, please feel free to send them to me. Just so I can keep them separate, please send them to my [akvistero@outlook.com](mailto:akvistero@outlook.com) address.

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## An update from Lion Jim Kugler

### What IF

We have three conventions that I'm aware of: International, multiple district and district. I've never been to an international convention, but that is on my schedule for 2019. I've been to several multiple district conventions, but will save my thoughts until a later time. What I'd like to do is discuss my observations on district conventions (our mid-winter).

There are close the 2,000 members in this district. We probably have about 250 to 300 members of the district present at the memorial service this past January. We had about 140 members present for the lunch on Saturday. I ask the question, why is attendance so low with a membership of close to 2,000?

Over the past few weeks I've gone out to see what other districts are doing at their conventions. Most of the conventions are the same. What struck me was attendance at the Saturday lunches. One had about 135 in attendance, the second had close to 200 and the third had over 300. In talking with the members from that district, they expected to have that number again for the dinner on Saturday night. With approximately the same number of members in each district, I asked myself why could other districts get a greater attendance at some of their functions.

In the back of my mind, I'm using attendance as a criteria to judge the success of a convention. There are probably more criteria, but my focus is on increasing attendance. So, with that thought in mind, I am asking for some feedback as to what think we should do to increase attendance. Some of the things that come to mind include: lowering the cost, changing location, making the event a day and one half and starting the meeting on Saturday morning and ending on Sunday morning, bringing in a motivational speaker, hiring entertainment, making it more family friendly by shortening or eliminating hospitality suites and the list could go on. What I'd like to do is engage in a dialog about we should do to increase attendance. Maybe, the answer to the question is, the size of the mid-winter is the correct size for the district.

### Big Lake Lioness Club

17 members as of February 2018



## Lioness Corner



### ***DONATIONS***

\*Provided 5 children's birthday bags to local food shelf in December

### ***EVENTS***

\*Selling Prom garters  
\*Providing Lioness info at local city expo

### ***SPONSORSHIPS***

\*Sponsor monthly NAPS [Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors]  
\*Sponsor monthly nursing home bingo at area care center  
\*Flowers for nursing home residents birthdays  
\*Cash prizes and cake for nursing home bingo

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## Second Annual One Stop Donation Drop and Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Forest Lake-Scandia Leos

### One Stop Donation Drop:

The One Stop Donation Drop will be hosted by the Forest Lake-Scandia Leo Club. Our purpose is to collect a variety of donations for non-profits locally and globally that will benefit both people and animals.

This year, there will be 26 non-profits that are either attending in person, will have a collections bin present, and/or are doing a hands-on service project at the event.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Where: Scandia Community Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Help Support these Non-Profits by Bringing Items:

- **African Library Project:** New or gently used children's books. Financial gifts also are needed to help ship the books and/or purchase ones to meet our 1,000-book goal to establish a library in Malawi, Africa.
- **The Baby Blanket:** Diapers, baby wipes, children's clothing sizes newborn to size 6, or maternity clothing.
- **Bridge for Youth:** DVDs (rated PG or PG-13), hand soap, towels, pajama pants and pajamas (for teens), shower curtains, slippers, flip flops, boys/girls hoodies (S-XXL), boys/girls socks, sports bras (S-XXL), and bed in a bag items (duffle bags, new twin sheet sets, new comforters, and new pillows).
- **Children's Hospital:** All items need to be new. Games (Sorry, Memory, Headbanz, Connect 4, Trouble, Jenga, Cribbage, Sequence, Yahtzee, Apples to Apples, Guess Who and Monopoly), Duplo kits and small Lego sets, Hot Wheels, deck of playing cards (Uno, Skip-bo and Phase 10), fleece blankets, adult coloring books, harmonicas in the Key of C (Brand: Hohner Kids), and egg shakers for music therapy.
- **Christian Community Home** (nursing home/assisted living in Osceola): All items need to be new. Items for welcome baskets for new residents (e.g., shampoo, conditioner, soap, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, non-slip fuzzy socks, simple puzzles (50-100 pieces), activity books (e.g., word finds, crossword puzzles), inspirational book, and inspirational/pretty items to decorate a nightstand.

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- **Forest Lake Lions Club:** Used ink cartridges.
- **Northwoods Humane Society:** Canned and dry cat/kitten food, soft dog treats, clay cat litter, and medium and large exam gloves. (Northwoods may bring a dog who is waiting to be adopted.)
- **Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota:** All items need to be new. Any styles, colors, patterns, are ok with the exception of anything depicting owls since owls are a symbol of death in the Lakota culture.

The OST Child Protective Services at PRR needs bedding and blankets (twin/full/queen), blank journals for writing, kids pillowcases (home-sewn are welcome), children's socks, underwear, and sleepwear, stuffed animals, or dolls.

Backpacks, duffel bags, sports bags, diaper bags, or drawstring bags also are needed so the children can carry their belongings in something other than a trash bag.

- **Scandia-Marine Food Shelf:** Non-perishable food.
- **Scandia-Marine Lions Club:** Eyeglasses and hearing aids.
- **Wildlife Science Center:** White office paper, carabiners, metal poop scoops, 32 gallon heavy duty garbage cans, paper towels, garden shovels (spades), 3 mil contractor bags (black plastic), bleach, spray bottles, scouring pads, and 5 gallon buckets with metal handles. (The Wildlife Science Center will be bringing a live raptor - either a hawk or owl. Guests also can touch pelts from different animals.)

### **Help Support these Non-Profits by Purchasing Items**

- **Community Homestead:** A variety of handmade craft items that were created by adults with developmental disabilities will be available for sale along with organic baked and canned goods. Also, there will be information and the opportunity to sign up for receiving fresh, organic produce, canned goods, and baked items through the CSA.
- **Lions International:** Purchase a variety of snacks, food, and beverages. The proceeds benefit One Shot One Life, a program of Lions International that provides vaccines against measles with the hope of eradicating the disease.
- **Scandia Farmers Market/Green Grocery Shares:** Learn about the Green Grocery Shares program and ways to support it.
- **Scandia-Marine Lions Club:** Super Saver Books will be available for purchase. These books have discounts at 99 businesses; and the proceeds help support scholarships for high school seniors going to college as well as other community projects.

### **Help Support these Non-Profits by Signing Up to Volunteer**

- **Feed My Starving Children:** Participate in a Mobile Pack at Hosanna Lutheran Church that will be held April 19th-21st. Learn more about ways to volunteer to create nutritional meals that will feed children who are malnourished and hungry throughout the world.
- **Gammelgarden Museum:** Learn about the many ways to share your time and talents during the summer season by becoming a tour guide; selling items in the Butik; preparing and serving food at events; and helping with building and grounds maintenance.

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## Blood Drive:

In addition to the One Stop Donation Drop, we are partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. Our goal is to collect 18 units of blood. One unit or pint of blood has the potential to save 3 lives!

This time of the year is when blood shortages are the most common. With the flu going around, blood donations have dropped even more. Please schedule your appointment today by clicking on the link and entering LEOS into the search box.

## Health Fair:

- **National Marrow Donor Program:** Sign up to become a bone marrow donor and help those - including children - who have leukemia, lymphoma, and other life-threatening diseases. Learn how Lion Tom Welsch, who had leukemia, received a bone marrow transplant that saved his life.
- **Lions Gift of Sight:** Learn how you can sign up to be an eye, tissue, or organ donor; and give someone the gift of sight.
- **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation:** Learn about what the Lions are doing within Minnesota to help raise awareness and prevent diabetes.
- **Osceola Medical Center:** Learn about diabetes prevention as well as living with the disease. Talk with medical professionals about oral health, eye care, and foot care as it relates to diabetes.

## Service Projects:

- **Plant milkweed seeds** in containers with Butterflies from Janie to nurture until the Spring and plant in your yard to attract monarchs. (10 a.m. - 12 noon)
- **Make no-tie hats** for pediatric cancer patients at Children's Hospital.
- **Crochet mats** for the homeless using plarn (plastic yarn made from plastic bags) under the guidance of volunteers from Christ Lutheran Church. (9 a.m. - 12 noon)
- **Color-a-Smile:** Color pictures that will be sent to Color-a-Smile who then sends them to seniors who are homebound or in nursing homes; veterans; and those in the military.
- **Knit hats for babies** born at Fairview Lakes Medical Center using a round loom.
- **Make fleece-tied blankets** for a child and teenager through Project Linus.



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# COMMUNITY SERVICE

I'm happy to let you know that the Community Service Project Room will be back again at the 2019 Lion's 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention. Therefore, if you want, you and your clubs can start collecting the following items now!! More details and items needed will be published in future 5M-7 Grams.

- Eye glasses/sunglasses, hearing aids, cell phones and ink cartridges - A challenge has been made to see if we can collect even more of these four items at the 2019 Mid-Winter convention than we did this year!! I, personally, think it can be done!! Please note: please keep any eye glass cases that you get and just donate the glasses!
- Plastic grocery bags that will be cut & made into "plarn" (plastic yarn) to crochet into mats for the homeless. NOTE: If any individual, or club, wants to take on the project of cutting the bags and making the actual plarn to bring to the convention, here are a few links with instructions on how it is done:  
<http://www.myrecycledbags.com/2007/02/17/instructions-for-cutting-plastic-bags-creating-recycled-plastic-yarn/> OR  
<http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Plarn-Plastic-Bag-Yarn-For-Knitting-/> - just copy and paste the link into your Internet browser.
- Knitted or crocheted hats, scarves and/or mittens, afghans, or 6"x6" squares for a blanket

In discussing the number of eye glass cases that we received in the Community Service Project room, ID Lion Don Norland mentioned that a club he knows makes them into little first aid kits to give out. We brainstormed about what we could do with all the cases we received at the convention. Some ideas, in addition to the mini first aid kits, were mini tackle boxes, mini beauty kits, mini manicure kits, mini personal care kits, mini jewelry boxes, mini purses/clutches and mini treasure boxes. Your club could do this project with any cases you receive. To use the cases that we have, we are asking clubs to donate the following items for these cases at the 2019 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention:

- Dollar Store items such as multi-sizes of band-aids, Q-tips, fingernail and toenail clippers, nail files, gum, chap stick, tweezers, etc. that can be put into a miniature personal care kit.
- If anyone has contact with medical clinics or hospitals and can get sample size antibiotic ointments that come in small rectangular packs, alcohol pads, sample 2-pack of Tylenol and anything else that could be put in a miniature first aid kit.
- If anyone has contact with an Avon Rep, Mary Kay or other make-up company and can get samples of lipsticks, eye shadows, perfumes, face cleansers, etc. that could be put in a miniature beauty kit.
- Small bobbers, fish hooks, daredevils, fake worms/bait, sinkers, etc. (can be extra that you already have in your tackle box(es))!

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MINNESOTA LIONS EYEGLASS  
RECYCLING CENTER, INC  
1201 Oak Pond Drive, Sartell, MN 56377  
320-253-1371  
skhovanes@gmail.com



Thank you for your donation of used eyeglasses for recycling. We appreciate your collection efforts and bringing those glasses to the Mid-Winter convention where we picked them up to continue their cycle of the "gift of sight".

After receiving the eyeglasses we sort out the cases, broken plastic frames and loose lenses. These are not recyclable at this time and end up in a dumpster. A special thank you to everyone who sorts out the garbage before we receive your boxes!

We pack the glasses in apple boxes and store them until we have a trailer load to go to the WI Lions Recycling Center in Rosholt, WI. There they are sorted, cleaned, categorized, bagged and boxed in preparation for shipment to developing countries. At the mission site, trained Lion volunteers and eye care professionals perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to needy children and adults.

Please note our new contact information:

MN Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center, Inc  
1201 Oak Pond Drive, Sartell MN 56377

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*St. Francis Lions Present*

# ***Easter Bingo***

*Saturday March 17 at 6:30pm*

*St. Francis American Legion*

*ST. PATRICKS DAY FUN*

*\$1.00 per card / Win a Ham!*

**Cover all prize - \$500.00 win the pot of gold**

**County Market Gift Cards**



*Refreshments available*

**Easter Bonnet  
Contest**



**Sponsored by**

**“Your hometown Team Supporter”**



Proceeds going to Charities and local Food Shelf. Donations of non-perishables appreciated.

Contact: Dave Williams  
Brooklyn Park Lions  
Phone 612-859-1202  
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Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

## Brooklyn Park Lions

### **“World’s Largest” All You Can Eat Smelt Fry**

Event to honor longtime Lion Art Kvamme; adding additional day and new location.

**Brooklyn Park, MN February 16, 2018:** Brooklyn Park Lions Club is proud to announce the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual “World’s Largest” Art Kvamme Memorial All You Can Eat Smelt Fry. This year’s event to be held April 24, 25, 26 and 27 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Brooklyn Park Community Center, 5600 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue N., Brooklyn Park. The event will be held at the Brooklyn Park Garden Room this year while the Armory is renovated. Meal includes all you can eat breaded, deep fried smelt and one serving of coleslaw, beans, chips, dinner roll and beverage. Beer is available for an additional cost.

The event will be in honor of Lion Art Kvamme, longtime resident of Brooklyn Park and the original organizer of the BP Lions Smelt Fry event. Lion Art was 94 at the time of his death February 1, 2018 and participated in every BP Lions Smelt Fry event. He was mayor of Brooklyn Park from 1963-1964. Art was a Charter member of the Brooklyn Park Lions for 56 years. He was a recipient of the John Lutter and Melvin Jones awards which are the highest achievable within the Lions club. Kvamme, who traveled for his work in the steel building business, copied the idea for the fundraiser from an event he went to in the early 1960s on Minnesota Point in Duluth. Kvamme brought the idea back to the relatively new Brooklyn Park Lions group, which was looking for projects, and he knew it would become a big event.

Advance tickets at the following:

- Brooklyn Park Community Center, 5600 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue N., Brooklyn Park
- Godfather’s Pizza, 7450 Unity Ave. N., Brooklyn Park
- Any Brooklyn Park Lions member

Proceeds provide free eyeglasses for children in Brooklyn Park and support other local, national and worldwide charitable causes. The Brooklyn Park Lions donate to Avenues for Youth, after-school and special needs programs, recreation and park programs, Kids Safety Camp, CEAP and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. For additional information on the Brooklyn Park Lions visit <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/brooklynpark/>.

**For Release: February 16, 2018 1:00 PM CST**



**Brooklyn Park Lions**  
**56th Annual**



***“WORLDS LARGEST”***

*ALL YOU CAN EAT*

**Art Kvamme Memorial**

**Smelt Fry**



**FOUR DAYS THIS YEAR**

**Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. - Fri.**

**5pm to 8pm**

**April 24, 25, 26, and 27**

**Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center / Garden Room 5600 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.**

Adults \$11.00 in advance, \$13.00 at the door

Children 12 and under \$6.00

Meal includes one serving of fresh coleslaw, beans, chips, dinner roll, your choice of pop, milk or water  
and all the delicious breaded and deep fried Smelt you care to eat.

*Beer available for an additional cost*

**Advance tickets available at**

**Community Activity Center**

***Godfathers Pizza*** in Brooklyn Park, 7450 Unity Ave. N

**Or from any Brooklyn Park Lions member**

*Proceeds provide free eyeglasses for children in need in Brooklyn Park  
and support many other local, national and worldwide charitable causes.*





# LIONS DAY



AT

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

4 DISTRICTS – 3 LOCATIONS – 1 DAY

**MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018**

Districts 5M2, 5M5, 5M6 and 5M7 will join together at the 3 FMSC facilities in the Twin Cities Metro area. Our Mission is to pack food for the malnourished children of the World!

Our goal is to have EVERY club in the 4 Districts participate in one or more shifts on that day. Collaboration among LIONS, LEOS, LIONESS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY will make this an achievable goal! In fact, ALL Lions, Leos, Lioness from ANY and ALL Districts are welcome to join in on this effort!!

75 volunteers X 5 shifts X 3 locations = 1,125 VOLUNTEERS

Raise funds to help pay for the supplies that we pack. Conduct a dedicated fund raiser to support this project.

Promote this in your community as part of the Lions Clubs International Service Framework – FEEDING THE HUNGRY.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

District 5M7 Chairs: Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, #763-786-8072

[bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)



THANK YOU!!



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# **Save the Date!**

## **Details**

### **WHAT**

Minnesota Lions, Lioness and Leos Clubs (along with families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors) will come together to pack food for starving children around the world!! This is intended to support our International Centennial Service Challenge Mission to feed the hungry. FMSC provides an excellent vehicle by which the Lions can contribute to meeting that challenge.

### **WHERE**

District 5M2/5M5 – FMSC packing site in Chanhassen at 18732 Lake Drive East

District 5M6 – FMSC packing site in Eagan at 990 Lone Oak Road #136

District 5M7 – FMSC packing site in Coon Rapids at 401 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW

### **GOALS**

**Participation Goal: 75 volunteers per location per shift for a total of 1,125 volunteers. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VOLUNTEER FOR MORE THAN ONE SHIFT!!**

**Financial Donations: <https://give.fmsc.org/LionsClub>**

can be made by individuals, Lions Clubs, Company donations plus from \$ raised from special fund raisers done by Lions Clubs. These donations will help to cover the cost of the food packed.



## Registration

There are reserved spots under the name **Lions of Mn.**

Website: [www.fmssc.org/volunteer](http://www.fmssc.org/volunteer) Click: Permanent Site Events Click: Join a Group

### Join Now!

### Shift Time=Join Code

#### Chanhassen:

- 9:30 am – 11:30 am Join Code 1213050
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Join Code 1213051
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Join Code 1213055
- 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Join Code 1213056

#### Coon Rapids:

- 9:30 am – 11:30 am Join Code 1213059
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Join Code 1213060
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Join Code 1213062
- 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Join Code 1213063

#### Eagan:

- 9:30 am – 11:30 am Join Code 1213065
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Join Code 1213066
- 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Join Code 1213068
- 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Join Code 1213069

Search by group name "Lions of MN" Or find using the Join Code for your preferred time and site

**Click:** I agree to follow FMSC Volunteer Age & other guidelines. After reading the guidelines, click on **Accept**.

**Click: Confirm** When the next screen comes up, you then have 3 options: **Log In OR Create a New Account OR Contact one of the 3 Group Leaders:**

Lion Debra Wasserman – 5M2/5M5 at 507-332-2792 or email [liondebra@charter.net](mailto:liondebra@charter.net)

Lion Steve Knudsen – 5M6 at 952-890-9144 or email [steven.knudsen@usfamily.net](mailto:steven.knudsen@usfamily.net)

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie – 5M7 at 763-786-8072 or email [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) and they can then add your name to whichever site and time/times that you want to volunteer.

**THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!!**

# See the stars come out at the State Theatre in Minneapolis!

Event proceeds to benefit  
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation's  
Lions Eye Institute

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**April 21, 2018**



See two amazing local  
talents, **Kat Perkins** &  
**Blind Joe** of *The Voice*<sup>TM</sup>  
fame, perform!



**Tickets can be purchased at**  
[www.hennepintheatretrust.org/events](http://www.hennepintheatretrust.org/events)  
or Ticketmaster 800-745-3000

**\$34 • \$39 • \$44**  
(fees apply)

**Contact**  
Lion Joe  
[joepatsc@hbcsc.net](mailto:joepatsc@hbcsc.net)



MARCH 4TH  
*Bingo*

**FRIAR'S**

1500 LAKE STREET SOUTH  
FOREST LAKE

**PRIZES:**

purses from coach  
and michael kors

aveda products

spa certificates

store gift cards

time: **2PM**

**\$26 PER 13 GAME PACKET**  
ADDITIONAL 3 FACE PACKET AVAILABLE FOR \$4 EACH.  
ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY THE \$26 . NO SPLITTING



FOREST LAKE LIONS LICENSE 02190-015



## Miracle League of Blaine

*"Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball"*

### Dear Friend of the Miracle League,

The Miracle League of Blaine is proud to offer Businesses an opportunity to display their logo and message on banners on the **"Wall of Fame"** at the Miracle League Field at the Blaine Baseball Complex. The Miracle League Field is located right at the entrance of the complex and is visible from nearly all of the 7 active fields in the park.



The Miracle League makes it possible for Children with physical and mental disabilities to achieve the same dream as their peers - to play baseball.

Through funding by sponsors and the commitment of volunteers, The Miracle League builds a specially equipped field for our players. A custom-designed field incorporates a cushioned rubberized turf that allows children in wheelchairs and walkers to glide unrestricted to their positions without fear of injury. In other words, it provides a level playing field where children with physical and mental disabilities can hit, run and catch – just as they envisioned in their dreams.

#### The Miracle League of Blaine

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## Miracle League of Blaine

*"Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball"*

The growth and community engagement in the Miracle League of Blaine is very exciting. My twin sons have been playing for the last five years and this is my second year on the board of directors. We want to support these special kids and share this opportunity with children all over the north metro.

**We would like to ask for your support to our league so we can make the following repairs and changes:**

- Custom rubberized field replacement, this project is budgeted at \$250,000, our league is responsible to raise half of this cost.
- Higher fences to keep fly balls in and kids from eloping out of the field.
- Fence/barrier to keep kids behind and safe in the dugouts.
- Windscreens and weather protection over and around the dugouts.
- Additional bench so all children can sit while waiting to bat.
- Larger storage area for equipment as ML provides all equipment.



*Please join us for this truly heartwarming experience.*

**Why advertise at the Blaine Baseball Complex and on our field?**

Your sign will be viewed by thousands of people from Blaine and surrounding communities each baseball season throughout the spring and summer. Our ballpark complex is used daily from early spring to fall and other summer high school programs play there as well including as 15 & Under Squads, Senior Babe, VFW and Legion teams. With your sponsorship donation your business is presented to many people year-round as the park trails remain open. You are ultimately helping children with disabilities play baseball just like any other child!

The Miracle League of Blaine is a 501C3 organization so your support is fully tax deductible. We would like to get the ball rolling ahead of the season so we can have the signs hanging by the time our first games start in May.

**If you are interested, please call Stacy Alcox, Miracle League of Blaine Sponsorship Chairperson at (612) 720-5764.**

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If you cannot participate in advertising your business with us, but would like to make a donation to the program, your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you and, as always, thank you for supporting the Miracle League of Blaine!

Sincerely,  
Stacy Alcox – Sponsorship Chairperson

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**Miracle League of Blaine**  
"Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball"

## Miracle League of Blaine Sponsorship Contract

### Levels and Benefits

**Big League Sponsor:** **\$1,000** \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 X 8 Banner with logo on the field
- Logo on jerseys
- Media Recognition
- Links on all Blaine Miracle League Website and Registration Pages
- Facebook Mentions
- Inclusion in email correspondence

**Triple A Sponsor:** **\$500** \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 X 8 Banner with logo on the field
- Media Recognition
- Links on all Blaine Miracle League Website and Registration Pages
- Facebook Mentions
- Inclusion in email correspondence

**Double A Sponsor:** **\$350** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 X 4 Banner with logo on the field
- Media Recognition
- Links on all Blaine Miracle League Website and Registration Pages
- Facebook Mentions
- Inclusion in email correspondence

**\*\* City of Blaine reserves the right to approve all signs\*\***

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Agreement:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Make Checks Payable to Miracle League of Blaine.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization so your sponsorship is Tax Deductible.

Miracle League of Blaine Tax ID: 81-2915612

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# Adapted Baseball Spring Leagues Now Forming!

Games Start May 15th - Ages 3-21

Register Feb 1st to Reserve Your Spot & Jersey!

## Safe Fun for Everyone!

Catered Food, Music, Cheering, & Special Guest Buddies.  
Our special field and buddies help keep kids safe!

Spring League: Tuesdays May 15th – July 3rd (8 games)

Spring League: Saturdays May 19th - July 7th (8 games)

Summer League: Tuesdays August 7th – September 11th (6 games)

Summer League: Saturdays August 11th - September 15th (6 games)

**Blaine Baseball Complex**

**1150 Paul Parkway NE, Blaine**

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

## Be a Buddy or Volunteer!

The success of the Miracle League of Blaine is directly tied to volunteer and parental involvement. We are an all-volunteer program where our kids can learn and play baseball. There are many volunteer opportunities during the games such as coaching, announcing or helping as a buddy.

**Registration Opens February 1st, 2018!**

**\$50 per player (per season) | Scholarships available!**

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**Montrose Lions  
-All you can eat-  
Smelt Fry**

**Friday March 23, 2018**

**3-7pm**

**(While supplies last)**

**at the Montrose Community Center 200 Center Ave So**

**Smelt, Scalloped Potatoes, Coleslaw, Bread  
Stick, Brownie and a Beverage**

**Look for a raffle also!**

**\$11 for ages 12 and up**

**\$5 for ages 5-11**

**Free for ages 4 and  
under**



# Fish Fry-Day



Presented by: Becker Lions Club



When: Friday, March 9th, 2018

Where: Becker Community Center

11500 Sherburne Ave Becker MN

Cost: Adults - \$10

Kids 12 & Under - \$5

Time: 4:30 – 7:00

- Beer, Pop, and Water available for purchase

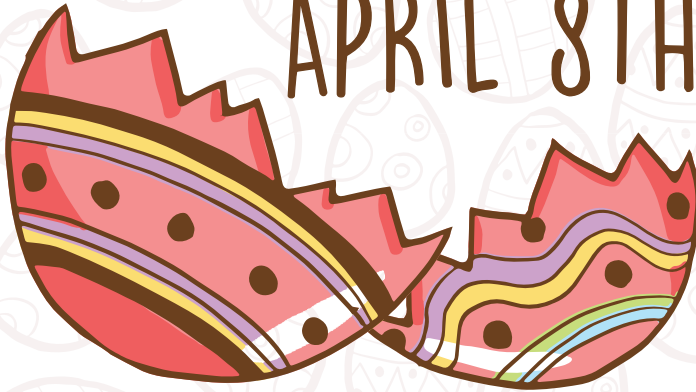




NOW THAT THE BUNNYS DONE, ITS TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN!

# Bunny Bingo

APRIL 8TH



**FRIAR'S**

1500 LAKE STREET SOUTH  
FOREST LAKE

**PRIZES:**

purses from coach  
and michael kors

aveda products

spa certificates

store gift cards

time:

**2PM**

**\$26 PER 13 GAME PACKET**

ADDITIONAL 3 FACE PACKET AVAILABLE FOR \$4 EACH.

ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY THE \$26 . NO SPLITTING



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# **COLUMBUS LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

## **~ All You Can Eat ~**

**Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Columbus Senior Center  
16321 Kettle River Blvd**

**8 am till 1:00 pm**

**Enjoy a great breakfast!**

**pancakes, French toast, sausage  
coffee, orange juice, milk**

**Adults \$6.00, children\* \$5.00, Families up to four \$18.00**

**\*children under age 12**

**Interested in helping our community? Join our Club!**

**Contact Brian at [sjervenb@comcast.net](mailto:sjervenb@comcast.net)**

Our motto is "We Serve." Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities

Visit our website for upcoming events

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/columbusmn/>



# **COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday March 31st**



**TIME: 10:00 AM SHARP**

**PLACE: COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**FREE PRIZE DRAWINGS BEFORE THE  
HUNT**

**PARENTS: PLEASE WAIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

**BRING YOUR OWN BASKETS AND REMEMBER YOUR CAMERA  
TO TAKE PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**

**Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Donuts will be available for purchase.**



**This event is sponsored by the Columbus Lions Club**