



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



LIONS 5M7 GRAM

December



A Note From:
District Governor Al Kvistero



Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Another Thanksgiving has come and passed. We all have so much to be thankful for. So many in our communities are thankful for each and every one of you. I browse your reports every month and you all do so much. I know it is much appreciated by all whom you help.

I've been busy going on Governors Visits this past month. I thank all those clubs who have invited me out. It's been a lot of fun getting around the district and seeing people. So far, I've been out to 11 clubs and have 15 more scheduled. For the other 27 clubs, please schedule your visits as soon as you can. My calendar is up to date on the district web site, so you can see what days are open.

I'm waiting patiently. As of today, we have added 99 new members in the district. Hopefully tomorrow we break the 3-digit number. It is sad though that we have lost 88 members so far this year. Imagine what we could do with an extra 1000 members if we were able to keep most of the members who have dropped over the last 6 years.

Mid-Winter is coming fast. I know the committee has been busy planning a great convention. We are still looking for a candidate for the Second Vice District Governor position. For all the past zone chairs out in the district, this past 2 ½ years have been a lot of fun and I have learned so much about what we do. We are busy looking but would love for someone to step forward and say, "I'll serve".

I talked with Lion Bill Guthrie last night and the planning for Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children is proceeding on plan. Please plan on registering to work one of the shifts at any of their locations on April 15.

I wish all of you a safe and wonderful Christmas. I know many of your clubs have many special events planned for the month of December. I wish you all great success and bless you all for all you will do.

Thank you

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Happy Holidays!



Things on my mind: Vice District Governor Jim Kugler

So, what's on my mind for this newsletter article. Well, it has a lot to do with family, food and thanksgiving.

I have a number of families. The most important is my immediate family of wife, children and grandchildren. Then comes my extended families which include: neighbors, church, business associates, and of course my lion's family.

As I sit down to write the epistle, we're getting ready to head to Aurora IL to take care of the food and the associated family thanksgiving festivities.

Part of my lion's family, my club, is in the middle of activities which help me feel thankful why I'm a lion. First, there is the two days of bell ringing for the Salvation Army. We have club members, spouses and Leo's all taking a turn at ringing later this month. In addition to the bell ringing, we are opening a store for students to help them shop for parents and siblings. The typical charge for items purchases are less than a dollar, which gives these students a realistic price point. In addition, we are fortunate enough to have a charitable gambling operation which, as of today, is profitable. Lastly, the club will donate food boxes to approximately 125 families in the Spring Lake Park area. That means, we will work with the local food shelf, purchase the food, assemble the food boxes and if necessary, deliver the food to families.

Extending the lion's family further there are those individuals, living in other communities, who either are or will be who will need the help from this lion's family. Individuals living in Puerto are still receiving assistance from local lions clubs. There will be grants from LCIF going to various parts of the world in need of our help. Then there are those puppies helping folks get and maintain their independence either as service dogs or dogs helping the blind. All of this because we are involved in our communities and in the world.

In addition to being thankful, there's travel to zones and club meetings. January will soon be upon us. That means our district convention. Believe it or not there is planning under way for this event. You should have received information about the event. There will be changes. If you have suggestions on how to make this event better, let your zone chair know, or contact the governor or his helpers, that is governor's elect. If you've ever been to a USA/Canada forum we're trying to use that as a model.

Thanks for being a lion and a member of your local club. This is how most of the works of the lions happen.

Until next time, Lion Jim



**We need to continue
the good work:
2nd Vice District Governor
Peter Lendway**



To Lions All,

With voting done we are blessed to have that privilege. As Lions "We Serve" to better our community and the lives of all people in need of suffering. Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to be thankful and grateful for all we have and our freedom.

The Thanksgiving for Vision presented by the University of Minnesota was a great success and very informative. It is amazing what advances in science and technology are researched. Especially with Macular Degeneration. They also expressed the importance of becoming an eye donor. Donor eyes are not only used in transplants but for science and experiments. We all need to get an "Eye Donor" card. It is separate from the "donor" on our drivers' licenses.

Our club has a member that is blind. Her name is Lion Tammy Douglass. She is now working with a new Leader Dog. It takes time and patience for both to get to know each other. She has had several Leader dogs over the years. She is also active serving the blind. Working with the Society for the Blind she teaches numerous technology techniques i.e. smart phones and braille in student's homes. Drivers take her to students home several times a week for lessons. If anyone is interested in becoming a driver contact the Cambridge Lions Club as there is some compensation. She will also be at our Mid-Winter Convention in January. Make Tammy and her dog feel welcome.

Our clubs are helping serve our community and all over the world. We need to keep up the good work.

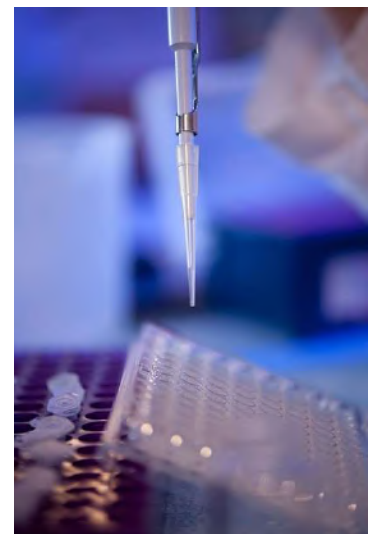
Lion Peter

Donor card on page 8

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**University of MN DEPARTMENT OF
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NEUROSCIENCES**



BIG LAKE LIONESSE CLUB

Current Members: 15

MONTHLY SPONSORSHIP

- Sponsored monthly NAPS [Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors] distribution site
- Sponsored monthly bingo for residents at local Care Center

DONATIONS

- Purchased flowers for Care residents with birthdays in November
- Provided bingo prize money
- Provided monies towards Coborn's gift cards for seniors
- Donated money to local Grandparents Program
- Donated money for sponsored iEmpower Program at school

EVENTS HELD IN DECEMBER

- Held Shopping with Santa for local school children
- Provide bingo for local Care center residents
- Sponsored Mitten Tree with local bank throughout month of December
- Decorate local Care Center Christmas tree

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

- ☐ Collect and deliver mittens, hats and scarves from Mitten Tree project to local elementary schools in Big Lake and Becker
- ☐ Will hold semiannual community blood drive

REMEMBER TO GIVE

Environmental Report



This morning the front page of the StarTribune shouted at me “Feds issue dire climate alarm”. My first thought was what can I do? So, I decided to do some research. Some things I knew, but a reminder didn’t hurt.

Ten ways to reduce Greenhouse gases

A person can help reduce the demand for fossil fuels, which in turn reduces global warming, by using energy wisely.

10 steps I can take to reduce greenhouse emissions:

1. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – buying products with minimal packaging will help reduce waste.
2. Use less Heat and Air Conditioning – turn down the heat while sleeping or away for the day and keep temperature moderate. Install a programmable thermostat.
3. Replace your regular light bulbs, wherever practical with compact florescent bulbs. The CFL bulbs last longer and use 2/3 less energy.
4. Drive less and drive smart. Less driving means few emissions and saves gasoline. Make sure your car is running efficiently, for example keep your tires inflated properly. Sometimes driving smart means using a list and planning a route – save time and energy.
5. Buy energy efficient products – appliances, etc.
6. Use less hot water.
7. Use the “Off” switch. When you leave a room turn off the lights – also turn off the TV, etc. when you are not using them.
8. Plant a Tree. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen.
9. Get a report card from your utility company. Many utility companies provide free energy audits to help consumers identify areas in their homes that may not be energy efficient.
10. Encourage others to conserve energy.

**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**



“If you think you’re too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.” Bette Reese

“I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each homnest worker.” Helen Keller



Celebrating Lions Eye Bank Week



December is holiday time and the season of giving. With this in mind, remember to give that precious gift of sight by becoming a donor. When you get or renew your driver's license, please check the box to mark YES for organ and tissue donation. That gift of your eyes to the *Lions Gift of Sight (LGS)* provides you an opportunity to benefit so many others. Your corneas can bring sight to two people and your eye tissues can assist researchers in finding a cure for vision ailments. Remember to let your family know of your decision to donate. You want them to be informed and proud of your choice to help others through donating your organs and tissues.

The first full week of December (2nd to 8th) is **Lions Eye Bank Week**. Please have your club celebrate this event by considering the following:

- Tour the LGS
- Invite a speaker from the MLVF or LGS to a Club or Zone event
- Host or assist with an open house at the LGS
- Organize a donor awareness event
- Inform the public of the service provided by the LGS
- Organize a fundraiser for the LGS

Thank you for your continued support of this 58-year partnership between the Lions of Minnesota and the U of M!

2018 Tax-deductible donations



We know a lot of you are already thinking about your tax returns for next year. To help you with a possible tax deduction, the MLVF would like to remind you that it is a 501(c)3 non-profit and contributions towards it are 100% tax deductible. PDG Terry and Lion Lyle encourage you to consider the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** when making your year-end donations. When you submit a donation, please make all your checks out to the *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* or *MLVF*. Donations will be used in the area of greatest need unless a specific program is listed on the memo portion of your check. The various Foundation programs include: *Lions Gift of Sight (LGS)*, the *Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic (MLCEC)*, the *Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center (The MAC)*, the vision research at the *Lions Research Building (LRB)*, the *Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC)*, and the *Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center (MLESC)*.

Mid-Winter Preparations

The Mid-Winter Convention is just a few weeks away and PDG Terry and Lion Lyle wish to remind you of a few things to consider when planning for our celebration in Bloomington the weekend of January 18th to the 20th. Please look over the list below and feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about any of the items listed.



- Don't forget to bring your used eyewear to drop off at the convention. PDG Terry and Lion Lyle will have a booth set up in the main hall of the hotel and you can drop off your club's collected eyewear there. Leos from clubs in 5M-7 will be sorting and packing all the eyeglasses brought to the convention. The **Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC)** will be sending a truck and trailer on Sunday morning to collect any used eyewear the Lions of 5M-7 bring to the convention.

- Please remember to consider making a financial contribution towards the MLVF as part of your *Parade of Green* donations. Your club's generosity is greatly appreciated and we could not accomplish the work our foundation performs if it wasn't for your financial support.
- There will be a sign-up sheet at the MLVF information booth for those Lions, Lioness and Leos interested in volunteering at the MN State Fair information booth this summer. The dates that 5M-7 will be responsible for providing volunteers are **Thursday August 29th, 2018 & Monday September 2nd, 2019**. The booth is open from **9:00 AM to 9:00 PM** each day and volunteers usually work a three or four hour shift. We hope you will help out with this important public outreach project.

Club Visits



PDG Terry and Lion Lyle are eager to speak at your Club or Zone meetings, dinners and functions. We would be happy to share with your club the latest news about the *University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences* research and treatment programs. In addition, if you have any questions regarding where your club stands on Helen Keller Sight Awards, need eyeglass collection boxes, have used eyewear to turn in or just have a general question about the *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation*, please call or e-mail PDG Terry or Lion Lyle.

Great job in 2018, 5M-7! Let's make 2019 an even better year!

Yours in Lionism,

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On November 24, six Maple Lake Lions partnered with one of our charitable gambling sites to hang seasonal decorations.



Lions Gift of Sight

Eye Donor Card

Back in the 1970's, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank created an eye donor card to be carried in your wallet or purse. After the addition of the DONOR designation on driver's licenses and I.D. cards, the eye donor card was phased out. With recent competition developments in Minnesota, a donor card is once again relevant. Now, you need to not only record your choice to be a donor but also your decision of who handles your eye donation.

EYE DONOR CARD

At the time of my death, I wish to donate my eyes or corneas to my community-based, nonprofit eye bank, **Lions Gift of Sight**.

Donor Name (print)

Donor Signature

Date

To refer a person for eye donation
at time of death, call
(preferably within one hour)
1-612-624-3900



Currently, if you die in a hospital setting, that hospital will decide which eye donation organization to work with. If your hospital chooses not to contract with Lions Gift of Sight, your corneas will be sent to an out-of-state eye bank with the possibility of these precious gifts being sold for a profit. Many donors are not aware of this situation, and Lions Gift of Sight and the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation are trying to bring it to everyone's attention.

Available from the Lions Gift of Sight are these brand-new eye donor cards available from your Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation or LGS representatives. If you have an old eye donor card, we ask you to please replace it with this new version. Donors are asked to please sign the cards and carry them in their wallets or purses. Donors are also asked to inform their families of their choice in being an eye donor and your wish to have your eyes sent to Lions Gift of Sight.

Please keep in mind that DONOR on your driver's license or state I.D. doesn't include the choice of where your eyes will be sent. If you don't indicate your eye bank choice, the hospital or medical facility will do it for you.

So, if you wish to have your eyes donated to Lions Gift of Sight, please take the extra step of carrying an eye donor card or registering your choice in a health care directive. Only this will ensure that your generous gift of sight will be sent to your local Lions-operated eye bank at the University of Minnesota.



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Camps. Respite. Programs. Travel.

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Crayons & Colored
Saturday, October 27,
10:00 a.m.



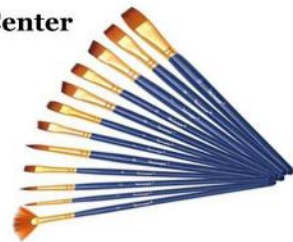
Construction Paper, Foam
& Felt



Tempra, Watercolor & Fabric Paint



Markers



Paint Brushes



Glitter



Beads & Jewelry
making Supplies



Streamers &
Tissue Paper

Please help True Friends by restocking the craft building.

Simply purchase any of these items. They can be brought to any Cabinet Meeting, to the Mid-Winter Convention or contact me @ t-m-goff@Hotmail.com or 612.799.2770 to make arrangements. Little things make a big impact & is very much appreciated!! Thank you!

Lion Theresa Goff, 5M-7 Camps Chair



Thank You Lions Clubs from True Friends

Thank you so much for your gifts to True Friends through the Lions Parade of Green event and through your local clubs across the state. As you know, True Friends is a non-profit organization that provides camping and outdoor adventures for children and adults with disabilities from throughout Minnesota! Now more than ever, your support helps us serve more than 25,000 people each year through our specialized services that reflect a balance between tradition and innovation. Much more than just summer camps, True Friends offers year-round specialty services at our multiple lakeside locations including Camp Friendship at Annandale, MN and Camp Courage at Maple Lake, MN.

Today's camps still have classic camp sessions, but they also offer innovative programs serving a wide-variety of special needs including kids with cancer, clients with hemophilia, kids with arthritis, and campers from Special Olympics MN as well as from the MD (Muscular Dystrophy) Association. And, through our therapeutic horseback riding program, riders use equine therapy to make significant progress in their core strengths and levels of self-esteem.

Through your generosity our new Challenge Ropes & Zip Line Course was constructed and dedicated at Camp Courage two years ago. Much of the funding for this unique and award-winning challenge course was provided by local Lions Clubs, like yours, and through a matching challenge grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). We are so grateful for such wonderful support!

Today we're excited to share with you our next major project that will take place at Camp Friendship at Annandale, MN. Late in 2019 we will begin construction on two state-of-the-art cabins that will sleep twelve campers each. We're hoping that through the Parade of Green in January 2019 and generous gifts from your clubs throughout the year we will qualify for a \$100,000 LCIF Matching Grant that help to underwrite the construction costs for one of these cabins. We'll provide you with additional details about this project shortly after the first of the new year.

In closing, one thing that doesn't change at True Friends is the heart of our mission – ***focusing on clients with disabilities and providing them with life-changing experiences.*** And, as we continue to blend tradition with innovation we are thankful for partners like you who help make this happen.

Once again, thank you so very much for making these dreams become a reality for us and for our clients!

Happy Holidays from True Friends!

Gas Griddles

The Spring Lake Park Lions club is in possession of 3 gas griddles, courtesy of the Fridley Lions Club, who have gone out of the pancake breakfast business. The griddles are set up for city gas, have 4 burners for each cooking surface and each burner has individual control knobs. The cooking surface on each griddle is 16" X 40" with an overall size of 20" X 40". There is also an assortment of black gas pipe. We have found that we are not able to use these griddles where we hold our semi-annual breakfasts, therefore we are willing to donate the griddles to any worthwhile organization, Lions Club, Scouts, Church group, etc. that can make use of them. Please contact VDG Lion Jim Kugler at C. 763-234-7695, jimkugler@comcast.net or PDG Lion Norm Kelzenberg at C. 612-219-8049, normkelzenberg2@gmail.com.

**LOOK!
HERE!**



Mid-Winter Memorial Service

We need clubs to provide biographical and service information including an original photo (scanned photos do not project well on the video screens) of our fellow Lions and Lioness who have passed in the last year. The Memorial Service is planned for Friday evening at the Mid-Winter Convention.

Please send the information no later than January 1 to: Lion Dan Kaiser, 36455 Oasis Road, Lindstrom, MN 55045. Contact him at 651-583-3428 or danandcathy@frontiernet.net. Family members of these Lions and Lionesses who have passed should be invited to attend the Memorial Service while we honor them and their service to Lionism. If you have any questions whatsoever, please call Lion Dan.



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**SILENT SANTA BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Breakfast with Santa will be Sunday, December 2nd from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We need to start cooking by 7:00 a.m. Come early, have a cup of coffee and see where you are needed. Santa will be available for pictures from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

We will be cleaning and setting up and making sausage gravy at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Some vacuuming and dusting will be needed plus cleaning bathrooms and setting up tables. The more help the faster it gets done. The hall is looking great with all the Christmas decorating that has already been done!

GOVERNORS NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday, December 6th is our annual Governors night along with our Christmas party. District Governor Al Kvistero and the Vice District Governors have been invited. This is an important night as the Governor will let us know what is happening from Lions International and on down.

The meal will be potluck. At the conclusion of the meeting we will be having a gift exchange for those who want to participate. Men bring a man gift and ladies bring a lady gift up to \$20.00 value

**DISTRICT 5M7 MID-WINTER CONVENTION**

The annual Mid-Winter convention will be January 18-20th at the Bloomington Airport Marriott again this year. This will be the last year of the convention at this location. If you haven't been there for a while come down and re-live some of the memories. Contact Lion LaNette if you're interested in attending. Reservations for the rooms need to be made by you. The convention committee has another great line up of seminars and speakers for our learning experience.

MEAT RAFFLE

The meat raffle is ongoing. So far we have had good attendance. We need volunteers every Saturday to help out. If you can help please be there around 2:30 to set up.



DECEMBER 20TH MEETING CANCELLED

The club decided to cancel the December 20th meeting. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

FOOD SHELF DONATION

Randy from the Maple Lake Lions and Craig from the Howard Lake Lions delivered a cooler full of turkeys to the Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly before Thanksgiving. Thank you to the Maple Lake Lions for allowing our club to help with this great project.



PINS

The new pins are in and will be available at our first meeting in December. The price is \$2.00 each. They commemorate our 40th year as a Lions Club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Howard Lake Lion members who are celebrating their birthdays in December: Joyce Thorson (2); Harvey Krohn (3).

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1st – Making sausage gravy and hall set up at 9:00 a.m.

December, 2nd – Breakfast with Santa at 8:00 a.m.

December 20th – **NO MEETING**

LINKS

Lions International – www.lionsclubs.org

Multiple District 5M- www.lionsmd5m.org

District 5M-7 - www.e-district.org/sites/5m7/

5M7 Gram newsletter - <http://www.e-district.org/sites/5m7/page-8.php>

Howard Lake Lions Club – www.hllions.org



Steve Mooney from the Maple Lake Lions passed away November 8, 2018.

Lion Steve was the Zone Chair in Zone 1 for 4 years

*Rest in
Peace*



There is a BEAUTIFUL page about Lion Steve.
PLEASE check it out!

<https://www.dingmannfuneral.com/notices/Stephen-Mooney>

_____YES! I am interested in attending the
2019 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute
in Mahanomen MN March 28-31, 2019

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE/PROVINCE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CLUB NAME _____

MULTIPLE AND DISTRICT _____

CURRENT LION OFFICE _____

DIETARY NEEDS (check all that apply)

- ☐ VEGETARIAN
- ☐ GLUTEN FREE
- ☐ ALLERGIES _____
- ☐ OTHER _____

**Submit this application to your District
Governor Team by February 01, 2019 for
consideration**

**\$150 Registration PAYMENT Due by
March 01, 2019**

Checks and money orders (US FUNDS)

Make payable to: **MD5M RLLI**
Send to: MD5M RLLI
Lion Vicki Violet
709 River Lane
Anoka MN 55303

Upon Successful completion of RLLI, each
participant will receive a reimbursement of
\$100 (US Funds).

WHY ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

**Gain Valuable Life Skills While
Growing Personally and
Professionally**

Energize your life and have fun!

Network-Network-NETWORK!

**You don't just meet other Lions and
make friendships, you are
guaranteed to take home long
lasting "Lion-ships"
with Lions from Minnesota, North
Dakota, South Dakota-USA,
Manitoba and NW Ontario Canada!**



"We would highly recommend attending RLLI. The course content is great in that it is wide-ranging. While most definitely relevant to Lions, it could be applicable and beneficial to improving organizational leadership anywhere in a person's life. Another great thing about RLLI would be the people you meet from all over Minnesota & Canada. The networking was amazing. Finally, we would like to mention that the faculty really went out of their way to make the learning interesting and fun. This was truly a great experience for both of us."
Lion Gina M Detviler
Lion Marcos Gonzalez
Inver Grove Heights Lions-5M6

2019 MD5M REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE March 28TH-31ST 2019 Mahanomen MN-USA



**Gain Valuable Leadership
Skills that you can bring to
your Lions Club, District and
Community!**



"The Regional Lions Leadership Institute was a very positive and motivating experience! The sessions were informative, and they provided great opportunities to discuss local issues and get feedback from other Lions!"
Lion Vern Koepf
Rush City MN USA Lions-5M7



"We Serve. That is the reason we are Lions. As a Lion, it is our responsibility to use the funds that we have been entrusted, wisely. As a service organization, we need knowledge and leaders to do this. That is why RLLI educates Lions."
Lion Sue Winner
Duluth MN USA Lions-5M10



"I just wanted to say how awesome the RLLI 2017 Leadership Institute in Mahanomen, Mn. was. Everything from the talented instructors to the diversity of interactive training sessions. I came away from the training knowing I had better skills in Diversity, Member Motivation, Communication, Time Management, and a number of other topics, to take back to my club and help my club become stronger. I would highly recommend RLLI to any Lion member who wants personal growth and to strengthen their club."
Lion Denis Deslauriers
Portage la Prairie MB Canada Lions-5M13



"It was well worth the time spent meeting new Lions and learning about their clubs and relating to the same issues. With the help of the Leadership Institute I have stepped out of my comfort zone and am now serving my second term as Club President."
Lion Warren Latham
Watertown Lions-5M2

2017 Schedule

Thursday

7:00pm Registration
7:30pm Ice Breaker / Mixer

Friday

7:00am Kick Off Breakfast!
Morning Diversity
Lions Fundamentals
Lunch On Your Own
Afternoon Local Issues
Public Speaking
Member Motivation
Dinner On Your Own
Evening Member O&A Socialization

Saturday

Breakfast On Your Own
Morning Goal Setting
Communication
Working In Teams
Lunch On Your Own
Afternoon Local Issues
Mentoring
Group Activity
Dinner Celebration Banquet

Sunday

Breakfast On Your Own
Morning Writing Your Mission Statement
Time Management
Lunch Provided (Working Lunch)
Participant Presentations
Afternoon Evaluations
Departure (2:30pm)

**Hospitality room is provided for
"On Your Own" Meals, Breaks and Social!**

2017 Staff & Guest Speaker

Lion Bert Nelson-5M9
Past Council Chair 2006-2007
Lion Angela Sharbot-5M10
Past District Governor 2012-2013
Lion Dennis Kelly III-5M6
Past District Governor 2011-2012 (24-A)
Lion Robert (Bob) Jechorek-5M5
Past Council Chair 2007-2008
Lion Lori Sheehan-5M4
International Lions Speaker and Trainer
Lion Paul Kowitz-5M6
Past District Governor 2013-2014
Lion Cheryl McKittrick-5M13
Past District Governor 2010-2011
Lion Earl Orvik-5M1
Past Council Chair 2014-2015
Lion Jay Norby-5M9
Past District Governor 2015-2016
Lion Vicki Violet-5M7
Executive Secretary MD5M (Admin)

CELEBRATION BANQUET SPEAKER
Lion Brian Sheehan-5M4
3rd Vice Pres., Lions Clubs Int'l 2018-2019



"What a great training! Not only for those interested in advancing through Lions but the curriculum also benefits your work and personal life. Highly recommended."
Lion Stacie Kuehl
Winona Sunset Lions MN USA Lions-5M1



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2018-2019 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 most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams. The 2019 recipients will be announced at the Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2019.

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, 2019** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman

9-101st Lane NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-786-8072 or bmguthrie9@q.com

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

“WE SERVE”

A Fundraising Page has now been set up for our Lions Day 2019. This is, of course, open to ALL Lions, Lioness, Leos, friends, family, neighbors, co-workers or anyone who would like to support our upcoming event!!



Please share these EASY steps with everyone in your District and beyond!

Go to: www.fmssc.org

On the top row – click on: WAYS TO GIVE

Then click on: Fundraise for FMSC

Next click on Step #2: Complimentary Online Fundraising Page

Once on that page, scroll down to: Support a Fundraiser and type in Lions Day 2019

Anyone can then read the story and make a donation!!

Don't forget to sign up for a shift or three :D

LIONS DAY

AT

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

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!!

3 locations = 860 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 Global Service Framework focusing the efforts of Lions and Leos clubs on 5 service areas with the goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

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

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

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THANK YOU!!

WE SERVE!!

2019
District 5M-7
Forty-first Annual

Mid-Winter Convention

January 18, 19, 20, 2019



Minneapolis Airport Marriott Hotel

Bloomington, Minnesota



Lions, Lioness, and Leos:

Our Forty-First Annual Mid-Winter Convention will be held at the Bloomington Airport Marriott Hotel on January 18, 19, and 20 of 2019. The hotel will begin accepting reservations **December 1, 2018**. Reservations for individuals must be made directly with the **Marriott Hotel**, contact information is provided in this booklet. Please also see the back of the booklet for reserving Hospitality Rooms. Complete the **HOSPITALITY SUITE REGISTRATION FORM**, sign it, and send that form back to the hotel to persons noted on the forms, **by 12/24/18**. Be sure to keep a copy!

NOTE: Room reservation cutoff will be DECEMBER 24, 2018. Room rates are the same as last year. Any reservations after that date will be on a "Space Available" basis. You are encouraged to NOT wait until the last minute!

This promises to be another exciting convention, with Pin Trading, Displays on many of our Lion's projects and LOTS of socializing! The programs that **Governor Al** and the Convention Committee have planned are excellent and we hope you will enjoy all of them.

Governor Al would appreciate it if all would abide by the following policies and procedures:

- Club fundraisers or club raffles **MUST** be done in the hospitality rooms.
- Hospitality room doors are to close by 1:00 AM.
- No campaign posters on the main floor of the hotel.
- Candidates for the office of District Governor and Vice District Governors for 2019 - 2020 may be announced at the close of the Sunday Breakfast. No campaigning for these candidates may be done prior to that time.

The convention will open with a Memorial Service on Friday night followed by socializing in the many hospitality rooms. Saturday morning will begin with an Orientation Seminar. This will be followed by a series of special seminars. There will be displays with people to answer your questions in the hallway between scheduled events. Luncheon will be at 12:00 PM and the Leos Clubs will be tail twisting - so bring your change! Following the luncheon, there will be the Lion's business session including voting for the next District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and a constitutional amendment. The Lioness meeting and Alternate Program will also take place on Saturday afternoon. The Banquet on Saturday evening will be another highlight of the convention and will be a very enjoyable program. There will be special entertainment following the Saturday Banquet. Sunday morning will include the Ecumenical Church Service, followed by the Breakfast.

It is requested that each Club bring one door prize (\$20 value) to be given at the close of each meal. Please drop the door prizes off as soon as possible at the registration area.

Hospitality books may be ordered immediately by using the form in this booklet. This is the **ONLY** form that is acceptable - and your check MUST accompany the order.

- **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN GET TICKETS FOR THE MEALS •**
- **THERE WILL BE NO MEAL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION •**

Your Convention Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that the convention this year will be the BEST! Your attendance and participation will make it just that. ***Start making your plans NOW!***

Club Presidents: Please pass this packet on to your Convention Chair.



YOUR 2019 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Hospitality Room Contest

1. Governor and 1st & 2nd Vice-Governor Rooms are excluded from the contest.
2. Judges will review all hospitality rooms Friday evening.
3. The winners will be announced at the Sunday morning Breakfast.
4. Rooms will be judged on the following:
 - a. Theme
 - b. Costumes
 - c. Decorations
 - d. Creativity

First Timers Contest

If this is your first Mid-Winter Convention;
Meet the VDG's in the front of the hall immediately after the opening events Friday evening to get instructions and your booklet. This will be after the memorial service at the front of the hall next to the podium. This booklet covers Lions Clubs History and your chance to meet other Lions, the winners will receive Fabulous Prizes, Good Luck

Parade of Green

The Parade of Green checks will be collected upon registration to the convention, at the front table. This will save time at the Noon Luncheon and the reporting of the donations.

Thank you.

PARADE OF GREEN

EXPLAINED

1. **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, LCIF:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. LCIF is the main humanitarian arm of the Lions around the world. **“WE GIVE SIGHT.** LCIF helps restore sight and prevent blindness by improving eye care. **WE SUPPORT YOUTH.** Through Lions Quest and other projects, youth enjoy opportunities to develop and succeed. **WE PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF.** LCIF is committed to immediate and long-term assistance. **WE MEET HUMANITARIAN NEEDS.** Programs improve health, fight measles and provide aid to the disabled and hearing impaired.” **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO LCIF. YOUR CLUB MAY EARMARK AREA OF GREATEST NEED, MEASLES INITIATIVE, DISASTER RELIEF, HUMANITARIAN NEEDS, SIGHT PROGRAMS OR YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK.** Donated funds are recorded as a Melvin Jones donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Records for donations are kept by LCIF.
2. **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. Established in 1960 the Foundation has worked to help the blind and visually impaired. The Eye Bank provides corneas for transplants and eye tissue for research. The Lions Children’s Eye Clinic treats over 5,000 children each year giving each child the best chance for a lifetime of sight. The Lions Macular Degeneration Center studies and treats macular degeneration which is the leading cause of blindness in the USA. The Vision Foundation has the following areas of focus: Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Lions Children’s Eye Clinic, MN Lions Macular Degeneration Research and Rehabilitation Center, Ophthalmology Research Support, Used Eyeglass Recycling. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION OR LIONS GIFT OF SIGHT. EARMARK A SPECIFIC USE IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK.** Donated funds are recorded as a Helen Keller donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Helen Keller Award in honor of those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. Records for donations are kept by the Vision Foundation.
3. **MD5M Hearing Foundation:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. This Foundation provides grants for funding of Research Projects and Equipment Purchases for the Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota. MD5M Lions have special focus on the Children’s Hearing Center. This Foundation also supports the Lions Voice Clinic, Lions International Hearing Foundation and a Professorial Research Grant. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO THE MD5M HEARING FOUNDATION. EARMARK THE CHILDREN’S HEARING CENTER, LIONS PROFESSORSHIP OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY, LIONS VOICE CLINIS, LIONS HEARING RESEARCH GRANTS OR “GREATEST NEED” IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK.** For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a Hearing Research Fellowship. A second donation in the same named individual will receive a Progressive Fellowship.
4. **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. The Grant committee of the Foundation has passed a 3 year grant for “The Minnesota Lions Islet Imaging Lab Fund” and for Metabolism Research. The Foundation is founded by the Lions Clubs of Minnesota. The Foundation does diabetes research, diabetes education and sponsors preventative health activities. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO THE MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION.** (Sponsor of Camp Needlepoint). Donated

funds are recorded as a Dream Catcher donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Dream Catcher Award. Records for donations are kept by your own Club.

5. **MD5M KidSight Foundation:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. KidSight is a program to screen the vision of children, primarily between the ages of 6 months and 6 years . About 7 to 15% of children screened will be referred for follow-up professional exams. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO MD5M KidSight Foundation.** For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a “Sight Saver” award.
6. **CAN DO CANINES:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. Can do Canines raises and trains Mobility Assist, Diabetes Assist, Autism Assist, Hearing Assist, Seizure Assist and other Service Dogs. The dogs are provided at no charge to the recipient. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO CAN DO CANINES.** For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a “Top Dog” award. Donation records are kept by Can do Canines
7. **LEADER DOG:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. Leader Dogs for the Blind “empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a lifetime of independent travel, opening doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight”. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO LEADER DOG.**
8. **PROJECT NEW HOPE:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. Project New Hope mission is “To provide veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service”. Project New Hope was founded in 2007 to work with Veterans and their families. A donation of \$300 will put a family and their share of support staff through the Retreat for the weekend. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO PROJECT NEW HOPE.** Project New Hope Awards are cumulative. \$5 for a wristband. Other donations are medals that can be added to your banner or put in a trophy case. A donation of \$300 will put an individual or a Club at the Gold level. An additional \$300 (total \$600) is the Blue level. An additional \$600 is the red level. Clubs can reach more than one red level. Above and Beyond medal is for service towards Project new Hope that goes “Above and Beyond. Project New Hope keeps track of the donations and issues the awards as earned.
9. **AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. The ADA leads “the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes and fight for those affected by diabetes”. They fund research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes. **CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN OUT TO THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION.** Donated funds are recorded as a Dream Catcher donation. For every \$1,000 donated, your Club may present a Dream Catcher Award. Records for donations are kept by your own Club.
10. **TRUE FRIENDS:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. True Friends is a new name for Camps we have known for a long time. Camps covered under the True Friends umbrella are Friendship, Courage, Courage North and Eden Wood. The camps “provide life-changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for children and adults with disabilities. Our array of services includes: Developmentally disabled, such as individuals with Down Syndrome or autism, Physically disabled, such as individuals with cerebral palsy or seizure disorder. Learning disabled, such as individuals with ADD/ADHD or non-verbal learning disabilities. **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO TRUE FRIENDS. YOUR CLUB MAY EARMARK A SPECIAL CAMP BY WRITING THAT CAMP ON THE MEMO LINE.**
11. **SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** This is a 501 c (3) so is eligible for either gambling or project fund donations. “Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, a world in which every single person is accepted and welcomed regardless of

ability or disability. We are helping to make the world a better, healthier and more joyful place--one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time". **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS. YOUR CLUB MAY EARMARK MINNESOTA BY WRITING THAT ON THE MEMO LINE.**

12.OTHER: This line is unique for each Club. Your Club may wish to donate to United Way, American Cancer Society, Leukemia Foundation, Liver Foundation, Ronald McDonald House or a variety of other very worthwhile causes.

13.5M7 LEOS: The Leos (under 18 in the US) are part of the Lions Organization so funding may only come from Project monies. Lions Multiple 5M7 currently has 3 very active Leo Groups in Spring Lake Park, Forest Lake and Big Lake with three potential new Clubs in Coon Rapids at the High School level and at the middle school level and in Rush City. Leo's age out at age 18 so it is a constant membership drive. There are no dues for the individual Leos but the parent Club pays an annual fee. **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO 5M7 LEOS.**

14.5M7 YOUTH OUTREACH: The Youth Outreach program is a part of the Lions Organization so funding may only come from Project monies. Youth Outreach encompasses the Drug Awareness Program, the Peace Poster Contest, bullying, homeless youth, bombs guns, sex abuse smoking, hunger and the list goes on. We want our kids to be safe and have the ability to learn. **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO 5M7 YOUTH OUTREACH.**



2018-2019 5M7 MID-WINTER CONVENTION PARADE OF GREEN



CLUB _____

Gambling Donations Allowed	Donations since 7/1/18	Donations Today
Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF (Melvin Jones)		
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (Helen Keller)		
Lions Gift of Sight, Macular Degeneration Center		
Children's Eye Clinic		
MD5M Hearing Foundation (Hearing Research Fellowship)		
Children's Hearing Center		
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (Dreamcatcher)		
MD5M KidsSight Foundation (Sight Saver)		
Can Do Canines (Top Dog)		
Leader Dog (Top Dog)		
Project New Hope – returning veterans program		
American Diabetes Association (Camp Needle Point)		
True Friends (Camps Include:)		
Friendship, New Hope, Courage, Courage North and Eden Wood		
Camp Confidence		
Special Olympics		
Other (Non 501C (3))		
NON-Gambling Donations		
5M7 Leos		
5M7 Youth Outreach		
Childhood Cancer		
Other (please list)		
Total Donations		



Lions 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention
January 18, 19 & 20, 2019
Minneapolis Airport Marriott, Bloomington, Minnesota

REGISTRATION FORM

Guest #1: Select One () Lion () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Last Name:	First Name:	Email Address:
Address/PO Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Needs:



Guest #2: Select One () Lion () Lioness () Leo () Spouse/Guest

Last Name:	First Name:	Email Address:
Address/PO Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Needs:

Hotel Reservations:

Please arrange your room through the Airport Marriott at (952)-854-7441. To get the discount rate of \$97+tax per night you must make your reservation before Dec 24, 2018.

Please see the www.5m7.org web site for the complete convention handbook.

Please see the www.5m7.org web site for hospitality room sign-up sheets.

All people attending meals will receive a name badge with their meals indicated on the badge.

No refunds after January 6, 2019

	Price Before 12/31	Price After 12/31	Guest #1	Guest #2	Total
Complete Meal Book	\$115	\$125			
Saturday Luncheon	\$35	\$40			
Saturday Banquet	\$50	\$55			
Sunday Brunch	\$35	\$40			
Total	*****	*****			

Please make checks payable to: 5M-7 Mid Winter Convention

Mail to: Lion Hal Hinchliffe
7414 Oakley St, NE
Fridley, MN 55432-3430

Governors Visit Form



2018 – 2019 Governors Visit

Club: _____

Preferred Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Social Hour: _____ Meeting/Dinner Time: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Location: _____

Address: _____

Directions: _____

Dinner: Yes ____ No ____

Joint Meeting? Yes ____ No ____

If Yes, list other clubs _____

Special Requests during visit (Install Officers, Induct Members, Present Awards, Other)

1 st VDG Invited	Yes ____ No ____	Spouse	Yes ____ No ____
2 nd VDG Invited	Yes ____ No ____	Partner	Yes ____ No ____
Zone Chair Invited	Yes ____ No ____	Spouse	Yes ____ No ____

Please return to me via email or snail mail to schedule your club visit.

I will contact you one week before to reconfirm the date, directions, and any other special requests.

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*Love,
Lion Brittani, Lion Phil,
Leo Logan, Sofia, and
Bubba*