



Lions Clubs International
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LIONS 5M7 GRAM



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Things on my mind: District Governor Jim Kugler



So, what's on my mind?

Since the last newsletter, there have been club visits and a trip to Spokane WA to attend the Forum. What an experience. If you have not been to a Forum, I'd like to invite you to attend. The next Forum will be in Louisville, KY next September. If the distance is a little too much, the Forum in 2021 will be held in Des Moines IA. The Forum is designed for ALL Lions and not just lions in leadership positions. It's one of the benefits of being a

lion. 4:48 PM typically, the Forum begins on Thursday afternoon with a couple of learning sessions. A few examples of the Thursday afternoon sessions included: Hot

re Up your Lions, Young Lions making a difference, Ten Things a Club President needs to know when the DG visits. I attended the session on New Lion's Technology, or MyLion. The presenters were assisted by folks from LCI, so we had a chance to ask some tough questions. LCI admitted there were lots of issues with the roll out. They even admitted to firing one of the developers for not doing what they were contracted to do. All meal seating is by color coding. We all got to sit in a different part of the auditorium enabling us to get close to the main stage. Most tables had table hosts. Those table hosts were sitting executive officers, including the president, vice presidents, the sitting international directors and past presidents and directors. You could have a conversation with them just as you would with any lion at any other meeting. We are all lions at the Forum. There was entertainment of Thursday night, a band. Saturday sessions included: Does your club get along/ What does leadership look like for the future? Be the Leader they stay for and NAMI not just another acronym; New Voices, where do we go from here? And the list goes on. Everyone can get something from the Forum Not only do you get classroom instruction, we also got instruction on Spokane including the Lions Tap, some of the history, an opportunity to visit parts of the area and meet other lions from all over the US and Canada. If we continue to do what we've already done and expect different results, we are living in a cloud. Membership in the US and Canada has been on the decline for years. That decline has to be reversed. NAMI is another acronym. It stands for North America Membership Initiative. Districts and clubs are being asked to do things in a different manner to help eliminate



the drop-in membership. What can you and your club do to change the membership trajectory? What about starting a branch club devoted to working with families who are in special Olympics, a club of ex-Leos who are not involved with a lion's club, a club just for folks who like to fish? What can your club do to make meetings more fun? Do we have to sing? Do we have to have dinner meetings, or can our meetings be online? How can the district help? The NAMI is not going to go away. We will be hearing more about this program for the next **several years**. What are your suggestions for NAMI?

Lion Jim



A message from:
1stVDG
Peter Lendway

The holiday season is upon us. Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many clubs will be providing dinners and home delivered meals to those who are in need. I always hear heartwarming stories the recipients tell of being grateful that someone thought of them. For whatever reason they are in need or just lonely. Thank you, Lions, for your compassion and thoughtfulness this holiday season.

I was at a recent rehearsal of the much beloved play, "It's a Wonderful Life", and was struck by a line where the character Clarence the Angel observed, out loud, "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives, and when he isn't around, it leaves an awful hole."

As Lions we fill those holes. Oftentimes we do not see the holes because we are already filling them. Keep serving the communities you are in knowing that without you there would undoubtedly be holes had the Lions never existed.



Lion Peter Lendway, 1VDG



Thoughts from:
2nd Vice District Governor
Judy Herrala



5m7 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Today I had the opportunity to attend **Thanksgiving for Vision**. Those in attendance at this event learned all about the care and handling of donated eyes. It was a chance to meet employees from Lions Gift of Sight and also Dr. Hou, the Medical Director for Lions Gift of Sight. Dr. Hou spoke of the research that is taking place at Lions Gift of Sight at this time. There was a luncheon with a couple of speakers who were cornea recipients from Lions Gift of Sight. Thank you, Lions, for working so hard at your fundraisers so that your clubs can donate to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Today I saw the results of our pancake breakfasts, our fundraising dinners, and all of our fundraising events. All of our club presidents received an invite to this Thanksgiving for Vision event. If you were not able to attend, please watch for this event next year and remember that every club president gets an invite and can pass that invite along to someone else if unable to attend.

Governors nights, zone meetings, club events, district governor team meetings, convention meetings, trainings, a new member induction.....all of these things, and more, have been part of my **busy October**. Our district 5M7 is amazing. Each of our clubs works so hard in our communities. Every club is different in how they accomplish their fundraising, but in the end, we are all the same. We are all raising funds for the same reason. To make this world a better place. And that is not only in our district, but in our multiple district and in the entire United States and around the world.

How is your club doing with reporting your **activities in MyLion**? I understand there is less reporting than in prior years since Lions International has moved to the different reporting system this year. I'm going to put this out there.....how can I help? Please let me know if you or your secretary or anyone in your club would like assistance with reporting. If we are not reporting our clubs' activities, LCI does not know what we are doing. To me, reporting is an excellent chance to "TOOT YOUR HORN." Every single one of our clubs is doing so much to make our world a better place and we need to be proud of it. And if you are having trouble with this, there are guides written, there are experts in reporting in MyLion, and there would be nothing better than to have 100% of our clubs reporting our activities in My Lion. Please let me know if you need help and I will get help for your club. Why is reporting so important? Reporting allows us to continuously engage in our communities, it allows us to tell our story more effectively and it ultimately allows our clubs to grow our member base. When we grow our member base, we do more service. When we do more service, we have more leaders. It's all a big circle of our Lions life. If Lions clubs International doesn't know what we are doing, how can they report Lions impact around the world? They can't. We are here to assist your club with reporting. Let us know.

I attended **Second Vice District Governor** Training in Mahanomen this month and attended my first Council of Governors Meeting as well. There was a lot of learning, and also a whole lot of laughs. I met all of the other second vice district governors and now we are all connected and will meet online every so often. My journey has been amazing, and it has just begun. I'd like to encourage some of you to think about a leadership journey in the lions. I'm not going to lie and say there's nothing to it. Because there is a lot to it. Just remember you are never alone!

How many of you are planning on attending **Mid-Winter Convention** January 10-12? It is NOT in Bloomington! It is in Brooklyn Center just off of 694 on Freeway Blvd. The convention information and paperwork should be coming out soon, so watch for it. You will note that some things are a bit different, such as the memorial service not being on Friday night. It is now on Saturday. After the memorial service is the business meeting and then there will be some fun prior to the banquet. I hope to see you there, it will be fun!

See you soon!

2nd VDG Judy Herralá



Parade of Green/Donations by check



Believe it or not, we are just over 75 days away from the 5M-7 Mid-Winter Convention in Brooklyn Center. PDG Terry and Lion Lyle hope to see you at the **Radisson North** the weekend of January 10th thru the 12th, 2020. As your Lions Club begins preparations for the convention, we would like to remind you of a couple of items. The first one concerns your Parade of Green contributions. PDG Terry and Lion Lyle encourage you to remember the **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation** when making your selections for donations at the convention. With the increasing costs of maintaining our Lions vision programs at the U of M and across the state, your financial support of the Foundation now is even more vital. With 2020 being the 60th anniversary of the foundation, we are hoping you will help in the celebration of this milestone. When you or your club is making a donation, please make all your checks out to the *Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation* or *MLVF*. You can indicate the Foundation program you wish to support towards, such as the *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)* or the *Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center (MLESC)*, in the **Memo section** on the check.

Used Eyewear Collection



The other Mid-Winter Convention reminder for you is concerning used eyewear. PDG Terry and Lion Lyle will have a booth set up in the hotel. Besides having information and promotional items for you to pick up, this booth will be accepting used eyewear for recycling and re-distribution. The **Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MLERC)** will be sending a truck and trailer to collect any used eyewear the Lions of 5M-7 bring to the convention. Now is the time to pack up that eyewear you've been picking up at your collection sites and to bring it down to the Mid-Winter. The MLERC can accept prescription eyeglasses (frames with lenses intact), non-prescription sunglasses, and reading glasses. (No lenses without

frames or plastic frames without lenses, please). Let's fill that trailer and the only way to do that is by bringing those eyeglasses to Bloomington!

Eye Donation Month



In case you weren't aware of it, November is **Eye Donation Month**. Your **Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)** board representatives, PDG Terry and Lion Lyle, would like to remind you to celebrate **Eye Donation 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 November, please make sure to tell your family and friends to sign up for eye donations. Have you and your friends and family sign a **Lions Gift of Sight Eye Donor Card** and carry it in your wallet or purse. You can ask for one from PDG Terry and Lion Lyle. 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.

National Donor Sabbath



National Donor Sabbath is observed annually two weekends before Thanksgiving, from Friday through Sunday. This three-day observance will take place on **November 15th to 17th, 2019** and seeks to include the days of worship for major religions practiced in the United States. During the National Donor Sabbath, faith leaders from many religions, donor families, transplant recipients, and donation and transplantation professionals participate in services and programs to educate the public about the need for the lifesaving and healing gifts passed to others through transplantation, while also encouraging people to register their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donors. Please speak to your family, friends and acquaintances about the importance of making the decision to make the gift of life. A great way to celebrate the National Donor Sabbath is to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.

Club Visits



PDG Terry and Lion Lyle are eager to speak at your Club or Zone meetings, dinners and functions.

They would be happy to share with your group the latest news about the *University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences* research and treatment programs. They are especially excited to come talk to you about the proposed **Lions Eye Institute** to be built at the U of M and how you can help with those efforts. 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.

Keep up the good work, 5M-7! You are all truly 'Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness'!

Yours in Lionism,

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There's No Politics in Lions!

But Lions have been, and should be, involved in politics. Imagine the world without newborn hearing screenings. It was the MD5M Lions who were responsible for getting legislation requiring those hearing screenings enacted.

Occasionally, such as now, there occurs an issue that requires Lions to take action. Outside organizations are attempting to put Lions Gift of Sight, formerly known as the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, out of business. This means that eyes donated in Minnesota will be shipped to the west coast and the valuable eye research done at the University of Minnesota in fields such as Macular Degeneration will be without valuable tissue.

The Council of Governors has added an Advocacy Coordinator position to help coordinate Lions efforts when needed throughout the Multiple. All directors in all supported foundations, from the Vision Foundation, Diabetes Foundation, Hearing Foundation, KidSight Foundation, Special Olympics and Canadian foundations need to be ready to be advocates for their respective activities to their legislative bodies.

But more than that, MD5M needs Lions who are willing to write their legislators, follow up and perhaps even attend hearings to show their support for issues affecting Lions and their programs. It would be wonderful if 30 or more Lions would volunteer to be Advocates besides those who are Foundation directors. Sample letters, talking points and prompt notice of hearings will all be provided.

If you can help, please email your name and email address to the address listed below so I may get in touch with you when needed. This doesn't occur often, but when it does, we need to be ready.

Thank you for your consideration, help and service!

Lion PID Mike Molenda

MD5M Advocacy Coordinator

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ENVIRONMENTAL

BASICS OF RECYCLING

JAN DUBATS- ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR

At the last meeting of the Anoka Lions, Lion Brittani gave a report about the fall Anoka Recycling Event. I was glad to be reminded of good recycling practices!

Recycling Curbside – Put all items loose in your recycling cart – No plastic bags. Return plastic bags to the local grocer or retailer. Do not include “tangles” such as hoses, cords wires, string lights and ropes.

Make containers are clean – boxes flattened, dry, free of grease, food, excess tape and plastic.

Paper YES: mixed paper (mail, magazines and catalogs), boxes (cardboard, cereal, cracker and pasta, shoe, electronic, tissue). **NO:** pizza or boxes with soiled food, egg cartons, paper towel, napkins, gift wrap, tissue paper. No shredded paper in your recycling cart. Check with your municipal recycling days for the disposing of shredded paper.

Glass YES: beverage and food bottles and Jars. **NO:** Drinking glasses, dishes, pottery, vases, window and mirror glass, light bulbs, containers that held hazardous products such as nail polish or paints.

Metal YES: beverage and food cans, aluminum foil, trays and pie tins. **NO:** paint, aerosol cans and containers that held products such as paint thinner or automotive fluids, scrap metal such as cookware, nails and hangers.

Cartons YES: milk, juice, juice boxes (straws removed), soup, broth and wine cartons. **NO:** Ice cream, egg cartons, plastic straws and foil drink pouches.

Plastic YES bottles and jugs (water, soda, juice, milk, ketchup, salad dressing, dish soap, detergent, shampoo, lotion). **Cups and containers:** Yogurt, pudding, fruit cups, clear plastic cups, margarine, cottage cheese and other tubs and lids. **NO:** plastic bags, Styrofoam, black food trays, plastic utensils.

County facilities – Some household products are hazardous and should not be placed in the garbage. Take unneeded paint, cleaners, fluorescent bulbs and garden products to your County Hazardous Waste Facility.

Compost Sites – Check with your county compost site – Anoka has two sites. Food scraps and non-recyclable compostable products are accepted.

Remember those 3 R's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle





St. Francis Lions Club will be hosting its
9TH ANNUAL
FREE Breakfast
For Veterans
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
 0800-1030 Buffet Breakfast
 0910-1030 Veterans Day Program
 Guest Speaker St. Francis Area Schools Superintendent
 Beth Giese, United States Army Reserve
 St. Francis American Legion Post #
 3073 Bridge Street, St. Francis, MO
All are welcome!
 Breakfast for non-veterans is \$5





ST. FRANCIS LIONS PRESENTS
"A TURKEY TRIATHALON"
 November 9th, 2019 @ the American Legion

3:00 - 5:00 TURKEY BOWLING



5:00 - 6:30 TURKEY DINNER



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6:30 - 9:30 TURKEY BINGO



FUN, FEAST AND FESTIVITIES, PLUS DOOR PRIZES
 Cover all prize; **\$500.00** Gift Card from County Market

St. Francis Ambassadors Bake Sale



[PROCEEDS TO GO TO LOCAL FOOD SHELF & OTHER CHARITIES]

St. Francis Lions



Greetings,

The 2019 Leo Conference is under our belt. We had a total number of 56 Youth and 10 Chaperones along with 7 Guests.

Lion Cindy Walters came and spoke about Lions Youth Exchange- she said because of coming to speak at the Leo Conference there has been an increase in Youth going out and more interest as a whole in the program.

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie came and spoke about the Pin Traders Scholarship and gave each Leo a Ziplock baggie with 25 assorted pins. It was fun seeing the kids trading and wearing them around all weekend.

I am very happy to report that we had 2 DG's and their wives come and have supper on Saturday night and do the Escape Room with the Leos. They got to tour the Woods with VDG Anna, get a bit cold and find out about what we do at Camp. After supper she gave them a walk around and showed them the 4 cabins we were assigned to this year. It was a great experience having them there.

Thank You DG Jim and Jan Kugler and DG Brian and Rose Theis for braving the elements and joining us for the evening.

We received sponsorships from District 5M2 and the clubs of Chaska, Cologne, Eagle Lake, Hamburg, Nicollet, and Victoria of 5M2.

District 5M4

And District 5M7 along with the clubs Andover, Anoka, Ramsey, Andover and Spring Lake Park of 5M7.

The total number of Leos broke down by District:

5M1: 7

5M2: 16

5M4: 6

5M7: 23

5M8: 4

Our theme this year was "Diversity" and what it means. The Leos has some fantastic thoughts on the subject. We also did Team building and Leadership games, had a company come in and do an Escape Room, froze our fingers and toes off doing the Challenge Course and Zipline, did some service projects and made leadership vision Boards and My Intent bracelets.

Too see more pictures Like us on Facebook at MD5MLEos.



Membership induction at the Circle Pines-Lexington meeting. Lion Ginny Hestekind is the sponsor!



Welcome Lion Karen and Richard





YES, The MD5M Hearing Foundation has changed its name! Our new name is The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, INC

YES, The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation co-sponsored a cochlear implant picnic, for implant patients and their families, with the Department of Otolaryngology and the Children’s Hearing and ENT Clinic at the University of Minnesota.

YES, The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation approved funding for construction and equipment for a new hearing testing booth at the Children’s Hearing and ENT Clinic at the U of M.

AND, YES, You are all Lions, and as such you should all be informed of all these and many more projects of the Hearing Foundation. Also, you should be a part of this action by making a contribution to the Foundation to support the work that is being done on your behalf.

The trustees that have volunteered to represent the lions of the district are ready, willing and able to come to your club or zone meetings and inform the membership of all those wonderful happenings and many more. Please contact your trustee.

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“Journey of Peace”

Lion Debra Wasserman

Lions Clubs International Essay Contest, MD5M Chair

The LCI Essay Contest began in 2010 as a companion to the Peace Poster contest. It is directed to students who are blind or visually impaired giving them the opportunity to write on the same theme as students participating in the artistic Peace Poster contest.

The Peace Poster contest and the Essay contest give students the chance to share their ideas and perspectives, and we adults the opportunity to learn about their view of the world and its future. The more students who are able to participate in the contests, the better for us locally and the world in general.

Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired receive information about the contest but reaching others who may know students is the goal of this article. If you know a student or a school district person, please do share this information. Peace Poster kits contain information you can use and share with those who might know a student who would be interested in participating in the contest.

I am also available to answer any questions and share information that would help you, your club, or those working with students.

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612-718-8330 (Cell)

Essay 2019-2020

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES



Journey of Peace

Your club can sponsor visually-impaired students in the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2019. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2005 through November 15, 2008. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Journey of Peace."

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

DEADLINES

November 15, 2019 – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. **Note:** A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry.

December 1, 2019 – Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to Brand & Marketing Strategy at Lions Clubs International.

December 1, 2019 – Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to Brand & Marketing Strategy at Lions Clubs International (postmarked by December 1).

December 15, 2019 – Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to Brand & Marketing Strategy at Lions Clubs International.

February 1, 2020 – Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned. They become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays (partial or in their entirety) cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

Mailing address:

Essay Contest, Brand & Marketing Strategy
Lions Clubs International
300 W. 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Email: peaceposter@lionsclubs.org

(The words "Lions Essay Contest" must appear in the subject line of the e-mail.)

ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please type or print clearly. All information and signatures are required.

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Winner's Name _____

Essay Title _____

Age _____ Birth Date _____ Check One: Male _____ Female _____
Day/Month/Year

School _____ Grade _____

Home Phone Number* _____

Email _____

Student's Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature _____

2. LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____

Club Number _____ District Number _____

President Name _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes) _____

City, State, Country _____ Postal or Zip Code _____

Club President's Signature _____

3. DISTRICT INFORMATION

District Governor _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

District Governor's Signature _____

4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Multiple District Council Chairperson _____

Cell (or Home) Phone* _____ Work Phone* _____

Email _____

Council Chairperson's Signature _____

**Include area code in the U.S. or country and city codes outside the U.S.*



LIONESS ACTIVITY REPORT: 2019-20

"We Serve"



Club Name: Big Lake Lioness Club

Club Secretary: Lioness Judie Zaske

Month/Year Reported: 10/2019

Members last month: 14

- Adds: 0
- Drops: 0

Total Members this month: 14

LIONESS SPONSORED DONATIONS

10/01: Profit from September Garage Sale going to two organizations; SCAUW Community Connect event and Granny's Closet

10/14: Donated money to Sherburne County Foster Care Holiday event to purchase books for foster care children at Christmas

10/19: Provided prize money for bingo winners

10/19: Purchased flowers for residents with birthdays in October

LIONESS SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

10/21: Volunteered for local food shelf Produce Distribution event

10/16: Sponsored monthly NAPS Program [Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors]

10/19: Held nursing home/care center bingo for residents

10/28: Held a Halloween Dance at Options, Inc for mentally and physically challenged adults

UPCOMING EVENT/S AND DATES

11/16: Sponsor Care Center/Nursing home bingo

11/20 Sponsor monthly NAPS Program [Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors]

11/25: Distribute Thanksgiving Gift Cards to local seniors

ATTENDANCE AT OTHER LIONESS/LIONS FUNCTIONS

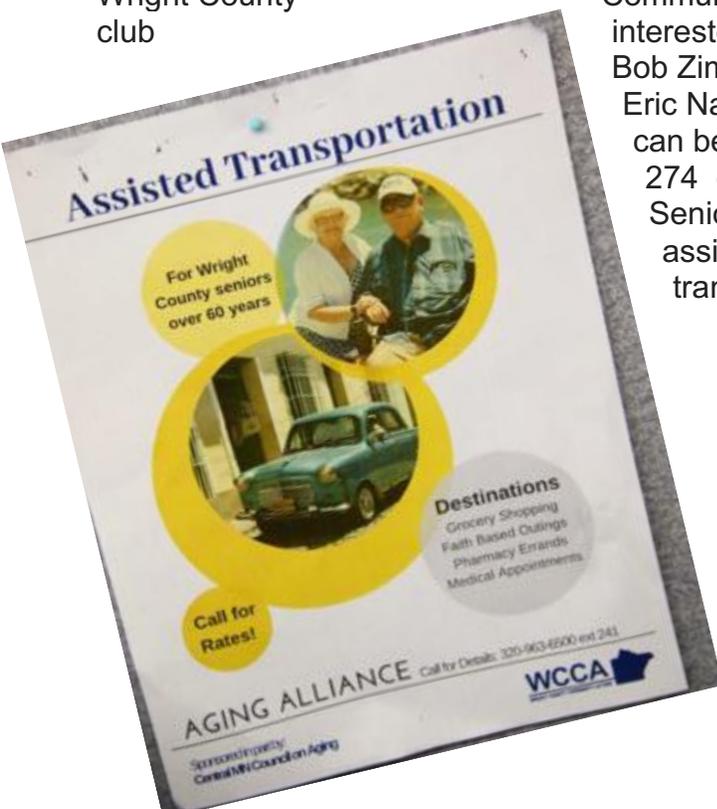
10/12: Three members attended the Fall Group meeting in Isanti

The Maple Lake Lions have started collaborating with Wright County Community Action to increase the number of volunteer drivers for eligible Wright County residents who are over 60 years of age. Lion Bob Zimmerman and WCCA Aging Alliance Manager Eric Nagel started working to create the partnership when Mr. Nagel mentioned that more than half of requested rides for their assisted transportation program are for vision and hearing medical appointments and there were not enough volunteer drivers to meet the need. While anyone who meets the background check and other requirements can volunteer and be reimbursed at the current IRS rate of \$.58 per mile, ride requests were not being filled. Lion Zimmerman saw a strong connection to Lions serving people with vision impairments and Mr. Nagel worked through his agency and the Lions Drive project was created. Interested Lions will go through the WCCA volunteer screening and follow all of their rules when providing rides and WCCA will handle all scheduling and monetary issues. Rather than reimbursing a Lion volunteer individually, WCCA will reimburse the Lions Club directly. In the first two months of the partnership Lions have provided five rides for which the club has been reimbursed nearly \$150.00.



The Memorandum of Understanding created between the Maple Lake Lions and Wright County club

Community Action can be used as a template by any Lions interested in connecting with a volunteer driving program. Lion Bob Zimmerman can be emailed at blzbob.usfamily.net and Mr Eric Nagel can be contacted at 320-963-6500 ext 274 or enagel@wccaweb.com. The Senior Linkage Line at 800-333-2433 has information about assisted transportation programs in areas beyond Wright County



Maple Lake Lions

TO ALL LIONS, LEOS AND LIONESS IN 5M7

3rd Annual LIONS DAY at Feed My Starving Children - Monday, April 20,2020

Lions from 4 Districts (5M2, 5M5, 5M6 and 5M7) will be coming together at the 3 FMSC locations around the Twin Cities to pack food for the starving children of the World!! Our goal is to have every club in the 4 Districts participate in one or more shifts on April 20.

Promote this in your communities as part of the Lions Clubs International Global Service Framework focusing the efforts of Lions and Leos Clubs on the service areas which includes hunger.

Feed My Starving Children is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. FMSC has earned the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for 14 consecutive years. A single meal costs only 24 cents to produce and more than 99% of meals shipped have reached their intended destination. FMSC devotes more than 91% of total donations directly to feeding kids!! \$52 provides one box of 216 meals. \$88 feeds a child for 1 year. \$365 feeds a family for 1 year. \$1,866 provides a pallet of food. Please consider having some type of a fund raiser in your club between now and LIONS DAY.

If you would like to have a speaker from FMSC come out to your club for a meeting or at a Zone Meeting, please feel free to contact them at speakers@fmsc.org

We will be having more information for volunteering available in upcoming 5M7 GRAMS. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to email us. Thank You!!
WE SERVE WE SERVE

Lions Bill and Marcia Guthrie
Co-Chairman of LIONS DAY at FMSC
bmguthrie9@q.com





LIONS DAY – MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

CHANHASSEN – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhasseen, 55317

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM – 100

Lions contact person – GST (5M2) Darlene Mondor – mondordarlene8@gmail.com

GST (5M5) Bernie Braegelmann – Bernxie@aol.com

COON RAPIDS – 401 – 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, 55433

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

(LEOS CLUBS) 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM – 140

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM - 100

Lions contact person – Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie – bmguthrie9@q.com

EAGAN – 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite #136, Eagan, 55121

Shift times and # of reserved spots - 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - 100

Lions contact person – GST (5M6) Gina Denviler - gmdenviler@lions5m-6.org

As of 10-10-2019

Rochester...

... Our VISION is 20/20

**Go to MD5M
Website:
Events Tab
for Links**

2019-20 District Governors: Someone from the host committee will attend the Mid-Winter Conventions! Please arrange with the venue to have a secure wi-fi connection so registrations can be safe. Remember: Online Registration ONLY.

88 Current Registrations

The convention prices listed are valid through July 31, 2019

2019/2020 Multiple District Convention and Registration Information...

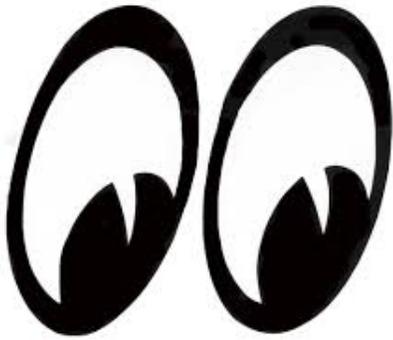
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For Hotel Booking, click the following link...

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=9733&nights=1&checkin=04/30/2020&group=LIONSCLUB2020>

- ✚ May 1-3, 2020—Rochester, MN
- ✚ Rochester Civic Center Venue
- ✚ Kahler Hotel for Housing—being renovated!
- ✚ Working on transportation between the main venues
- ✚ 60th Anniversary of the Lions Eye Bank (now known as Gift of Sight)
- ✚ Use the 20/20 theme for vision references
- ✚ Dr. Erik van Kuijk will update us on the Lions Eye Institute
- ✚ Vision speaker-corneal transplant for example
- ✚ Post Town Winery (4 miles from Civic Center)
- ✚ Salem Glen Winery (10 miles from Civic Center)
- ✚ Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo (13 miles from Civic Center)
- ✚ 'O' K walk incorporating Rochester's famous Canadian Geese population
- ✚ World famous Mayo Clinic across from the Kahler Hotel (tours available)





Who is ready to take on this collection of all of the PDG mugs and the bookcase to house them. I am looking for someone who can give this collection a good home and keep the collection going. Please contact me at 612-319-8049 or normkelzenberg2@gmail.com.





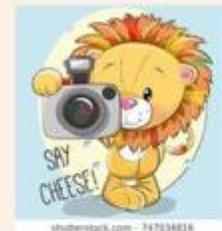
MD5M PHOTO CONTEST

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

“UNFORGETTABEL SCENERY – CITY OR COUNTRY”

RULES:

- Original work of a Lion or Leo Member
- Submit name, phone number, district, name of the subject, and city or town photo was taken
- Only one entry per member
- Submit photo by email in digital format, must be minimum resolution of 300dpi, and in jpeg format to rpuckett66@gmail.com
- No snail mail
- Entry will imply consent to use for promotional activities
- First Place \$30.00 or 11x17 Canvas
- Second Place \$20.00 or 8x10 Canvas



Convention update:

Save the date

The dates for the convention are **January 10-12, 2020.**

The location will be at the Radisson in Brooklyn Center.

There are changes. Friday night will start with our normal flag ceremony. This will be followed by a presentation by past director Bruce Beck. The hospitality rooms will open after Bruce's comments. The memorial service has been moved to Saturday afternoon.

Saturday will feature a number of presentations, lunch, a fun raiser for the childhood cancer foundation, our business meeting and with a banquet with entertainment.

Sunday will have an award focus along with a buffet breakfast.

The costs for the meals have been reduced. The cost for rooms will be about the same as they were last year.

Stay tuned for more details in the next few months.

Lion Jim



Deadline for entry to the Gram is by the 20th of each month.

Do you know anyone interested is making the Gram?

I will be leaving this position as I will be going back to school. Please keep your ear out for someone and let me know if anyone comes to mind.

Thank you all!

Lion Brittani

5m7gram@gmail.com



2019 – 2020 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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Happy Thanksgiving
from our family
to you and yours!

