



# 5M7 GRAM

**WE SERVE**

**AUGUST 2020**

**District Governor Peter Lendway**



## Lions, Lioness and Leo's,

Here we are at the start of a new Lions year! Can you believe it? We have some exciting opportunities ahead of us. Some people might say that we have 'difficulties to overcome'. Either way, there is a fair amount of work for all of us to do to discover the needs in our communities and to use our ingenuity to fulfill those needs. The needs may not all be Covid-19 related but I suspect that many of

them will be.

The Lions are a diverse group of people coming from a variety of backgrounds, each with their own perspective. What can be better suited to address the needs of their community than that? We are Lions and we are **LIONS STRONG!**

Let's start the year by refocusing on the communities we live in with the intention of assisting those in need. After all Covid-19 has changed the way we do things but it has not changed who we are!

I would encourage all clubs to do a Community Needs Survey to discover the needs in their communities. As well connected as we think we are, we may be surprised at what we find from the responses we get. This is something that could actually be done on a regular basis as needs change over time in our communities.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as District Governor for this next year. I have some mighty big shoes, or sandals, to fill and I know that when we work together, we can accomplish great things!

Yours in service  
DG Peter Lendway

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***DG Lion Peter's Motto: " Kindness Matters"***

### 1st VDG Lion Judy Herrala



5m7 Lions, Lioness and Leos,

How is your club doing? Is your club able to do what Lions do....“serve?” Usually at the beginning of a Lions year, we spend some time creating a calendar with our activities and begin planning our projects. Wait a minute.....Covid is happening. But Covid doesn't have to stop all of our Lions activities. Even knowing Covid is here and could impact our activities we can still plan! We can plan to hold our activities but in a different way. Have you ever thought about holding that same project you have always held, but doing it differently? Try it. At our club's last meeting we listed some of our upcoming activities, went through the list and talked about them. The ideas were flying through the room! It was noisy in there! Doing things, a new way and with ideas from the whole club got my club excited so we're going to try some. I hope your clubs do the same.

I've heard rumblings of clubs who are beginning to meet again after a few months of not meeting who are using online meeting tools. I have also heard from some clubs that would like to meet but are unsure about the use of the online meeting tools, and maybe you are not sure members would/could do that. Maybe you haven't ever done it but want to try. I would love to assist you if your club is just not quite ready to meet in person yet. I can help you discover ways for your club to meet or at least connect with your members. What fun it would be to have a social activity over zoom! Just get together and have some fun. If you would like to do that, and aren't sure how to go about it, let me know. I think there's a few of us who can help!

Now is a good time to work on membership in our clubs. Believe it or not, people are looking for places to go safely and for things to do. But how the heck can we do that with Covid hanging around? Well let's find a way! How about contacting your local Farmers Market and asking if your club can assist with “things” like parking, checking people in, or maybe you can have a membership table at the market? I know a club that has offered to work at the community corner at the market and while talking about the community, can also talk about the Lions.

What about holding a zoom meeting in your community so residents can find out more about your Lions Club? Zoom can host community gatherings and other online platforms. What a perfect opportunity to chat with residents about a topic that we are passionate about. We can find their passions as well and invite them into our clubs to turn their passions for their community into reality.

Thank you, District 5m7 Lions, Lioness and Leos, for doing all that you do. Keep up your great work!

Hope to see you soon!

1st VDG Judy Herrala

### 2nd VDG Lion Mark Landwehr

My apologies to the readers of 5M7 Gram but somehow I've lost 2nd VDG Lion Mark. I've searched and searched my database and can't find him. I know he's here somewhere! So.....to that end, when I find him, I'll add him to the September newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

5M7 Gram Editor

DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS



MINNESOTA LIONS  
VISION FOUNDATION



HEARING FOUNDATION, INC.

As I sit up North because of Covid-19 things have really changed! **My name is PDG Lion Steve Linder.** I've been asked District Governor Peter to be on the 5M7 cabinet this year as the representative for the MN Lions Vision Foundation. For those who may not know me, I was sponsored by PDG Brian Towes and joined the Fridley Lions Club in 1995 and held the office of tail –twister and president. I transferred to Spring Lake Park where I held many officer positions as well as Zone Chair and Region Chair, and as Leader Dog and Can Do Canine representative. I became District Governor in July 2016 and have since transferred to the Coon Rapids Lions Club. I would happy to come to your club and share information on the MN Lions Vision Foundation and the work they do. Please feel free to contact PDG Terry or Lion Steve with any questions. Thank you 5M-7 for truly being “Knights of the Blind.”

Thank you for all you do  
PDG Lion Steve Linder

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Greetings fellow Lions of District 5M-7,

Welcome to the “new” world. Let me start this off by introducing myself. **My name is Lion Hal Hinchliffe.** I am a member of the Spring Lake Park Lions Club and this is my 5th year serving on the Hearing Foundation board. At this writing, I am the only Trustee for our District and I look forward to getting out and spreading the good news about what is going on at the U of M and all things concerning hearing loss. My contact information is in the signature block. Feel free to contact me concerning coming to a meeting or if you have question about how many Fellowship Awards your club has.

As I am sure you all remember, we regretfully had to cancel our annual D-FEET Hearing Walk due to the Covid19 crisis. Again, regretfully the U of M had to cancel the Cochlear Implant Picnic which is normally held in September.

At the end of July, we, along with two of the other Foundations, will be holding our Summer Retreat and our first Board meeting of the year. I am eager to begin a new year and am excited to hear about the newest things on the horizon to help those who are hearing impaired.

Lion Hal Hinchliffe

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DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS

Did you know it takes over 5,300 volunteers a year to make Special Olympics Minnesota events a success?

My name is Lion Annie Emanuel and I'm thrilled to be your new special Olympics Minnesota chair person for 5M7 Lions. I joined the Monticello Lions Club in 2014 and became involved with SOMN in 2016 through one of their programs called Unified Schools. Special Olympics is on a mission to show the world that people with/without intellectual disabilities can play sports together and build genuine friendships! I am looking forward to sharing opportunities with your clubs on how to volunteer and support Special Olympics Minnesota! In the mean time check out SOMN.org to see what's happening. Until we meet in person keep serving your community.

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My name is Lion Stefanie Nelson and I'm this years 5M7 Youth Exchange Chair. I have been a Lion for 1 1/2 years and now sitting on both the Spring Lake Park and Coon Rapids Lions Clubs. During the school year, I work at the Coon Rapids High School as the Youth Service Coordinator connecting high school students with service opportunities in the surrounding communities. I'm also the advisor for the Leo's Program at Coon Rapids Middle and High School. My passion is working with youth to develop their love for service and seeing their power to make a change in their community. Working with youth fills my soul and encourages me to be a better adult. I look forward to encouraging the Leo's and other youth in your community to expand and explore the world around them through the exchange program .

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My name is Lion Kathy McMillan and I'm beginning my 9th year as a member of the Hanover Lions Club. I have held several positions with in club and currently in my 4th year as Secretary. With each year I'm constantly learning more about Lions. This is also my 4th year as the 5M7 Can Do Canines Chairperson. My love of dogs and the many years I have participated in event for Can Do Canines made my decision extremely easy.

As chairperson I have the pleasure to share news and important information about the role Can Do Canines plays in the lives of people in need. Since its beginning in 1987, the program has enhanced the quality of life for people with disabilities. The five types of assistance dogs are; hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes and autism assistance dogs.

Despite the cancellation of so many activities, the Can Do Woofaroo is still planned for this fall. For everyone's safety, it will be a virtual walk on Saturday, September 12th. Although we won't be together, the enthusiasm and benefits of this major fundraiser can't be taken away. Check out the Can Do Canines website at: www.candowoofaroo.org/ for more information.

As always if you have any questions or wish more information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe, stay well and let's hear a .huge " Bow Wow Hooray" for Can Do Canines

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To view the July 2020 HOWLER with some great articles go to: https://can-do-canines.org



## District Cabinet Members

### The Environment in My Backyard

Every year my garden offers new surprises. The milkweed arrived some years ago and offers a place for the Monarch Butterflies. I keep reminding myself that a weed is an unwanted plant. My problem is how many do I want? The four stages of the monarch butterfly life cycle are the egg, the larvae (caterpillar, the pupa (chrysalis) and the adult butterfly. The Monarchs are flying around, but only when I don't have a camera.



The milkweed also offers nectar for the bees – important pollinators.

The Butterfly weed is one of my favorites – every year another surprise as they pop up in new garden spaces. This is another plant for the pollinators.



The sign in my yard reminds me that my responsibility to the neighborhood stretches further than my actual yard. I have noticed the neighbors are also keeping the street tidy.

Enjoy these summer days and your back yard. Take care, Be safe.

Lion Jan Dubats

Greetings fellow Lions, Leos and Lioness of 5M7!



Welcome to the new Lions year. For those of you who are new to Lions, let us introduce ourselves. We, **Lion Mary Curtis and Lion Ann Kaduce**, are your **representatives to the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation** on District Governor Lion Peter's cabinet.

We support the Lions of 5M7 as you provide the service of vision screening for the children of your community. We are ten-year members of the Spring Lake Park Lions Club and are both serving our second term on the Foundation Board. Lion Ann serves as Foundation Treasurer and Lion Mary is Foundation Secretary. 2020 marks the fourth year 5M7 has provided vision screening to our youth.

KidSight provides free non-contact vision screening to children with a focus on ages 18 months to 6. Please contact us if you would like further information on the Foundation and KidSight Vision Screening.

KidSight Vision Screening was suspended with the onset of Covid 19 and associated quarantines. The KidSight USA and MD5M KidSight Foundations agree that we should resume this valuable service to our youth. YES, this means we want to get back to vision screenings. YES, it will look different than before. YES, we will have some work coordinating events with appropriate safety precautions. YES, we will have a successful vision screening program for our youth once again!

Fellow Vision screeners, and those interested in screening, would you like to receive certification? Our Foundation does not require certification to perform screenings, although it is recommended. Please contact us if interested, we'll coordinate a training session.

We are available to attend club meetings, zone meetings, meeting with school nurses and childcare centers. Call us if you need help coordinating an event or would like additional information on vision screening. We are here to help you as you SERVE your community youth.

Lion Ann Kaduce and Lion Mary Curtis, Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, INC  
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*Vision screening is not the goal; it is the method we use to reach our goal of every child seeing clearly!*

**Zone Chair News**

**Hi! I'm Lion Deb Johnson and I'm going to be the Zone 3 Chair for 2020-2021.**

Zone 3 [Big Lake, Becker, Clear Lake, Clearwater, Santiago and Zimmerman] you might remember me as I was your Zone Chair in 2017/2018. I am a Big Lake Lion and have been a Lion since March 2011. During my 9 years as a Lion, I have been Club Secretary for 2 years, Club President for 2 years, and Club Treasurer for 3 years. This is the first year that I decided to take a step back from being an officer and dedicate my time as Zone Chair! I would love to hear from all members in Zone 3! Let me know if you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions on what to do for zone meetings and how to make them fun! I am looking forward to being your Zone 3 Chair!

Email me at [magnamomma@hotmail.com](mailto:magnamomma@hotmail.com)

**ZONE 3 CLUBS: We will be having a scheduled meeting on Monday August 17th at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker. Social starts at 6:00 pm and meeting starts at 6:30 pm.**

Hi Fellow Lions,

**My name is Lion Monica Johnson. I am the new 5M7, Zone 4 Chairperson and a new Cabinet Member.**

My thanks to District Governor Peter Lendway for choosing me for this position. I have been a Lion for over 5 years. I am currently a St Francis Lion. I have held the position of President for two years, Vice President for a year and am currently the Secretary. I am a very active Lion in our club and enjoy the true meaning of being a Lion. WE SERVE! I feel helping those in need and your community are amazing ways to feel a sense of pride and accomplishments. I enjoy telling others about the Lions Club and why you should join. My plan as a Zone Chair is to oversee Zone meeting and make them fun to attend. I plan to put a damper on the thoughts of many Lions Members, "it's only a boring zone meeting." I will need the help of the Club Presidents to encourage Lion members to attend. I will attend the Lions Cabinet meeting and be passing all current information to Club Presidents. Let's have some fun!

Email me at: [mdaljohn@msn.com](mailto:mdaljohn@msn.com)

**Lion Angie Sedesky, Zone 5 chair.**

I'm excited to start my second year as Zone Chair. I'm hoping to reach out to more of my clubs to get information from them as to how to make zone meetings more fun and interesting. I've been a Lion for almost 10 years, and just finished a four year stint as president of the Andover Lions Club. My hobbies include reading, outdoor activities, and spending most of the summer up at our camper in Brainerd. I became a Lion because I have a strong yearning to volunteer and help people. I am also involved in other events around our community.

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**Greetings Fellow Lions,**

**My name is Paige Spink, Chair Zone 8**

Currently, I am president of the Wyoming Lions Club and have started a new venture as Zone Chair. I have been serving Lions Club International for 5 years now. I was previously in Burrillville Lions Club (District 42) out of Burrillville, RI. I moved out to MN 2 years ago. I enjoy each club I have been part of and look forward to the future with Lions Clubs International and serving you as Zone Chair. I enjoy working on graphic arts and web development. I love working in photo shop creating new and different artwork, posters, fliers. etc. If the weather is nice, you can see me out on a lake fishing or just enjoying being outside.

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**5M7 Zone 6**

I am in the process of contacting my clubs . I hope to develop a plan with them that will keep us in contact with each other while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

I am also looking for someone to mentor to take my place as Zone Chair. I do not mind the position, I love my clubs; I just don't want to make it a career! It's time for some new energy and fresh ideas for the clubs of Zone 6

Lion Mary Curtis

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**WATCH for more upcoming news from your Zone Chairs in the Gram! Use social media to tell everyone about your club and what they do.**

5M7 Lions Upcoming Events



LIONS DAY AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

NEW DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 2020

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.

UPDATE: DUE TO COVID-19 CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO REFLECT SOCIAL DISTANCING , EVENT ATTENDANCE, ETC. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE UPCOMING GRAM!

Co-Chairman of the Event and District 5M7 Chairs: Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, email us at: bmguthrie9@q.com or call us at: 763-786-8072

THANK YOU!! WE SERVE!!



Northern Pride Lions Forum  
October 30 - 31, 2020

**CANCELLED**

WE WILL BE REFUNDING ALL REGISTRATIONS!

We sincerely appreciate the time and effort you have committed to the Forum.  
We hope that you will consider attending the Northern Pride Lions Forum in March 2022.  
Questions or Concerns please contact: nplfmd5m@gmail.com



See life through Lion lenses in Montréal!

Online registration is officially open for LCIC on 2021 Montréal, where Lions and Leos from around the world will come together to celebrate a life of service while indulging in the culture and life of Montréal. Find out what's in store for you at this year's international convention!

Experience la vie en Lion

We're excited to share this year's campaign theme, La Vie en Lion! Discover how we're preparing to "live life in Lion" in the beautiful city of Montréal.

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