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The Gram

June 2025

The latest news, views and announcements for District 5M7

2024—2025

5M7 Cabinet

DG—Mary Lee Curtis

DGE—Deb Weston

1VDGE—Nancy Johnson

2VDGE—Joel Anderson

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Zone 2: Glen Nemic

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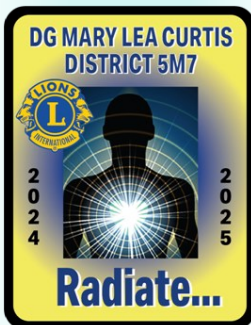
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Radiate...and make your
mark

Greetings, fellow Lions and Leos!

I can hardly believe this is my final message in the GRAM as your District Governor. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to Serve you. Thank you for putting your trust in me as your Governor. I have greatly enjoyed visiting your clubs and witnessing your creativity and the excellent initiatives you undertake to Serve your communities. Lions certainly embody the spirit of Service, and you are doing an admirable job of Radiating compassion.

Due to the demands of my position, I was unable to attend many of your events. I hope to be able to participate in more of them in the future. I may not carry the title of Governor after June 30th, but I will always support and encourage the clubs of 5M7. You are a very special family of friends.

Although the Lions year is concluding, it remains essential to uphold standards for the incoming officers. Ensure that all records are current and stored in accordance with your Bylaws. Prioritize mentoring for everyone, including new members, officers, and current members serving as project leaders. Recognize that learning is a continuous process and integrate it into your club culture.

We are currently working on the Membership Marketing Campaign discussed last month. Our slogan is "Do Good. Feel Great. Be a Lion." Please keep an eye out for information that will be sent to your club, detailing how and when to begin sharing the Meta Boost advertisement on Facebook. Ensure that this information is disseminated to all members of your club as well as your neighbors. Increased circulation of the advertisement will hopefully generate greater interest in Lions.

This June marks the centennial anniversary of Lions accepting Helen Keller's challenge to become "Knights of the Blind." Please refer to this publication for details regarding activities that your club can participate in throughout the month.

Please keep Club Excellence in mind. Consistently discuss the health of your membership. It is important to remember that service entails more than just financial contributions. Focus on enhancing your leadership skills and actively promoting your club. Simultaneously, support our Lion Clubs International Foundation.

All members are invited to mark the end of this Lions year and the beginning of the next. DGE Deb and I will be holding a Lions Family Picnic on Monday, June 30, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Big Lake Township's Lions Park. Information flyers with RSVP instructions will be distributed to all clubs. Please ensure that your club members are informed about the invitation.

You have all Made a Mark on my heart. Thank you for all you do. Keep Radiating.

Governor Mary

Greetings Lions and Leos!

Warm, sunny days are finally upon us! This spring has certainly kept us on our toes, swinging between record-breaking highs and lows. As I write this just days before Memorial Day weekend, the forecast promises beautiful weather. I hope you had a meaningful Memorial Day, filled with family, friends, and heartfelt remembrance.

Memorial Day is a time to honor the brave individuals who gave their lives in military service to protect our freedoms. As we reflect on this National Day of Remembrance, I invite you to also celebrate those who have made lasting contributions to our communities and to Lions Clubs International.

Let us honor the Lions who once stood beside us—those who founded our clubs, mentored new members, and gave generously without seeking recognition. Their service extended beyond projects and meetings. Their legacy lives on in every child who learned to read, every family nourished, and every community touched by the light of Lionism.

Melvin Jones left a global legacy when he founded Lions Clubs International in 1917. Today, with over 1.4 million members, we remain one of the world's largest service organizations. His words continue to inspire us: *"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."*



Another legendary figure, Helen Keller, addressed the Lions at our 1925 International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. Her powerful challenge—*"Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in my crusade against darkness?"*—led to vision becoming a central focus of our service.



This June, we celebrate Helen Keller and the 100-year legacy of our commitment to vision health. Our district will be hosting an **Eyeglass Collection Contest**, with full details available in the Vision Foundation's article in this issue of the *Gram*. Additionally, your club is encouraged to donate to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. This Foundation supports several impactful initiatives, including the Lions Gift of Sight, Lions Children's Eye Clinic, Lions Eye Surgery Center, and programs focused on macular degeneration. Your contributions will help save and restore the sight of individuals of all ages.

The Youth Camps & Exchange Project needs your support. Thirty-one international students are excited about the opportunity to visit Minnesota this summer. They are seeking host families for a three-week stay from **July 1–24**, followed by participation in **Camp Spicer from July 25–August 2**. Please consider hosting a student or asking family and friends to open their homes. **Hosts do not need to be Lions members.** Your hospitality can make a lasting impact on a young person's life. (More information on page 7)

I am proud to be a Lion and honored to serve as your incoming District Governor. My term officially begins on **July 1st**, and it's quickly approaching! I will be completing my training in Orlando prior to the International Convention. The preparation has been exceptional, and I'm grateful for the many resources and connections it has provided.

A heartfelt thank-you to DG Mary Curtis for her outstanding mentorship and leadership. I am incredibly fortunate to follow in her footsteps.

Please mark your calendars for the **Lions Family Picnic on Monday, June 30**, from **5–9 p.m.** at **Big Lake Township's Lions Park**. A flyer with more details is included in this issue and will also be sent to all clubs. I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Service,
DGE Deb Weston

Hello Lions All!

Can you believe it is already June? Time is flying by as I wrap up the first year in my journey to become Governor of 5M7. I've learned so much and still have so much to experience. I would like to start with a shout out to my club, Centerville Lions.



This month they worked on two important service projects. They started by doing a vision screening at a local daycare, which is a new event for us. I would like to thank Lions Deb Johnson and Beth Holmquist for taking the time to come and get the club trained on how to use the vision scanners. Their advice and leadership were so helpful.

The Centerville Lions also attended our local Senior Expo to help collect glasses, hearing aids and telephones. Every little bit we do is helping to change others lives. I am proud to be a Centerville Lion.

On Saturday, May 17th, I attended an open house for Can Do Canines. What a great experience. Since 1989, Can Do Canines has placed over 700 specially trained dogs—**free of charge**—with individuals challenged by hearing loss, mobility issues, seizure disorders and more. The facility is such a welcoming place, not only for visitors but for all the dogs they are currently training to be of service to others. The facility has a small apartment set up for people who are just meeting their new partners, and it helps train the dogs on how they can be of service in the home. It was fun because they have two cats who also live there to help the dogs adjust to sharing a living space. They have several opportunities for volunteering if you are interested. How can you help? I recommend that you invite one of the speakers from Can Do Canines to bring out a dog and speak to your club. Clubs can donate, volunteer to be a puppy raiser and promote awareness through community events and newsletters. These dogs are more than companions—they are lifelines. Together, through dedicated service, we can help Can Do Canines change lives—one dog, one person, one partnership at a time.



If there is anything you need, please reach out to your leadership of 5M7, we are here to help and will do our very best to help you serve!

Until next month...

Lion Nancy Johnson
1st Vice District Governor Elect



Lions of district 5M7,

This is the first of many articles for the 5M7 Gram as I start my journey to District Governor.

I have been a member of the Coon Rapids Lions Club since 1996. I have served in my club as Club President, Director, Lion Tamer, Membership Chair, and Tail twister. I was a Zone Chair for three years, and on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation for six years. Lion Deb Weston and PDG Brian Toews got me to join the MLDF. In fact, I replaced PDG Brian as his health was declining and he could not continue on the foundation. They had confidence in me and told me I would do just fine. A year later I found myself to be one of the two treasurers and writing checks and taking deposits from all over the state to the bank. I had never had any professional treasurer experience but found myself doing a pretty good job with it and enjoying the duties! I guess I figured if I could do that, I could learn to be a DG too. I look forward to meeting and learning from all of you!

Lion Joel Anderson 2VDGE

LionJoelA5M7@gmail.com

Be the Light

"Do Good. Feel Great. Be a Lion."



It is time for spring cleaning. Is your club participating? Please review your records and ensure all information is up to date.

By June 30th, update the list of members who have paid their dues in the Lions Portal. On July 1st, dues will be calculated based on reported membership. Avoid paying for members who are no longer active.

If members consistently pay late and do not respond to reminders, they should be removed from the roster. They can be reinstated once payment has been made within one year without incurring a fine. Payments should be processed when received.

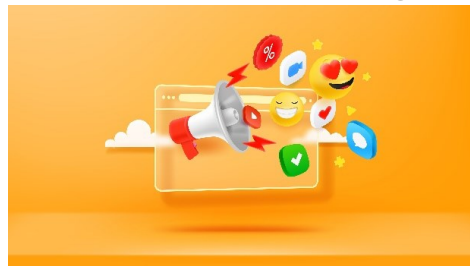
Please ensure that all club expenses receive approval from your membership, including the payment of dues for non-participatory members, which should be sourced from the administration accounts. Kindly organize your financial records promptly to facilitate seamless office transitions beginning July 1st.

VOTE

YES ☐ NO ☐



Membership Marketing Campaign Coming!



We are preparing a Facebook campaign using META Boost. We will need all clubs and members to share the post when it is ready. Keep an eye out for notifications being sent to all clubs. Make sure it gets shared with everyone in your club.

The theme is **Do Good. Feel Great. Be a Lion.**

Lions – District Wide Family Picnic



Monday, June 30, 2025 5pm -9pm

Big Lake Township's Lions Park

21960 County Road 5 NW, Big Lake, MN

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your Calendars! All are invited. Invitations will be sent to each club with full details and RSVP link. The district will provide hamburgers and some beverages. We ask you to bring a dish to share. There will be a short program at 7:00. They have a playground, ball fields, dog park and walking trail. They have something for everyone here! We hope to see you there as DG Mary closes out the 2024-2025 Lions year and DGE Deb steps into her leadership role for 2025-2026.

TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION UPDATE

MAY 19, 2025

Please refer to the letter on page 6 from Lion Mike Molenda, TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Chair. For our first year, we have awarded over \$25,000 in matching grants.

In the most recent quarter, the following Clubs are recipients:

- Albert Lea Noon Lions Club District 5M2 – \$550 to purchase food carts for the backpack food program at the middle school
- Shoal Lake Lions Club District 5M13 – \$2,500 Canadian dollars for an electric piano and dolly for the Shoal Lake Community Center
- Alexandria Lions Club District 5M4 - \$3,000 to place publicly accessible Automated Electric Defibrillator cabinets throughout downtown Alexandria
- Shoreview/Arden Hills Lions Club District 5M6 - \$1,475 for New Neighbor Basket gift items to welcome newcomers to their city



TEAM Sheehan
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
Together Everyone Achieves More

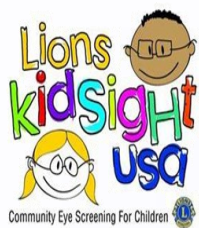
If you have any plans for a community project, the deadline for this quarter is **June 30, 2025**. The grant application can be downloaded from the www.TEAMSheehan.foundation website.

The Foundation relies on monetary donations to continue awarding matching grants. Pins are given for individual monetary donations of \$100 and medals for \$1,000 donations. If you would like to donate, please make a check payable to Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation and mail it to this address:

Spring Lake Park Lions Club
PO Box 32955
Spring Lake Park MN 55432

Thank you for your support. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Lion Toni Mortensen
Spring Lake Park Lions Club
District 5M7 Director TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation



Lions Deb and Beth attended our quarterly Board of Directors meeting on May 16 & 17. A lot of good work was completed to ensure that our Board is set to run smoothly for the next year. We also learned that 5M7 is in the top 10 clubs in CA1 for the number of screenings performed in a year. Keep up the good work and let's see if we can make it into the top 5!!

This is a slow time of year for KidSight screenings but our goal still is to provide vision screening to all children by the time they reach 6 years of age and to perform screenings in ALL our Lions Clubs. Let's talk, brainstorm and get you started on KidSight Vision Screenings for your community! If your club has any Summer community events coming up and families are involved, consider adding KidSight to the event. Connect with us and we can help!!

SAVE THE DATE: KidSight will be at the State Fair again – NEW LOCATION: the Education Building.

Sign up early to get your preferred time slot. 5M7 needs volunteers for Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 26. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#/>

As a KidSight volunteer, you will get free entrance to the fair, an opportunity to help kids and mileage reimbursement available.

District 5M7 KidSight Co-Chairs, Lions Deb Johnson and Beth Holmquist. 5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com



TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation



Greetings and thank you MD5M Lions,

First, on behalf of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation, I'd like to thank all the MD5M Lions for their generous contributions to the TSCF. As you may know, "The mission of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation is to empower MD5M Lions clubs to provide greater service by boosting their ability to complete community projects with matching grants."

We're very proud of the first set of Grants we were able to award during our first year of matching Grants. They were:

\$1,876 to the Princeton Lions Club in District 5M8 for the purchase of a freezer benefiting a local foodshelf.

\$3,000 to the Sauk Rapids Lions Club in District 5M8 for a statue at the local Art Park.

\$1,700 to the Kimball Lions in District 5M8 for the purchase of a Hands-Free Iris Vision Live 2.0 for a local visually impaired student 5M1 to support maintenance.

\$3,000 to the Lamberton Lions Club in District 5M3 for playground equipment in a local park.

\$1,800 to the Buffalo Lions Club in District 5M7 toward the purchase of an all-inclusive community splash pad in memory of a local student.

\$3,000 to the Dilworth Lions in District 5M8 to purchase food for the Dilworth food shelf.

\$1,500 to the Jackson Lions Club in District 5M3 to support the Snow Angels in shoveling snow for the elderly,

\$3,000 to the Pine Island Lions Club in District 5M1 to refurbish local bathrooms and parks in the trail system.

\$550 to the Albert Lea Noon Lions Club in District 5M2 to purchase food carts for the backpack food program at the middle school.

\$2,500 Canadian to the Shoal Lake Lions Club in 5M13 to purchase an electric piano and dolly for the Shoal Lake Community Hall.

\$3,000 to the Alexandria Lions Club in District 5M4 to place a publicly accessible Automated Electric Defibrillator cabinets throughout downtown Alexandria.

\$1,475 to the Shoreview/Arden Hills Lions to purchase New Neighbor Basket gift items to welcome newcomers to the city.

Our Grants have been varied both in purpose and locations to ensure the good work Lions do throughout the Multiple. The TSCF is careful with its funds and investments, limiting the total of Grants awarded to 20% of its assets in any fiscal year. We are truly grateful for the generosity and faith the Lions of MD5M have been with your TSCF donations and hope you agree the TSCF is worthy of your continued support.

Thank you!

Lion Mike

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation Chair
mmolenda50@comcast.net

5M7 YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT

Submitted by: Lion Wendy Graves 5M7 Youth Exchange Chair 24-25



Calling all Lions and Leos!

We have many wonderful applicants that are excited to come to Minnesota. Could this be THE YEAR you try hosting?

Youth Exchange is an incredible program, our family has really enjoyed getting to know all the youth we have hosted. If you are interested in getting more information about hosting a youth or two, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lion Wendy Graves, lionwendygraves@gmail.com 612-296-8879

Hosting youth need not be expensive to have fun! Here are some examples of free or nearly free activities we enjoy.

Como Zoo, St Paul

Willow River State Park, Hudson WI

Cascade Falls & then Ice Cream Parlor for cones, Osceola, WI

Farmers Market, Minneapolis

Jay Cooke State Park, Carlton

Hmong Village, St Paul

State of MN Capitol free tours, St Paul

Banning State Park, Sandstone

Fireworks, nearly anywhere around July 4th

Stone Arch Bridge, Minneapolis

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis

Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis

Minnesota Historical Center, Thursday nights are free, St Paul

Central Park, check out summer concerts on event schedule, Maple Grove

Feed My Starving Children volunteering events, multiple locations

Canal Park, Enger Park, Lief Erikson Park and Park Point Recreational area, Duluth

Check your community calendars as several communities have concerts in the park and they are usually free include

Cambridge & Lindstrom

Isanti has Street Dances, Main Street in Isanti

A few brief facts about Youth Exchange

The youth generally arrive about July 1st and leave about July 31st

They spend a week at Camp Spicer

You do not have to have a partner or children in the home to host

You can host even if you work full time

They bring their own spending money

The list of youths is available now

Youth can usually leave Minnesota if you have a trip planned

There is a small stipend available to hosts to assist with the cost of hosting

"Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation"



The poster features a blue background with a white path leading towards a bright sun. At the top, the text "Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk" is written in white and orange. Below this, "TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS" is written in white. Three photographs are included: a person walking on a path, two people in lion costumes, and a signpost. The date "JUNE 7, 2025" is prominently displayed in white, followed by "MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM - CHASKA, MN" in white. Registration and walk start times are listed in orange. A list of bullet points provides details about the fee, activities, and registration. Logos for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum are at the bottom, along with a QR code and the text "Sign up Today!"

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk
TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS

JUNE 7, 2025
MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM - CHASKA, MN
Registration: 9am-10am Walk Starts: 10:15am Lunch Begins: 11:15am

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2025-d-feet-hearing-loss/>
- Learn more at: 5mhf.org or at facebook.com/5mhf.org

  Minnesota Landscape ARBORETUM *Sign up Today!* 

Annual Walk

To D-Feet Hearing Loss

The Annual Walk fundraiser is Saturday June 7th at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN. (9am-1pm)

Walk as little or much to raise funds for the MN Lions Hearing Foundation.

Entry Fee: \$25 Fee includes entry to the Arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games.

A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.

If you can't make the event, Individual and Lions Clubs donations are much appreciated.

Send to:

MN Lions Hearing Foundation

Rose Thies, Treasurer 21515 371st Ave.

Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

Lions New Hearing Screener Machines

The statewide new hearing screening devices are now being rolled out throughout the multiple.

These high quality easy to use screeners are now available for club usage. A number of Lions clubs in the district are currently considering purchasing their own screeners. The cost per machine is approximately \$2,000. If your club would like to know more about the machines, and how they might be used as a service to your local communities contact Lion Mike Benedetto (mjbenedetto45@gmail.com)



Recycle Used Hearing Aids

Please remind your community members that they can recycle their used hearing aids. Used aids can be recycled by dropping them in the same recycled eyeglass boxes that can be found in most communities. The Hearing Foundation has an agreement with the Starkey Corporation to receive credit for the used aids. The credit can be used to reduce the cost of Hearing Aids for individuals in your community who qualify,



Please Don't Forget End-of-Year Donations!

As the Lions' fiscal year draws to a close, please think of financial donations to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation! Many clubs, especially those with gambling proceeds, must spend down their coffers before June 30. We are happy to help.

Your support helps the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the Lions Eye Surgery Center, the MAC Center, and many ophthalmology research efforts. And every gift is appreciated.

Donations can be sent to your directors or mailed directly to the Vision Foundation at 1000 Westgate Drive - Suite 260, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114. Donations can also be made online at: mnlionsvisionfoundation.org/donate. A thousand thanks!

Lion Ron Tiernan

612-462-2651

ronalddtiernan@gmail.com

Lion Steve Linder

612-382-2236

Slinder71@usfamily.net

100th Anniversary Celebration of Helen Keller's challenge to Lions International to become "Knights of the Blind"

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION CONTEST

Who: Lions of District 5M7

When: Now until June 30th 2025

What: A contest to collect the most eyeglasses by club. (hearing aids and phones accepted in separate containers)

Why: To provide glasses to the underserved and help them see!

How: Turn in PRECOUNTED glasses (**no cases please**) at the Culvers sites listed below:



***Culvers- Coon Rapids - Monday, June 23, 4pm-8pm**

***Culvers Elk River- Tuesday, June 24, 4pm-8pm**

***1st VDG Nancy Johnson's home – Wednesday, June 25, 4pm-8pm**

7260 Unity Ave., Centerville (njohnson10194@gmail.com)

Other ways to drop off: At the District yearend celebration in Big lake on June 30th. (see page 4)

Or to make arrangements for pickup, contact Lion Steve or Lion Ron:

Lion Steve Linder

612-382-2236

Slinder71@usfamily.net

Lion Ron Tiernan

612-462-2651

ronalddtiernan@gmail.com

The winning club will receive a Helen Keller Sight Award Plaque!



Help Wanted

5M7 Lions experienced with Social Media and Website design/hosting & Graphic Design

The District 5M7 marketing team is looking for Lions who have knowledge in posting on and managing social media sites, designing and hosting websites, and graphic design.

The plan is to tap this knowledge to help improve our district's online presence and marketing opportunities. Your help will benefit not only the district but would also translate down to the clubs in 5M7. By improving our visual presentation and expanding our social media outreach, the entire district can benefit.

- If you have the skills the 5M7 marketing team is looking for, we want to hear from you.
- If you don't have the skills but know someone who does, we want to hear from you.
- If you are interested in becoming a member of the District 5M7 Marketing Team, we want to hear from you.
- If you aren't able to commit to being a part of the team but have the skills we are looking for, we would love to have you as an advisor to the 5M7 marketing team.

For those with questions or who wish to provide their knowledge and skills in some manner, please contact 5M7 Marketing Chair
Lion Lyle Goff @ gofflt@msn.com

Cambridge Lions



Cambridge Lions Club, along with the Cambridge Girls Soccer Team, preparing to clean up our 2 mile section of Hwy 65. We very much appreciate their help.



News from the Elk River Lions



Elk River Lion President Kevin & Lion Diane presented 5 - \$1,000 scholarships to students at Spectrum High School. Pictured are Ashley, Marin, Lilian and Ellayna. Not pictured is Jordyn. The students were very appreciative and the scholarships will help with their

Come visit the Elk River Lions Food Booth at these 2 events



June 21, 2025
Sherburne County
Fair Grounds



July 17-20, 2025
Sherburne County
Fair Grounds

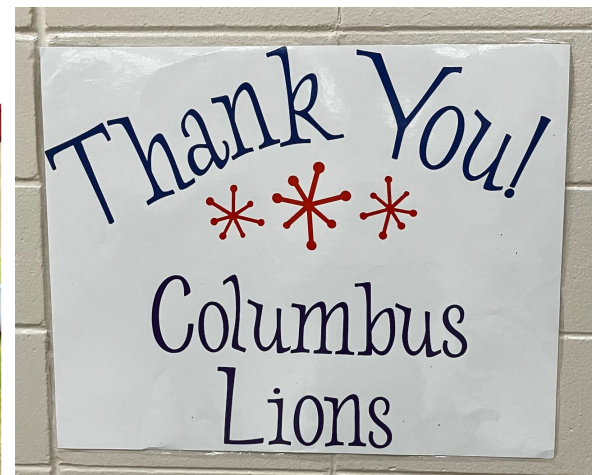
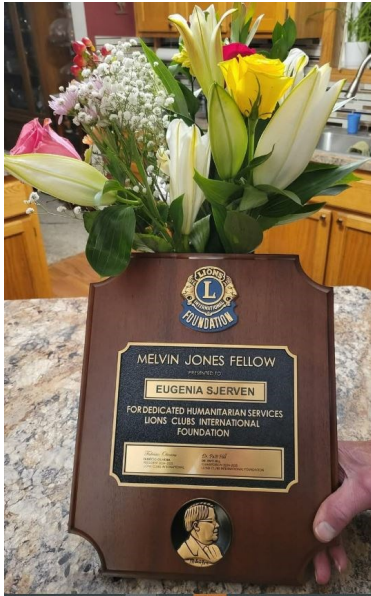
Columbus Lions Busy Serving the Community!

Picture 1: We are so proud that Lion Genia Sjerven was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow award. Thank you Genia, for all you have done for the club and the community!

Picture 2: Columbus Lions became a gold sponsor of the Forest Lake High School Rotary Military Care Package Drive in February. It's an honor to support such a great cause.

Picture 3 and 4: Photo ops with the Easter Bunny getting ready for the annual basket giveaway and egg hunt at Columbus Elementary in April

Picture 5, 6, 7: Supporting Columbus Elementary School Family Fun Night. The Columbus Lions donate and serve all the treats, food, and beverages so 100% of the profits go to the staff and students.



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612-501-9066



Join us for a special Freedom Days tribute to the men and women who have served our amazing country!

BECKER FREEDOM DAYS

SALUTE TO CENTRAL MINNESOTA'S VETERANS

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
BECKER AMERICAN LEGION

5-7 pm Silent Auction
6 pm Veterans Recognition Program
6:30 pm Live Auction
a Becker Township Bandstand
7 pm Live Music
Anthony Shore,
Elvis Tribute Artist



Becker Legion is grilling your **FAVORITE FOOD!** PLUS:

- Gramma CC's Mini Donuts
- Just North of Memphis BBQ
- Mason's Sno & More
- Becker Lions Beer Garden

VETERANS, PLEASE JOIN US!
We will be giving away some amazing prizes to veterans. Many nonprofits aimed at serving veterans will be in attendance—check out their booths!

*** DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIR! ***

All proceeds of the silent and live auctions will go to the **BECKER AMERICAN LEGION**



**July 3rd
2025**

KIDS DAY
at the
Farmer's Market
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Come prepared with athletic shoes and clothes.



Scan to complete the waiver

Questions? Contact us @
albertvillelions@gmail.com
ninjaanywhere.com

A FULL DAY OF FUN!

Ninja Gym
Power of Produce
Balloon Twisters & Face Painting
Magician
Joah's Ark Petting Zoo



Meet Deputy Loomis & K9 Grizz @ 5pm




**Coon Rapids Lions
Fundraising Event
at Alloy Brewing**

2700 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW

Saturday July 19
1pm. to 6pm.




We Serve

\$8 Burger/Chips
\$8 Brats/Chips
\$1 Soda/Water

Coon Rapids Lions
Supporting the needs of
your Community



Special Thank You to Alloy Brewing



Spring Lake Park Tower Days

June 5-8, 2025

Highlights

Thursday

- 6:30pm: Parade & 3-k Fun Run
- Saturday - Thursday**
- All City Garage Sale

Friday

- Senior 500 Tournament
- Puzzlepaloolza

Saturday

- Beer Garden and Food Concessions —SLP Lions
- American Wrestling Federation
- Musical Performance by **Good for Gary**
- Bingo, Pull tabs, Live Music & Fireworks

TOWER DAYS
JUNE 5 - 8, 2025



Spring Lake Park Tower Days

June 5-8, 2025

Sunday Highlights

- MSMA Car Show
- Bingo
- Arts, Crafts & Business Fair
- Food Concessions / Trucks
- Children's Music
- Free Face painting
- Carnival Games
- Pony Rides

Lumberjack Shows

2025 Sponsors

Title Sponsor
Spring Lake Park Lions Club
City of Spring Lake Park

Platinum Sponsor
Blaine Festival
Quickway Rigging & Transfer

Gold Sponsor
Marvel Sewer and Drain

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Carson, Clelland & Schreder
Park Construction

Public Indoor Tennis
Nelson Cheese & Deli

Patriot Sponsor: Twin Pines Imprinting (Button Sponsor)

Community Support
SLP Parks & Rec Commission
SLP Police Department

Spring Lake Park Schools
SBM Fire Dept
Kraus-Hartig VFW

- Water Wars
- Pie Eating Contest
- Bungee Trampoline
- Inflatables & Kiddie Barrel Ride
- Music by Free & Easy
- Lion's Adult Beverage Area and more!

TOWER DAYS
JUNE 5 - 8, 2025



2025 MN State Fair

Dates: Aug. 21 to Labor Day, Sept. 1

START PLANNING for this wonderful opportunity to earn money for your club, gain FREE entry into the state fair and be part of a STATE-WIDE EVENT.

Questions or updates?

Email: mnstatefairlion@gmail.com

2025 Guidelines, last page, April 2025 Gram

CLUB HOLDS

May 10 - July 1

OPEN SCHEDULING

July 1- Last Sunday of Fair

CALENDAR

May 10 - Volunteer request email sent to all clubs

July 1 - Unrequested or unnamed volunteer shifts rollover to open scheduling

Aug 1 - Non-district worker request email sent, if needed

Aug 9 - Club schedules emailed for verification

Aug 11 - Passes mailed

Aug 18 - Club schedules emailed



Volunteer requests for the 2025 MN State Fair have been emailed!! This is a wonderful opportunity for Lions to earn money for your club. DON'T MISS OUT! Reserve your shifts!!

Coon Rapids Lions Club Making Plans

This past weekend the Coon Rapids Lions Club held its annual planning session for the incoming club president. At our planning session we briefly go over what events and projects, fundraisers, etc., have transpired over the past year. We then have discussions on what we want to change or keep the same, talk about committees and upcoming events.

We make this an all-day event. We had 20 Lions attend. We started at 8:30 AM with coffee/juice/donuts and begin our morning session at 9:00 AM, and we break for a Make-Your-Own-Sandwich lunch with lots of fixings available; our afternoon session continues after lunch for a couple more hours. We try to keep things fun and moving quickly. It really does make a difference by encouraging enthusiasm and ownership of our club events.

This year we added an old tradition back in – twelve members came back for a grill out. We grilled steaks, had baked potatoes, many side salads, and made an apple cobbler in the Dutch oven over the campfire. A long positive day, as we covered many topics and still had fun!



Monticello Lions Cleaning up the Highway

We had a group of 7 Monticello Lions members assist with our spring highway cleanup on April 30th! A total of 17 bags of garbage were collected, along with a vanity, garbage covers, strips of metal and other big items, which is the most to-date since we adopted this part of Highway 25! A special thanks to Lion Bob Maus and Lion Dan Hagar for organizing the cleanup, along with the volunteers: Lion Jim Dickrell, Lion Jerry Wein & his wife, Darla, Lion Cindy Fink, Lion Ken Stoick, and Lion Joe Reis.



News from the Forest Lake Lions

On Friday April 25 the Forest Lake Lions were excited to be part of a four-day Feed My Starving Children event hosted by Hosanna Lutheran Church. We were able to pack a total of 256,608 meals, enough to feed 703 children for one year! The Lions also donated \$1,000 to this event which helped pay for the meals. The host site is responsible for paying for all meals, and it is through generous donations from the Lions, churches, and other civic organizations that make this possible.



April 26 The Forest Lake Lions participated in the annual City-Wide Clean-Up. It's great to get a jump on getting ready for the new season, getting the trash and forgotten bits from winter cleaned up. We had a great time ~ as always! There were 160 bags of trash collected with 8 Lions participating this year and 1 dog ~ our honorary Lion Mascot! Afterwards the Forest Lake Lions provided lunch for all the volunteers that participated. Feels so great to do something like this where the whole community will be able to enjoy the results of our efforts. It's great to be a Lion!!



Chisago Lakes Lions The Cadillac dinner derby is our signature fundraising event. We partner with Chisago Lakes Ambassadors, Honor Students, etc. to help us they volunteer to serve food and clean up. We have an amazing town full of volunteers who make all this happen. WE show the derby live, have a southern flavor dinner, silent auction, live auction, etc. Lots of fun. WE also did the Fantasy Festival of Lake this past weekend. Serving mead at a Renaissance Festival in Lindstrom. Always a fun time. WE work the Scandia-Marine Lions with a help trade - we use their trailer, and we help them with an event in the Fall. Lions working together.

