

JANUARY 2022



5M7 Gram



5M7 LIONS AND LEOS

We are 6 months into this year. How is your club doing with the goals that you set for your club at the beginning of this 2021-2022 lions year? Maybe you didn't set goals, but you had an idea of what you wanted to do with your club this year. Have you reached your goals yet? Maybe, and maybe not. If you did, you could work to set another goal that you would like to see. If you haven't reached those goals, there are 6 months left to do so.

Welcome to the 75 new members who have joined our lions clubs so far this year, and thank you for those clubs who have welcomed all of the new members. What a wonderful gift to be invited to join a lions club. I cannot wait to meet all of our new members. Don't forget that the one time joining fee of \$35.00 is now waived through June 30th, 2022.

I have attended approximately 23 governor visits so far and I want to thank all of those clubs for your hospitality. I have had the chance to meet so many of our lions, and induct many of our 75 new lions. It is wonderful to see everyone working together in our clubs. While at your governor visits I have noted your creative ways to get service done while needing to be mindful of safety as the pandemic continues to hold on. Our clubs are working hard to think of new ways to do what we do....SERVE. This will only make us better as we are able to introduce more members and more ideas to our projects in our clubs. Thank you to all of you for your service to your communities.

The Mid-Winter Convention is approximately a week away. I hope to see many of you at the convention celebrating lionism and visiting with our lions friends and family. I can't wait to see everyone at convention January 7-9, 2022. It will be nice to gather after being unable to be together last year. All members received the schedule of events via email. Remember to bring your eyeglasses for recycling, your parade of green checks, your donations for Camps for Lion Theresa Goff, and your donations for the back-pack project with the Leos if you have any. I will see you there.

As always, please reach out to me if you have questions, need assistance or if you would like to chat about anything at all. I am here for you and will help you with anything you need.

Hope to see you soon!

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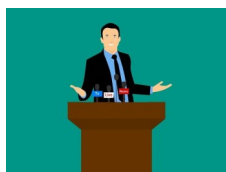
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V DG Messages

1V DG Lion Mark Landwehr.....

Hello everyone,

This past month I attended the Howard Lake Lions Christmas party. I had no trouble finding the city of Howard Lake, I'm usually pretty good with directions. What I'm not good at is remembering the finer details of emails. I couldn't remember where the meeting was once I arrived in Howard Lake; my phone had died and I couldn't pull it up on emails. No problem. I went to the VFW thinking that's a likely spot for the meeting. I was wrong. Then I remembered something about the meeting being two blocks south of Hwy12 on CR6. I tried that. The only place I found was a church with a bunch of cars in the parking lot. I thought to myself, "probably a church group having choir practice". I drove around and spotted a Hennepin County sheriff's car so I followed him and started flashing my lights at him. This was a lot different from my youth where they would follow me with flashing lights! It took almost a mile before he pulled over; I jumped out of my truck, raised my hands and asked him if he knew where the Howard Lake Lions held their meetings. He called his dispatcher, got directions and offered to lead me there where which brought me back to the little church I'd been to earlier. I walked in as the Howard Lake club was in line for dinner. After apologizing for coming late I was encouraged to head to the front of the serving line. I told their president that anyone that came late should be at the end of the line, but he insisted. It was a great pot-luck dinner.

The Howard Lake club starts their meetings with a tail twisting game. The president starts by giving a reason that someone should be fined. I think he said, "everyone with a plate of food in front of them should be fined." Fines are only ten cents, and you get to ring the bucket when you donate. You also get to come up with reasons to fine members. I raised my hand and said everyone who came late to the meeting should be fined. The president agreed and added that everyone who forgot to include lions in their request should also be fined. I got nailed twice and the only thing I had with me were Jacksons and Ben Franklins. I had a great time at this meeting; the Howard Lake club has great fellowship. At the end of the meeting I wanted to take a picture of the club members. I borrowed a camera from 2V DG Steve and climbed up on the countertop in the kitchen. The church has an opening between the kitchen and main hall where the club puts Lions and other trinkets on this ledge which as I climbed up on, managed to knock a few off but did get a great picture. Come late for the meeting and start destroying

decorations before you go home. 1V DG Mark, you will probably never get invited to this club again, although I hope I do. I had a great time and met many wonderful Lions.

Now I need to get serious, we have our Mid-Winter Convention coming up in a couple weeks, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday January 7th through the 9th. I strongly encourage you and your fellow club members to attend this, especially the luncheon and opening ceremony on Saturday. The memorial service will take place after the luncheon and this is one of my favorite events at the convention. PDG Dan Kaiser does a wonderful job putting this together.

I look forward to seeing you at the convention. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and I am excited about the coming year.

1V DG Mark Landwehr

2V DG Steve Milius

As we flip the calendar page over to a new year, I would like to take this time to wish all Lions in our District 5M7 as well as those from all over the world a Merry Christmas. I'd also like to give everyone a big "Thank You" for all the service work and monies donated to the Lions Clubs International Organization in 2021. I know it has been a very challenging year to say the least, but it's nice to see the many clubs that have adapted and are thriving now.

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Mid-Winter Convention January 7-9, 2022. So, if you see me at the convention stop and say hello!

On another note: It has been a quick six months since I was appointed the Second Vice District Governor. It has been a lot of fun as well as a lot of work and training but I have learned a lot working with our District Governor.

I hope everyone has had a great holiday season and continues to help those less fortunate and in need of assistance.

Thank You

2V DG Lion Steve Milius

CONVENTION NEWS...

MIDWINTER CONVENTION: DATES: January 7 through January 9, 2022. LOCATION: NW Marriott in Brooklyn Park



Fellow Lions.....

If anyone is interested in what I do in my spare time, I thought I would put together an incomplete list of what I'm doing to get ready for our 5M7 Convention!

1. Bring the bank account reconciliations up to date
2. Use that information to make a half-year Financial Sheet to present at the Convention
3. Email all clubs about their Convention Delegates, which involves figuring out how many delegates each club gets!
4. Prepare last year's Business Meeting Minutes for presentation at this year's meeting for approval
5. Work with the Governor on this year's agendas (Governor Judy is very good at this, not much help needed)
6. Work with the Convention committee. This involves doing my assigned duties and making sure I don't have to be in two places at once
7. Answer numerous questions from clubs and individuals about procedures, historical information, etc.
8. Read up on our 5M7 Constitution and other formal documents so that I can be of help if issues arise.
9. Prepare ballots for the Business meeting votes.
10. Try and figure out why my laptop and printer quit talking to each other after 5 years of operation.
11. Prepare delegate cards.
12. Build Excel Spreadsheets to handle the Parade of Green information

13. Prep manila envelopes, etc. for the Parade of Green checks to give to the Governor for Sunday distribution to the foundation heads
14. Actually take the POG checks, record them, and get them into the correct envelope (Thank you to the clubs who mail these early, Otherwise I'm doing nothing but sorting them all Saturday night)
15. Prep a Secretary kit with pens, paper, tape, scissors, 18 other things, to handle my needs and those of the many people who need stuff!
16. Gather all formal documents to bring with, just in case...
17. Make lists so that I can cross stuff off and feel like I'm actually making some headway!

Hope you enjoyed my fun task list, and that it inspires you to want to do this job someday...

Regards,
Lion Jim Pokela, 5M7 Secretary/Treasurer
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Mid-Winter Convention is almost here. We'll be there, will you? Stop at the KidSight Foundation Booth and learn what you can do for your community children and their eyesight. Let us help you make sure your kids See Clearly! We look forward to seeing and visiting with you.

Lion Mary Curtis and Lion Ann Kaduce, 5M7 Directors, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation

Vision screening is not the goal; it is the method we use to reach our goal of every child seeing clearly!

2021 THANK YOU!



The MN Childhood Cancer Foundation absolutely could NOT do what we do without the support from clubs and members like you! By having determined clubs and members, you've help make a measurable impact in the world of childhood cancer research. Dozens of research projects have been done this last year to help researchers uncover better, safer treatments for the children fighting cancer. Some of those projects include:

- Helping scientists gather data from all over the world to study some of the rarest childhood cancers, including medulloblastoma, osteosarcoma, retinoblastoma and more.
- Research the focuses on the cancer survivors. The cancer experience doesn't end with the last chemotherapy treatment.
- Potential treatments that are extremely targeted, so drugs can find and kill only cancer cells, leaving the rest of the child's body healthy.
- Camps to support children and their families who have cancer. Helping them to connect with each other, cancer caregivers both online and in-person.

If we keep spreading the message that we can do more for kids fighting cancer, more people will understand childhood cancer, will fund the additional research to give more efficient and safe treatments. Only about 4% of all federal cancer research dollars go to childhood cancer research, but the kids deserve better and awareness building is an essential step in our mission.

Thank you so much for continuing to support the MN Childhood Cancer Foundation! We couldn't do it without the support of great members and great clubs!!

Lion Eugenia Sjerven,

MN Lions Childrens Cancer Foundation

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE READ!

There is a Lion from Spring Lake Park Lions looking for a person to take some single-use inulin needles that he is no longer using. We hope to find a person to use these instead of just throwing them away! These are of course new and un-opened items. There are two different brands of .25 X 8mm disposable Droplet pen needles. Please contact Lion Joel Anderson for more information.



Lions of District 5M7

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.

5M7 Midwinter Convention is a few days away, and I'm looking forward to seeing friends from the past and meeting new friends. I will be manning a table for Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, I will have a few give aways so please stop by.

If you have eye glasses to drop off, my table will be ready after 4 PM Friday. The glasses will be picked up Sunday morning and transported to Sartell, Mn. Thank you for recycling used eyeglasses. Please no glass cases, broken metal frames are ok, but please no broken plastic frames. I will also take old cell phones and you can bring old hearing aids to Lion Hal from the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.

Please stop by just to say HEY. See you at the 5M7 Midwinter Convention. Thank You For All You Do!

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HELLO LIONS AND LEOS

District 5M7 will auction off a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the 2022 Mid-Winter Convention. The rules are simple:

- ◇ Only 100 tickets will be sold
- ◇ Tickets are \$10 each
- ◇ The Fellowship winners ticket will be drawn and announced at the Sunday Brunch
- ◇ Winner need not be present to win.

The Fellowship is the winners to keep or to give away. They are a great way to show recognition of the service of a club member or community leader.

PDG Lion Peter Lendway

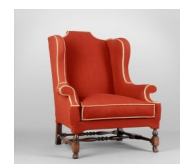


Catch the Dream...
Life without Diabetes
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



GREETINGS LIONS

What is an endowed chair or professorship?



STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness



February, March & April 2022

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

(2000 steps = 1 mile)

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own

Be a part of a team

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens January 25, 2022 \$25 Registration Fee T-Shirts available

****Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health. Net Proceeds benefit Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation*

We are excited about this new virtual fundraiser for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. Please go to our website and sign up to walk, run, tread-mill, swim, bike, snow-shoe, ski, or whatever you like for 15 miles per month for February, March, and April. Do this as a team or on your own! Keep track of your activity as you wish too. Remember, this is a fundraiser for the MLDF and we are promoting physical activity too.

Register and pay online at \$25.00 per person or just make a donation. You can also make a sponsorship if your club would like. Sponsorship Levels: Platinum Sponsor (\$10,000); Gold Sponsor (\$5,000); Silver Sponsor (\$2,500); and Bronze Sponsor (\$1,000). Sponsors to be recognized on MLDF website.

You may also send a check to Lion Joel Anderson or Lion Mike Edwards to register. Remember, this is all on you own and meant to be a fun way to promote being active.

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Foundation Co-Treasurer
District 5M7 Co-Trustee

It is the highest academic award that a university can bestow on a faculty member, and it lasts as long as the University exists. It is one of the most prestigious academic positions a professor can achieve.

Thus, it is both an HONOR to the named holder of the appointment and an enduring tribute to the MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION.

In 2011, the Hearing Foundation pledged \$1 million to the establishment of the endowed chair at the University of Minnesota and in 2021 completed the funding. We are now waiting to share the name of the professor of the Otolaryngology department who will be the first one to hold the chair.

Endowed faculty chairs are crucial for recruiting and retaining the highest-quality faculty. The greatest institutions have the best minds, the most-creative researchers and the most-engaged teachers, which attracts the brightest students. Having endowed faculty means students get to rub elbows with the most talented scholars in the world.

For the Minnesota Lions, this means that any time the professor speaks, presents a research paper, or receives an award, our name will be included, sharing in the prestige and the acknowledgement.

The perspective candidate for this position has been doing research and clinical trials that show that combining sound and electrical stimulation of the tongue can significantly reduce TINNITUS, commonly described as "ringing in the ears." They also found that therapeutic effects can be sustained for up to 12 months post-treatment.

We hope to announce the candidate soon. Stay tuned for more! PDG Jim or I would like to come visit your club, give one of us a call to schedule.

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5M7 LEO CLUBS

ANOKA LEO-TORNADO SERVICE CLUB; AND-OVER LEOS; BLAINE BENGALS; COON RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL; SPRING LAKE PARK LEOS

The Leos of 5M7 ended 2021 completing many hours of service in their schools and communities. The clubs are excited to be part of the mid-winter convention in partnership of service with the Lions. Service is going to look great on the Leos in 2022!

ANOKA LEO- TORNADO SERVICE CLUB

- ◆ Volunteering at ARC in New Hope with 14 members for three different shifts
- ◆ Holiday party with Leos to celebrate 2021

ANDOVER LEOS

- ◆ Established a therapy dog to work with students in the high school monthly
- ◆ Continued work on mental health awareness
- ◆ Celebrated the clubs volunteer hours

BLAINE BENGALS

- ◆ Holiday fun for all students
- ◆ Leo end of year party celebrating service for 2021

COON RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ◆ Senior connection holiday baskets in partnership with Coon Rapids Lions- students
- ◆ Completion of second recycled bench in partnership with the CR Lions club

SPRING LAKE PARK

- ◆ Establish a new group of students interested in Leo club
- ◆ Celebrate the service completed during 2021

If you are interested in getting more involved with a Leo club, or would be interested in starting a Leo Club, please reach to either chair member:

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**Leadership is an action,
not a position.**

Lion Stefanie Nelson

5M7 District Youth Exchange

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Happy 2022!



What a great year it will be in youth exchange and student travel. Registration for camps start in January 2022. We are excited to get in parent and student meetings to encourage travel around the world.

We are hosting the Minnesota Camp at Camp Spicer the last week in July 2022. We have had requests for students' placements already- look for your more information for hosting coming to a club newsletter near you.

Please reach out if you have students interested in travel around the world this summer or you are willing to host students during their stay here in Minnesota.

5M7 District Chair- Lion Stefanie Nelson



Mid-Winter Backpack Project Sponsorship

Come serve on Saturday, January 8th from 10a-10:45am to pack backpacks for homeless youth in Brooklyn Park. The money donated will go toward supplies to complete the project.

**Clubs or individuals can donate toward the project
For Gambling funds checks to Park Center High School
All other funds checks to 5m7 Leos**



One Heavy Duty Backpack Total Cost \$300

Items include: durable backpack, Spirit wear (embroidered hoodie and hat), Ear buds, fidgets, lanyards, candy, snacks, gift cards, socks, Chapstick, and a few other extras



One Draw String Backpack Total Cost \$ 125

Items include: drawstring bag, water bottle, winter hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hand/foot warmers, Ear buds, candy, snacks, chapstick and gift cards



Gift Cards Cost \$20 each

Variety of stores: Cub, Target, Aldi's, McDonalds, Burger King, Arby's, Holiday and Speedy way for Gas cards



Donations of any amount are welcome!

Questions, please contact:

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Lion Stefanie Nelson - stefanieenelson@gmail.com

**Checks can be mailed to Lion Stefanie Nelson
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ENVIROMENTAL NEWS



REDUCING PLASTIC DEPENDENCE

Like going on a diet, the first step in reducing the amount of single-use plastic we discard is to understand how much we really consume. The president of Beyond Plastics, a nationwide anti-plastic campaign, suggest looking at the plastic we throw away on a dail basis for an honest assessment of our consumption and for clues to how we can make the most impact. Using frozen concentrated juice rather than plastic jugs/containers is one way; using reusable bags instead of plastic bags for groceries is another way. Each reusable bag could cancel out hundreds to thousands of plastic bags.

5,000,000,000,000 plastic bags are used worldwide every year and can last more than 500 YEARS! Use mesh cloth bags for your produce and try to avoid fruits and vegetables packed in plastic wrap. Kick your zipper food-storage bag habit by using reusable silicone or paper-based bags instead. Avoid plastic poop bags for your dog's waste. Use paper-based alternatives or pooper scooper if you have a yard. Stop using trash bags. If you compost food waste, use a garbage disposal, and recycle aluminum and glass products, what's left should be innocuous enough to go straight into the trash bin.

THE US ACCOUNTED FOR 37% OF THE WORLD'S FOOD SERVICE DISPOSABLE IN 2010. Bring your own empty containers to restaurant's for leftovers. Dine in at restaurants and cook at home more often. If ordering delivery, request that condiment packets, cutlery and straws be excluded. At a supermarket deli ask for your order to be wrapped in paper [or BYO container]. If you do buy something in a plastic container, get only the packaging marked 1 or 2 on the bottom since those can be recycled. For pasta, grains or nuts, buy in bulk and opt for a brand that uses paper, glass, or metal packaging.

196 million Americans reported using at least one roll of plastic wrap in the last 6 months of 2020. Stop using plastic wrap. Use stretchy silicone covers, beeswax wraps or alluminum foil to wrap foods. Shop local instead of ordering online. When ordering online request they not use plastic packaging. Shop the frozen food isle sparingly since everything you find there is wrapped in plastic even if the exterior packaging is cardboard. And lastly, buy in bulk or bake it yourself. Purchase fewer snack packs or individually wrapped foods such as cookies, granola bars, etc.

Check out this website [www.rex.com/recycling] for info on recycling plastic into benches for your community or Lions Park.



Our last in a series on reducing plastic dependance will be in the February Gram.

LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2021-2022 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (4). The 2022 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2022.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the LITPC website: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on LITPC Scholarship Forms.
3. Then click on LITPC Scholarship Information.
4. When that page comes up, click on Scholarship Application Form

Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to 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 people (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, 2022 to: Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072 bmguhrie9@q.com You can either email us your application OR call us and we will give you our mailing address.

Thank You and Good Luck to ALL!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”



WHAT LIONS DO.....

The Rush City Lions, along with family members joined together on Saturday, December 11th to assemble and distribute 316 fruit baskets to senior citizens in our community.



Andover Lions Winter event Signing Santa
View more photos at <https://www.amazon.com/photos/sharedBcSH7SV8Qtkyzx1OqayJA.0nnlO9unepYG6yYhVDJl7m>



ELK RIVER LIONS

Elk River Lions Club loaded up backpacks for homeless senior citizens with Granny's Closet then sponsored their Breakfast with Santa at the Elk River Boys and Girls Club, complete with KidsSight screenings.

The following weekend the Elk River Lions had Santa Day at KJ's Refuge bar and grill in Orrock, Minnesota, with arts and crafts and prize drawings and giveaways for everyone. The Club Christmas party was also at KJ's. Happy Holidays to all and hopes for a peaceful new year!



WHAT LIONS DO.....

Albertville Lions

A few Albertville Lions participated in a Christmas gift pick-up and delivery to a needy Albertville family yesterday and talk about gratification! We posed as Christmas Carolers to catch their attention (with an insider's help) and after a few songs exposed all the gifts. Here is a brief overview: After a hard-fought battle with Pancreatic cancer, and enduring through the pandemic at the same time, the family that we are supporting lost a wife, and mother of 3, when she passed away this August. One week later, the family also lost their grandfather to cancer. This family desperately needed some joy, and they are so deserving of a special Christmas this year. These kids have been through so much. It would be great for Dad not to have to worry about the financial stress Christmas can bring. This is going to be an incredibly hard Christmas for their whole family, a huge void not having their mother and grandfather. For the grandmother, not having her daughter and husband at the cherished Christmas celebration.



The organization responsible for all of this is "Best Christmas Ever". A family nomination is presented to the organization and the Carlson family was selected. Best Christmas Ever partnered with a number of generous community businesses/organizations to make all of this possible. In no particular order, they were able to partner with some amazing businesses and schools namely: Blue Star Women's group, Ace Hardware in Albertville, Office Depot in Eden Prairie, Ashley Furniture in Albertville, My Bob FM 106 Radio, Fairview, Scheels in Eden Prairie, Hilton in Pensacola FL, Fernbrook Elementary, Woodland Elementary, and Bigwood Elementary, and of course a few of us with Albertville Lions. I have posted all of the gifts, I know it is a lengthy list, so if you want to pair it down it's ok with me. I just thought the world of this organization in what they do and we were pleased to help out!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING....

January

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BIG LAKE LIONS GUN BLAST.....Winners Choice Raffle. Starts at 2:00pm at McPete's 590 Humbolt Drive Big Lake. Around 20 guns to choose from each round. Only \$20/ticket with 54 chances per round. Questions call 763-263-2218 or 612-810-2119

February

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The **6th Annual Fire and Ice Polar Plunge** hosted by the Rush City Lions and Rush City Fire Department will be held on Saturday, February 12th at Flickabirds Resort between 9AM - 12noon. Each plunger is \$75.00 per person. Many plungers go out and ask folks to sponsor them. The Rush City Lions/RCFD will keep 20% of the money raised by each plunger. The remaining 80% will go to the plunger's organization indicated on the registration form. Registration, pledge, and waiver forms are available online.

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Fire and Ice Polar Plunge Co-Chairs



Project New Hope had its last retreat of the year in December, Stay tuned for more info.

LION AL JENSEN LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Lion Al Jensen
Leadership Award**

One or two awards may be presented annually to Lions who have been members for five years or more. The selection/s must be based only on contributions at a District or Multiple level. The nomination must be on the official nomination form, signed by the District Governor and submitted to the Council Chair **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1**. The award will be presented to the most qualified Lion based on the following criteria. More information can be found on the 5m7 website.

1. Vision... The ability to see or seek out new ideas and new ways to advance the humanitarian service of Lionism.
2. Creativity... Can see new ways to solve problems and to provide humanitarian service.
3. Courage... Follows through on commitments or a project no matter how difficult it may be.
4. Unselfishness... Contributes without expecting something in return.
5. Teamwork... Success in organizing a team, delegating work within the team, assuring that all members of the team are informed and committed, and follows through to make sure that the work of the team is successful.
6. Effectiveness in leading others... Motivates others to be part of a project/ piece of work, gives them clearly defined recognition when the project/work is completed.
7. Best exemplifies the leadership qualities of Lion Al Jensen.

ARTICLES FOR THE FEBRUARY GRAM ARE DUE BY JANUARY 25th.