



5M7 GRAM



Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos,

As we near the end of our Lions Year, take a moment to reflect on what you and your club have been able to accomplish for your community, in spite of the influence the pandemic has had on your activities. Have you learned new ways of “fun”raising? New ways to serve the needs in your community? What are your successes? What did not work so well? Have you been able to accomplish your membership goals? Has your club grown together? Or have they grown apart?



As has been said many times before, these are unprecedented times we live in. We can pull back in fear or forge ahead with confidence. What you do for your community, especially now, as I have said before, will not go unnoticed.

It's time to return to meeting in person to reclaim the fellowship and rekindle the friendships we once had before the pandemic. It's time to invite the community to become members of your Lions Club. It's time to rediscover and to relive what it means to be a Lion.

Live and serve boldly, like a Lion!

DG Peter

Your 2020-2021 5M7 LEADERSHIP TEAM



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JUNE

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP



5m7 LIONS, LIONESSE, LEOS

Oh my goodness, this is the last newsletter article for me as your 1st Vice District Governor. What an interesting year this has been! All 52 of our clubs have a different story about how we weathered this storm (the pandemic.)

I would like to say **WELCOME** to our newest Lions Club in 5m7, **Lions Club of Big Lake Lioness Club**. They held a Charter Night recently on May 24th, 2021. This is a Lioness Club which converted to Lions. When Lions Clubs International asked them to make this transition this year, these ladies had many choices. They could join the Big Lake Lions, join other Lions clubs, have their own Lions club or be done. This lioness club has been serving since 1983 in Big Lake. The community would certainly miss them if they were not serving their city anymore. This charter reminds me of when my own club chartered 13 years ago. I remember there were no service organizations in my city at the time. This meant no Lions fish fry's, no highway cleanup, no food assistance, no Easter Bunny or Christmas Tree Lightings. The Lions came along and began providing all this and much more to the community. I am thinking each of our members has the same story in your city. Now if this wasn't there anymore, there would be a void. So I would like to **THANK YOU** Lions Club of Big Lake Lioness Club for transitioning into a Lions Club and continuing to serve your community. You are doing amazing things.

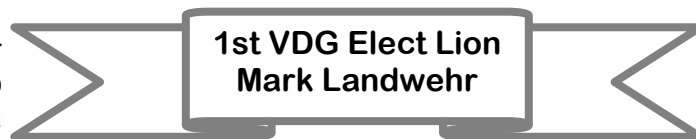
Who has not registered for the Lions Clubs International Convention? It is time! The date is June 25-29, 2021, and the cost is just \$50.00 and this is your chance to go to an international convention with just a small expense as it is virtual. If you register you will be able to be a part of all of the events and yes, there is still going to be the parade! Go check it out! Here is the link to LCI's convention page: https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/#_ga=2.192303534.587290513.1622159110-690476148.1543728582

In this newsletter you will find the Governor Club Visit form for 2021-2022. Your club can get that filled out early and get it in to me to get your choice of a date for your visit.

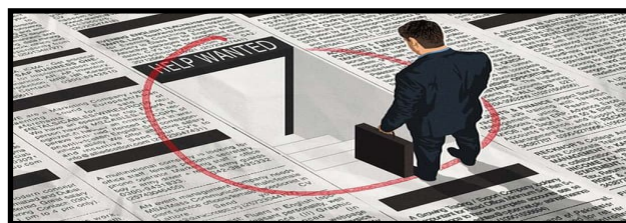
I am still looking for a few more Lions to be on our 5m7 cabinet for 2021-2022. If you would like to serve our district, please let me know. I would like to chat with you. You can either call or email me with questions about this great opportunity to serve. .

Reach out to your District Governor Team if you have questions, need assistance or if you would like to chat about anything at all. **WE ARE HERE!**

Hope to see you soon!
District Governor Elect Judy Herrala



I attended the charter night for the new Big Lake Lions Club this past Monday evening and gave a short talk on fellowship. In my opinion this group of wonderful ladies already have great fellowship and I feel they will be a strong active club. I wish them all the best and am excited about visiting them in the future.



THE 5M7 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM IS STILL SEEKING THAT SPECIAL CANDIDATE TO STEP UP AND TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE AS THE 2ND VD GOVERNOR FOR 2021-2022. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE OR ARE INTERESTED YOURSELF IN THE POSITION, CONTACT EITHER DG LION PETER OR DGE LION JUDY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Newsletter articles are due by the 25th of each month to: 5M7 Gram @gmail.com. NO EXCEPTIONS



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



It looks like the world is starting to get back to some kind of normal again! Clubs are starting to meet again and are starting to have pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers. We need your help! The State Fair is a go this year and we need Lions to volunteer to help with the booth at the fair. Lions are hosting the Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations annual information booth in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors. District 5M7 are responsible to man that booth on Thursday September 2 and share the duties with Districts 5M5, 5M6, and 5M7 on Monday (Labor Day) Below is the link to sign up to work.

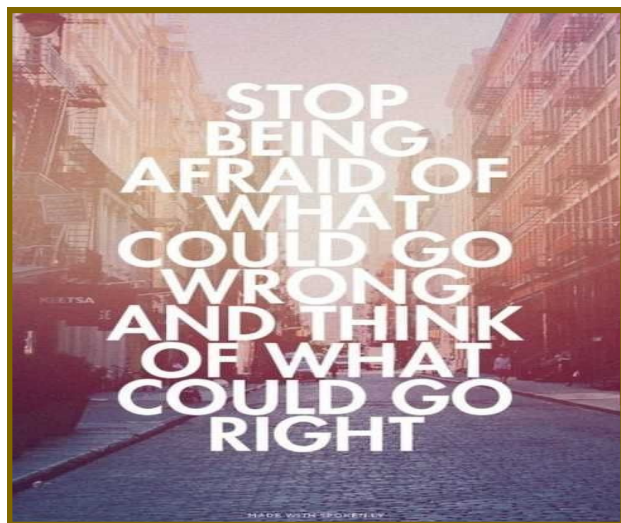
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49AAAA2AA6FB6-mnlions1>

We would like to **THANK YOU** for your contributions to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Your generous donations assist our work and programs including Lions Gift of Sight, Lions Children's Eye Clinic, Macular Degeneration Center, Lions Eye Surgery Center, and used eyeglasses collection!

We are proud to represent **YOU** as members of the board! We look forward to sharing with you the amazing things going on! Enjoy the Spring and remember, if you have any additional funds looking for a home, we can still use those donations!

Thank you for all you do!

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Recently, we learned about a Lion's member who was having problems with her speaking due to a narrowed voice box. She has a hoarse voice and was unable to speak loudly enough to be heard at a cabinet meeting, so her husband spoke for her.



Luckily, a member of our foundation learned of her difficulty and suggested looking into the Lions Voice Clinic. **The Lions Voice Clinic may be able to help.**

Most of our Minnesota Lions members have not heard about this clinic. The Lions Voice Clinic was established to: evaluate & treat voice disorders. provide a full range of state-of-the-art voice care, educate individuals about the human voice, research all aspects of voice use, specialize in treating singers, actors, & others with professional voices

A link from our foundation website (<https://www.5mhf.org/voice-clinic.html>) will take you to the University of Minnesota website that addressed the patient care information needed. <https://med.umn.edu/ent/patient-care/lions-voice-clinic> It has information about the care team, the voice and problems associated with it, treatments available, and answers general questions, such as who develops voice problems, different types of disorders, etc.

There is also a link to sign up for an appointment as well as important links to other sources such as the National Center for Voice and Speech, American Cancer Society and UMN Dept. of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences.

Please pass on this information to those in your community who may need these services. **Remember—We Serve.**

*Blindness separates people from things,
 deafness separates people from people.
 Helen Keller*



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



Greeting Lions of District 5M-7.

Well, it appears like the weather is warming up just in time for our annual walk. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold the walk in-person at the U of M Landscape Arboretum, so we have tried to adapt the walk this year and make it a virtual walk, and we sure hope you will plan to take the walk for your club at a community park. The important work of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation does not stop so join us on June 5th wherever you are to support hearing health!

Thanks to the Foundation's pledge to fund the new sound booth construction and equipment purchases, you can help us, and the U of M provide support to even more kids! In addition, we continue funding research projects to find new cures and treatments for patients experiencing hearing issues and our Professorship endowment will facilitate teaching students who will help those with hearing loss well into the future.

Please consider participating in our 2021 virtual walk. You can take a walk at your local park, bring some club members together for a walk in the park or jump on the treadmill. For more information on how YOU can help support us this year, feel free to give me a call or drop me an email and I will get the information to you.

Lion Hal Hinchliffe 5M-7 Trustee MLHF

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HELP BUILD UP A FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HEARING AID BY DONATING USED HEARING AIDS!

Most clubs and communities don't realize that it isn't just glasses that can be donated to Lions, but also HEARING AIDS. These are then sent to a place that refurbish them as needed and make them available at a lower cost.

PLEASE LET YOUR COMMUNITIES KNOW ABOUT THIS!

Your contribution of used hearing aids makes a significant difference in the lives of those who would simply slip through the cracks.

Lions Children's Hearing Center 10TH ANNUAL WALK



JUNE 5, 2021 9:30AM

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM IN CHASKA, MN

- Half mile, two mile, or three mile walking routes.
- Entry Fee: \$25
- Fee includes entry to arboretum, t-shirt, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- Great club activity event.
- A chance to change a child's life through your \$25 registration donation.



To learn more visit us at:
5mhf.org or at [facebook.com/5mhf.org](https://www.facebook.com/5mhf.org)

WHY don't you and your club members do a **VIRTUAL WALK** for the **LIONS CHILDRENS HEARING CENTER** and send us your pic's. Go walk around a lake, park, parking lot, your city, the Mall, the woods, your house, **WHERE EVER** and send your pics [jpg please] to the GRAM and we'll put them in next month.



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Nolan has anxiety. Mom Megan explains that Nolan has always struggled with being anxious, but she said that changed right away when Nitro entered their family. "Instantly, Nitro has lowered that anxiety on a daily basis," she explains. Nitro seems to give purpose and structure to Nolan, who is responsible for feeding Nitro. **Read more about Nitro and Nolan at:**

<https://can-do-canines.org/a-partnership-that-was-meant-to-befor-so-many-reasons/>

Interested in helping? What about being a Puppy Parent? You take in a puppy for 18-24 months and teach the puppy good house manners, basic obedience, and early assistance dog skills while exposing the puppy to as many social situations as possible. Puppy Parents attend a minimum of one training meeting each month and provide a home, food, basic veterinary care and lots of love!



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Germany is offering 3 exciting opportunities for youth exchange online! Students will apply as in the scope of the regular Lions Youth Exchange Program. If you have students that would be interested in attending this opportunity virtually with Germany, please have them reach out to me to register.

Editor's Note..... The June Gram is in the colors of the month which are light blue, white and cream.

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Military Family Retreats at no cost to Veterans




"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET**

**2021
MINNESOTA
RETREATS**

JUNE 4-18-20
Audubon Center near Sandstone, MN

OCTOBER 8-10
Ironwood Springs Ranch near Stewartville, MN

DECEMBER 3-5
Inspiration Point near Clitherall, MN

YOUTH OUTREACH



Order your Peace Poster kits now! It's time we start fresh! I wish you all a great summer and have FUN! Kids will help make you feel young and are our future Lions! Be Kind, Kindness Matters.

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DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



Camp Courage | Camp Friendship | Camp Eden Wood | Camp Courage North | Plymouth Office. www.truefriends.org or call 952.852.0101 Ruth Kewitsch, Sr. Director of Development O:952.852.0128 C: 952.829.5911



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Our Mission: Connecting, empowering and transforming kids with Type 1 Diabetes.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **STRIKE OUT TYPE 1 DIABETES EVENT: JUNE 27, 2021**
Raise money to keep the cost of cap down for you and your family and raise money for Camp Sweet Life .
- **GLOW RUN [in person this year] SEPTMEBER 18, 2021**
Register at Eventbrite link and receive a really cool performance T-shirt if registered by September 10! Link to Eventbrite 2021 Virtual Glow will be up soon.
- **ONLINE AUCTION:** Last year's online auction was so successful we will be doing it again online. All proceeds go to Camp Sweet Life. It will be held in September 2021. Check out our FB page www.facebook.com/CampSweetLife/.
- **SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP 2022:** Sunday July 31 Thursday August 4, 2022 **Info at campsweetlife.org or 507-934-9352 or contact Rene' 507-995-6910**

2021 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE [RLLI]

WANTED: YOU!!

FOR: AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: 2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute

WHEN: October 21-24 2021

WHERE: Holiday Inn Detroit Lakes MN

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute! Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director. The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. **However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.** Participants **MUST** be available to attend **ALL** sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions. The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by September 30, 2021. Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection. Institute graduates from your district will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion. I

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact: Lion Dennis W. Kelly III dkellylion@gmail.com We look forward to giving **YOU** this **UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!**

UPDATE

Due to Covid-19 last year, Lions International waived new member fees but, beginning July 1, 2021 the \$35 one time fee will be re-instated for all new members who join a Lions Club.



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DISTRICT CABINET NEWS

MN Lions 2021 State Fair Booth

It sounds like Covid is saying goodbye! We are told there will be a Minnesota State Fair this year, although we do not know yet about what restrictions there may be. So, let's be positive and plan for working the MN Lions Booth at the State Fair.



The booth will again be in the Education Building and will be shared with Vision Foundation and the Hearing Foundation. There will be promotional and informational materials on all Foundations to hand out, and we are planning a PLINKO game to make it more fun to hand out Give-Away items to the public. Our days to serve are Thursday, September 2 and Monday, Labor Day, September 6 from 8:45am to 9:00pm. You can sign up for any other days also. The fair will be open August 26 through September 6. We are looking for 3 volunteers per 3-hour shift.

Please watch for the Sign-Up Genius coming your way; or ask any of the Foundation Trustees for details.

MLDF Raffle Results

Thanks to all that purchased our raffle tickets. We sold over \$22,000 in tickets and had two winners from District 5M7. Please check with me or our web-site for the names of all the winners!

Join the MLDF,,,,,, We are looking for another Lion to serve on the foundation starting July 2021. It is a great way to serve and meet many great people in a very positive way. Let me or DGE Lion Judy know of your interest.

Lion Joel Anderson Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Foundation Co-Treasurer District 5M7 Co-Trustee

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LEO'S CLUBS OF 5M7

Our LEO Clubs have had end of year celebrations so watch for pics and info in the July Gram!



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LIONS MEMBERS TAMMY WEBER, LONNIE WEBER, AND CHRIS VIEAU posed on the new dock at Snuffy's Landing, donated by the Minnesota DNR.

Work will soon start on upgrades to Becker's Snuffy's Landing, the destination of the new Lions Park. Recently, a new dock was donated to the park by the DNR, but this is only the first of many changes coming to the Becker landmark.

For the last six months, the Becker Lions Club has been making monthly donations to the city to be used towards upgrades to Snuffy's Landing. In return for the contribution, the park will be renamed Lions Park at Snuffy's Landing, and the city will take responsibility for maintaining the park.

With a total of \$18,000 donated so far, the Lions and the city are ready to get started on some upgrades to the park. The agreement between the Lions and the city states that the Lions will donate another \$18,000 over the next six months, but it is possible the Lions will continue to contribute funds to the project after that point.

The first change visitors can enjoy is the new dock on the river, donated and placed by the DNR. The DNR also donated a concrete slab at the boat landing and dredged out the launch area.

The city will be donating some used equipment from Carl E. Johnson park. The city decided to use the old equipment at Snuffy's, in order to gauge how well visitors will treat play equipment before investing in new equipment. One big project that will start soon will be the Lions Pavilion. This pavilion will be inspired by the other Becker Lions Pavilion at the Becker Athletic Complex. The pavilion at Snuffy's will feature a mural in tribute to the Lions Club and their history in Becker. Eventually, Lions and city staff hope to add permanent bathrooms to the pavilion as well.

The Lions hope to add hiking and snowmobiling trails and campsites to the area. They have approached the DNR to apply for a grant to add a fishing pier near the area where they plan to put the playground equipment. New signage will be purchased with the new name, Lions Park at Snuffy's Landing and the Lions plan to petition MNDOT to add signage on Hwy10 directing travelers to the park.



DISTRICT CABINET NEWS



The **Lioness Bridge Program** makes it possible for Lionesses to honor and acknowledge their proud past while enjoying all the benefits, rights and privileges associated with Lions club membership. Recent updates to the program are:

April 2018, the LCI International Board of Directors made the decision to encourage all current Lioness clubs to join the Lions family by extending the Join Together program effective until June 2021.

June 2018, additional concessions were made by the LCI Board of Directors to encourage individual Lioness to formally join the Lions family.

April 2019, LCI International Board of Directors made the decision to separate the Lioness Bridge program from the Join Together Program. Consistent with the decision made in April 2018, **the Lioness Bridge program will end on June 30, 2021 when all concessions will no longer be offered.**

To learn more about the concessions for both Lioness Clubs and individual Lioness, review the FAQ at: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lioness-initiative> You may also contact Lion Judie Zaske at: rsjz55309@gmail.com for additional information and assistance.



"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."

Nora Roberts

CHARTER NIGHT for the Lions Club of Big Lake Lioness was a resounding success! **OUR THANKS** to Lion Chuck and Lion Norm for handling the bar, Lions members from Coon Rapids and Spring Lake Park who attended the event, our District Leadership and of course our sponsoring Lions, the Big Lake Lions Club.

Meet your new Lions Club members with DG Lion Peter



DG Lion Peter and Lion President Lion Sue Stang with the Charter.

The 'chow line' at Charter Night. Unfortunately someone forgot to bring the **WINE!**





WHAT'S UP



Lions Clubs International

The 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention will be a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. Everyone's invited – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world. Registration fees – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date.

Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29.

Additional event and registration details will be provided soon. Current registrants – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options. Elections – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming. Convention updates – Check our convention [website LCIcon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.



Road Construction Update: That which was suppose to start mid May has yet to START! We are making progress tho construction signs are going up! I guess that's a good 'sign'! Gram Editor



MEMORIAL DAY is for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

CAR SHOW

Albertville Lions - 7th Annual

Saturday, June 12th - 10 am to 2pm

Albertville MN

- Lachman Ave NE & 57th Street NE -

(between Albertville Coborns and STMA Hockey Arena)



Cars, Trucks, Rat Rods, Customs, All Makes & Models, All Years. Bring what you've got and have fun!

\$10 Car/Vehicle registration fee day of show only (registration includes FREE event T-Shirt*)

**T-Shirts while supplies last*



- FREE event for Spectators -



Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place & a People's Choice Award *

Please practice social distancing. Wearing a mask is encouraged!

While we would love to see you, if you are sick or immune compromised please STAY HOME!

For info, Email: albertvillelions@gmail.com • follow us on Albertville Lions facebook



JUNE

WHAT'S UP

2021
MN Lions Childhood Cancer
Foundation
'Shave for the
Brave'



District 5M7

is joining to shave as many
heads as we can and raise
funds for cancer kids.

To donate go to:

mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org

or

Mail checks to:
Tom McCarthy
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Make check to:
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

In Memo- Lions Name & District



2020-2021 District Governor
Club Visit Request



Club: _____

Preferred Date: _____ Alternate Date: _____

Social Hour Time: _____ Dinner/Meeting Time: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Directions _____

Dinner: Yes ___ No ___ Joint Meeting: Yes ___ No ___

If so, list other club (s): _____

If Special Requests during visit: (Install officers, Induct Members, Present Awards, Other): _____

1st VDG Invited? Yes ___ No ___ Spouse? Yes ___ No ___

2nd VDG Invited? Yes ___ No ___ Spouse? Yes ___ No ___

Zone Chair invited? Yes ___ No ___ Spouse? Yes ___ No ___

Please return this form to me via email or snail mail to schedule your club visit. I will contact you prior to the visit to reconfirm your date and to go over any special requests.

Thank you. I look forward to visiting your club!

District Governor Judy Herralá

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THIS FORM is a reminder to Presidents & Secretary's to start thinking about your Governor's Night Request. The full page form will be in the JULY addition of the Gram AND hopefully on our e-district website soon.