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The Gram

May 2025

The latest news, views and announcements for District 5M7

2024—2025

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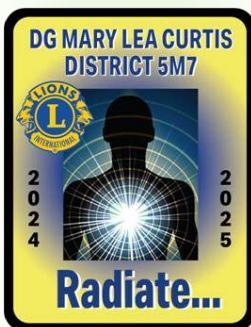
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**Radiate...and make your
mark**

Greetings fellow Lions and Leos,

There's something you don't know about me...I have a collection of Kaleidoscopes. I love their endless display of color and pattern. The kaleidoscope, with its ever-changing lights, colors and various shapes, represents unlimited views, opportunities and creativity focused on the unveiling of new ideas from existing ideas.

In a world that shifts and shimmers like a kaleidoscope, the beauty lies in how we respond to change. Each twist brings new colors, fresh patterns, and unexpected perspectives—just like the communities we serve. We should all see the world through the kaleidoscope of service.

As Lions, we are called to meet each change not with hesitation, but with heart. Lionism is our lens—a way of seeing opportunities where others see obstacles. Whether it's empowering youth, aiding those in need, or fostering connection across generations, every service we offer adds a vibrant piece to the greater picture.

Like a kaleidoscope, our service doesn't stand still. It adapts, evolves, and grows stronger with every act of kindness. Through vision and unity, we turn moments of need into mosaics of hope.

Let's keep turning the dial of possibility—one act of service at a time. To date we have 145 new members, we are almost at our goal of 169! Keep up the good work everyone and continue to look for new members. They bring a new voice and perspective to our clubs. Don't forget to update your membership and record your new officers in the Lions Portal.

Please take note of some important announcements in this publication regarding additional insurance umbrella policies and a membership marketing campaign. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Get outside and enjoy the awaking of our environment.

Take inspiration from the season of new beginnings.
Use that energy to Radiate and Make your Mark!

Governor Mary



Happy Spring Lions and Leos,

As we roar forward into a new season of service, it's time to celebrate the power of leadership and our shared mission of service. District 5M7 continues to exemplify what it means to serve with heart and purpose—and now, more than ever, it's essential that we shine a light on both the people and the projects that make our work meaningful.

□ **List Your Club Leaders**

Strong leadership is the backbone of every successful Lions club. Whether you're welcoming returning officers or embracing new faces in key roles, updating your club's leadership in the MyLion portal is crucial. It ensures smooth communication, helps with resource access, and allows District and Multiple District leaders to support us more effectively.

□ Action Item: Log in to MyLion and confirm your 2025–2026 club officers by May 1st. Let's ensure every leader is visible and supported! If you need assistance with reporting, I'm always available to help.

Reminder: Spring Expo Leadership Workshop is scheduled for May 21st at Spring Lake Park High School, 6-8:30p.m. and May 29th at Monticello High School, 6-8:30p.m. It is important that both new and returning leaders attend. This is one of the qualifications for receiving a Club Excellent Award which, of course, your club is working towards!

□ **Your Service Deserves the Spotlight**

Every act of service—big or small—deserves recognition. Logging your service projects in MyLion not only helps us track our collective impact, but also strengthens our storytelling and reporting at the local, national, and global levels.

Whether it's a vision screening event, food drive, reading program, or youth engagement activity, it matters and needs to be reported.

□ Action Item: Make it a habit to submit your projects in MyLion. If you need help, reach out to our leadership team. We're here to support you! . Our goal is to have 100% of our clubs reporting service.

□ **Helen Keller Challenged the Lions 100 years ago!**

At the Lions Clubs International Convention on June 30, 1925, Helen Keller asked the Lions “Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?” The Lions took on her challenge and has been committed to sight, hearing, and service ever since.

□ Action Item: Our district is celebrating this 100-year commitment in several ways. The 1st is that we will conduct a District wide club eyeglass challenge! Get busy and continue collecting eyeglasses! Add new collection sites and reach out to your community to encourage donations.

In the June issue of the Gram, we will have more details including the conclusion of this club wide challenge and activities and events that your club can participate in and share with your community. Stay tuned!

Thank you to all the clubs who have invited me to their Governor's night. I've enjoyed meeting your members and continue to be impressed by all the service you are providing your communities. I look forward to the upcoming visits I have in May.

As our District Governor Mary says, “Keep radiating and make your mark”!

DGE Deb



Hello Lions All ~

Another busy month almost in the books! March ended with a trip to the LCIF Gala in St. Cloud. It was a great day celebrating Lionism with those that share the same passion for serving. Fellowship within the Lions is more than just being part of a “club”. Fellowship is the feeling of belonging, where every member contributes to the same idea of support, fun and connection. Fellowship in the Lions is a great opportunity to discuss common concerns, common interests and to help create solutions to help our community and organizations.

I truly enjoy getting together with my Governor's team and planning our future as your leaders and how we can make this experience great for everyone. Being part of a club means knowing you have a place where people value and uplift one another. It's about the little things—the nods of understanding, the teamwork, the shared enthusiasm—that turn a simple gathering into a meaningful bond. Fellowship is the heartbeat of any great club, making each meeting something to look forward to.

I'm really looking forward to our Multiple convention that is taking place April 25, 26 and 27 at the Hilton Airport Hotel. It's a great time for networking and sharing connections. I hope you are joining us to share the success stories and seeing others passionate about their work.

I made 4 Governor visits this month and it was great meeting and getting to know everyone better. I appreciate all the kindness you show, and I enjoy watching the dynamics between clubs. There is a lot we have to be proud of in 5M7, thanks for including us in your club meetings.

Until next month....

Lion Nancy Johnson

1st Vice District Governor Elect



Teamwork!

Thank You Lions of 5M7!

Your DG team is extremely proud of the time, energy, planning and collaboration that went into our very successful MD5M Convention. It was heartwarming to see Lion Club Members from across the District stepping in and helping out. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves so much that you will attend future Multiple Conventions. It's in Minnetonka next year. (wink wink) Thank you to everyone for answering the call to help plan and work at this event. The teamwork was outstanding. 5M7 has amazing Lions.

You're the best! Thank you.



President Fabricio Oliveira & his interpreter



DG Mary pictured with President Fabricio Oliveira



Pictured , PDG Tracy Voigt & Lion Nancy Goltz, MN Lion Mission Board of Directors. PDG Tracy is raising a future Leader Dog.



DGE Deb Weston, PCC B.J. Blahnik with Jackson 5 his Leader Dog



Joe Schmit, KSTP TV Sports Broadcaster and Katie Shatusky, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Thumbs Up speakers Saturday morning. "Impact Leadership" and "Mental Health Awareness"



"Luna"

Adorable Towel Lions were sold at the Convention.

News From the Multiple Convention

Hello fellow lions, Leos and guest of the great 5M7,

Our 2025 MD5M convention is over, I hope the people who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. We had some of the best seminar speakers that I have ever listened to at this convention. I want to thank all the Lions and Leos who attended. I would also like to thank all the people who worked to make this a success, especially the 5M7 sponsored MD5M planning committee, I could go through a long list of volunteers and what they did but I'm afraid I would miss somebody; this was a three year process to plan it. As a committee we had a few glitches; would we do anything different if we could go back? Of course we would. Hopefully people who attended remember the positives of this convention and share that with other Lions. The items we can improve on will be passed on to the committees for the 2026, 2027, and 2028 MD5M conventions.

My wife Debbie and I enjoyed spending the past three days with all of you who attended the 2025 MD5M convention. Thank you. To wrap this all up, I got a hug from our international president Fabricio when ID Mike Molenda and I dropped him off at the airport on Sunday. It made my day.

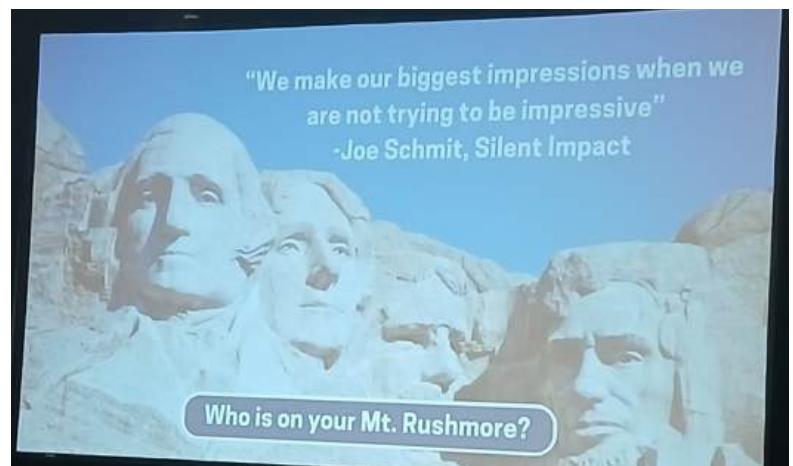
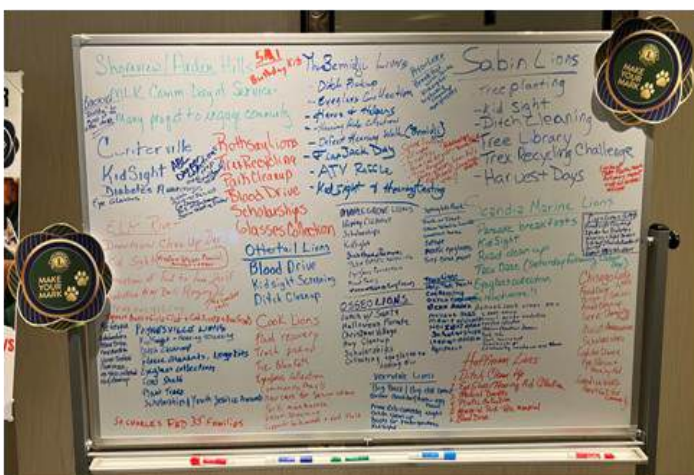
PDG Mark Landwehr

Fellow Lions and Leos,

The Minnesota Childhood Cancer Foundation ran the raffle at the MD5M convention this past weekend. On their behalf I would like to thank all of you who supported this fundraiser and all of you who donated items to make it possible. The foundation raised over \$8,000. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

5M7 MCCF chairperson

PDG Mark Landwehr



CLUB FUTURE FOCUS

Time to get ready for the new Lions year!

LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

All clubs select their leaders & reported in Lions portal by **May 1**

It is important to meet this deadline and report emails so new club leaders can receive communication from District leadership

2025 SPRING EXPO—LEADER TRAINING

All leaders for 2025-2026 should mark their calendars for leadership training to prepare for their roles and responsibilities

This year we will have general training for all club leaders, Even if you have been a leader before, plan to attend—you will find new info here.

Interested in future leadership? You are encouraged to attend, too!

All leaders should plan to attend one of these sessions, even if they have served in leadership roles before.

They can share what they know in addition to picking up new skills

Wednesday, May 21 6—8:30 PM

Spring Lake Park High School

Thursday, May 29 6—8:30 PM

Monticello High School

RSVP LINK—by May 15

<https://forms.gle/3t6dLS6gM26YmiN86>





KidSight screenings are a little slow but are starting to heat up again. We've been to a few pancake breakfasts and even had a chance to screen the Easter Bunny!! If your club has a Spring event coming up and families are involved, consider adding KidSight to the event.

KidSight will be at the State Fair again – with closure of the Kare11 Health building, we will be at a different location in the Education building.

Plan ahead to get your favorite time slot! You get free entrance to the fair, an opportunity to help kids and mileage reimbursement available. 5M7 needs volunteers for Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 26.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#/>

Let's talk, brainstorm and get you started on KidSight Vision Screenings for your community! Our goal is to provide vision screening to all children by the time they reach 6 years of age and to do this in ALL our Lions Clubs. Connect with us and we can help!!

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



Hello!

From Lion Kayla Pederson
Leader Dog District Chair



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Leader Dogs for the Blind Mission - empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Every year, Leader Dogs are able to match 200 people with their own Dog, provide 100 people with orientation and mobility training, teach 24 teens leadership and travel skills, pair people who are both deaf and blind with Leader Dogs, and **pass on \$0 of the cost of these services to their clients!**



***GOAL FOR EACH CLUB** – Select a **business** in your community to set up a **DOLLARS FOR DOGS** fundraiser at their business check-out. "Dog Tags" are in increments of \$1, \$5, and \$20 (\$250 total). Let's make an impact together!

Email Kaylampederson@gmail.com to order your kit!

KITES

Thank you to our district cabinet members for bringing kites to our last meeting. They are being distributed to families through local shelters and food shelves. You have given them the gift of leaving their worries behind by getting outside and enjoying their beautiful surroundings and environment. No act of kindness is too small. Keep in mind that focusing on simple, yet meaningful elements can significantly enhance the effectiveness of your service projects.



Calling All Lions – We Need Your Roar!

District 5M7 has received a marketing grant to help promote our clubs and encourage people to learn more about being a Lion.



Do you have a tagline or slogan that captures what it *really* means to be a Lion? We're launching a membership marketing Meta Boost campaign to spotlight the heart and soul of Lions Clubs—and we want YOUR words to lead the charge!

☐ **How You Can Help:** Work with your club and members and submit your best short phrase, slogan, or tagline that captures the spirit of service, leadership, or community.

☐ Think bold. Think inspiring. Think uniquely YOU.

☐ send suggestions to jmy57@hotmail.com ☐ Dead-line: May 11, 2025

Let's show the world what it *really* means to say:
"We Serve."

☐ **LIONS, LET'S HEAR YOUR ROAR!**

The International Association of Lions Clubs has a program of Commercial General Liability Insurance that covers Lions on a worldwide basis. All Clubs and Districts are automatically insured. the coverage amount is One Million Dollars.

Our Multiple (MD5M) provided an Additional Liability Umbrella Policy for 1 million dollars. We were informed at our recent Council of Governors meeting that our broker decided in October not to renew our policy. After this notification, multiple individuals attempted to obtain a \$1 million liability insurance policy for events held in Minnesota's municipal areas but were unsuccessful.

The stated reason for all this is that Minnesota with all its clubs is too large of an area for a company to bid.

The cabinet deliberated on investigating an additional umbrella policy and resolved not to proceed with seeking and offering this coverage. For event venues requiring insurance coverage exceeding one million dollars, it is necessary to procure an independent insurance policy of your own.

The additional liability insurance was billed to clubs on your July 2024 dues statement. Since it was not spent, these funds are being refunded to our District Treasurer. The decision was made to refund this amount to you on your July 2025 billing statements. The policy for club officer bonding and insurance is still intact.

If you have any questions about this please contact District Governor Mary Lea Curtis lionmaryleacurtis@gmail.com or District Treasurer Lion Theresa Goff 5m7treasurer@gmail.com





MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

Lion Ron Tiernan

612-462-2651

ronalddtiernan@gmail.com

Lion Steve Linder

612-382-2236

Slinder71@usfamily.net

Lions Children's Eye Clinic

Did you know that the leading clinic in the upper Midwest for the treatment of children's eye conditions is right in our own back yard? That would be your own Minnesota Lions Children's Eye Clinic.

Seven pediatric eye doctors and four orthoptists treat more than 10,000 patients each year, assisting children as young as a few days old. Their expertise includes congenital cataracts, drooping eyelids, glaucoma, tear duct problems, lazy, misaligned, or wandering eyes, and muscle palsies.

If you know a child or teen who has an eye problem, connect them with the Lions Children's Eye Clinic.

701 25th Ave S - Minneapolis, MN 55454
612-365-8350

Youth Outreach - Lion Jan Kugler

Thank you to the clubs that participated in the 2024 Peace Poster Contest. I am looking forward to seeing what talent we have in our middle school aged children that will participate in the Lions International 2025 Peace Poster contest.

The theme this year is **"Together as One"**.



I would **love to have ALL the clubs in our district** participate in the 2025 contest. Your club does not need to buy a kit that includes the contest rules, deadline dates and winner recognition information. Your club would just to have a chair person willing to contact the middle school in your club area. Your club should have a chair with the information in their hands by the beginning of the school year. Contact me (763-360-1620) if you would like your club to participate or for more information. Your club would have to pick a winner by the middle of November 2025 and the poster given to the current DG by Nov. 15th. I already have 7 clubs interested; Monticello, North Branch, Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Howard Lake, Waverly and Spring Lake Park.

At the midwinter convention I chatted with clubs that would like to have a drug awareness contest recognition at our 2026 midwinter convention. There are 4 clubs that are interested in doing so: Howard Lake, Waverly, Monticello and Spring Lake Park. The age groups could be anywhere from grade school to high school. Again, contact me for more information if your club would like to participate at 763-360-1620.



The Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) Project has 31 students from abroad who would like to live with an American family for 3 weeks this coming July (7/1 thru 7/24) and attend Minnesota's Camp Spicer (7/25 thru 8/2). (Hosting families do not need to be Lions.) Below are just a few comments from some of the 2025 incoming students' applications:

Eirik (19 yr old male from Norway): "I really like the American culture and would like to learn more about it by visiting you."

Aminkhishig (16 yr old female from Mongolia): "...I am just as excited to share aspects of my own culture with you."

Karina (18 yr old female from Faroe Islands (Denmark): "... I love going to new places, learning about other cultures and meeting new people."

Tzur (17 yr old male from Israel): "In general, I am curious, and I like to learn about diverse topics, like cars, music, history, economics and to learn from people I meet."

Allesandra (17 yr old female from Italy): "I am really looking forward to meeting you and learning more about your culture and lifestyle. I hope we will have a great time together and create beautiful memories."

Sebastian (17 yr old male from Indonesia): "I am looking forward to experiencing your daily life, traditions, and food, and I hope to share some of my own culture with you as well."

Please consider hosting a student (or students) in your home this July. Contact Lion Wendy Graves @ 612-296-8879 or lionwendygraves@gmail.com to learn more. Also, if you are aware of any local youth (ages 15-19) who would like to live with a family abroad and attend that country's Camp Nadeen can also answer any questions you may have about that.

Minnesota's Camp Spicer is the time all the youth in Minnesota host families come together. This is a 501c3 entity. This is separate from the Youth Exchange program!

<https://nadeenlunde.smugmug.com/Day-2-2024-Camp-Spicer>

<https://www.smugmug.com/app/organize/2024-Day-3-YE-Camp-Spicer-Evening>

5M7 LCIF Coordinator Report

In our last report, we had reported the Gala was coming up. What a fun time it was, too.

The final numbers are in for the Gala which raised \$58,293.59 with 132 Lions attending. Thank you to all who attended and donated auction and drawing items. Congratulations to all that received Melvin Jones Fellowships and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships! We are looking forward to see what will be in store for next year.

Here is an update on the LCIF matching grant for the food shelf serving the Clearwater and Clear Lake areas: It opened on March 3rd to begin serving the area and a grand opening is scheduled for May 31st so stay tuned for more information.

Thank you again for your dedication to our foundation. Without your support Lions could not serve our communities with the passion and compassion that has been on display!

Your LCIF Coordinators,

IPDG Peter Lendway, PDG Mark Landwehr



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

Lions Clubs International – Club Marketing Teams matter!



Club marketing is so important to what we do as Lions. There are great opportunities for Lions to get involved in the planning and execution of their club's promotion of activities and projects. There are even opportunities at the district and multiple district (MD) level for Lions ready to take on a bigger marketing role. Here is how you can put your passion for promotion to work.

Be a marketing champion in your club. Consider becoming a member of your club marketing team. Your team should have a chairperson and other members to cover the various methods of club marketing. These methods include Facebook/Social Media, Newsletters/Print, and Website. Help build a marketing culture within your club membership. Proudly wear your Lion gear when you serve and remember that you are a brand ambassador for your club and Lions everywhere.



For those inclined to take a more active role in promoting their Lions club, why not become the Club marketing chairperson? Energize and lead your club marketing efforts. Develop marketing plans for projects and membership drives, use social media to share your stories, and work with your Lions and community partners to put a spotlight on your service.

If your club currently does not have a marketing team, you are missing opportunities to promote your club events and activities in your community. This also means you are not reaching out to potential event participants as well as potential new members and community partners. Do not let other local volunteer organizations get the attention your Lions club needs and deserves in your community.



Please devote the time your Lions club needs to establish a club marketing team. With your club currently setting up its board of directors and chairpersons for next year, this would be the perfect time to establish a marketing team. This team, along with the new club leadership, can develop a marketing plan for engaging your community. To learn more about club marketing and the tools available to you, please visit the link below:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>

Lion Lyle Goff
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair

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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



- Lion Hal Hinchliffe passed away on March 19, 2025. Please keep his wife, Leslie, in your prayers. More details when available.



*You will be missed
Lion Hal!*



Spectacular view of the Rockford Veterans Memorial Park site bathed in the Northern Lights, Spring 2024

The Rockford Lions Club spearheaded the Veterans Memorial project in collaboration with the City of Rockford. Construction was completed in 2023. The Veterans Memorial site is at the north end of Riverside Park, marking the entrance to town from a height where the Crow River dike tapers to County Road 20.





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Lion John Dolin at 651.246.8839

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News from the Andover Lions

Gary Wrobel has been an exemplary member of the Andover Lions Club since 1999. His dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service have made a significant impact on our community and the broader Lions organization.

Gary's dedication to the Lions' mission of service, his leadership, and his unwavering commitment to the community make him a deserving candidate for the MD5M Hall of Fame. His contributions have left a lasting impact on the Andover Lions Club and the community we serve.



AWE! Those Incredible Pork Chops!

The Cokato Dassel Lions grilled and served 800 pork chops in 1 1/2 hours at their annual drive thru event on April 25th.



All free will donations will be given back to the communities.



JUNE 6-8
LIONS VOLUNTEER PARK, HUGO

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS

EST. 1975

LIONS THRIVE IN 2025
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

ADVANCE SALES
RIDE WRISTBANDS

FREE SHUTTLE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY

<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>5PM--8PM CRAFT FAIR 5PM--10PM FOOD TRUCKS 5PM--11PM CARNIVAL RIDES 6PM--12AM SHUTTLE SERVICE 7:30--11:30PM COYOTE WILD</p>	<p>SATURDAY PM</p> <p>1PM--5PM PAVILION BINGO 1PM--4PM SKATEPARK DEMOS 4PM--RIBFEST PUBLIC TASTING 5:30--RIBFEST JUDGING 7:30--11:30PM SIX TO MIDNIGHT ★ 10PM--FIREWORKS SHOW ★</p>
<p>SATURDAY AM</p> <p>10AM--6PM CRAFT FAIR 10AM--4PM CORNHOLE 10AM--10PM FOOD TRUCKS 10AM--5PM HISTORY DISPLAYS 11AM--11PM CARNIVAL RIDES 11AM--12PM PARADE 11AM--12AM SHUTTLE SERVICE 12PM--3PM FREE KIDZONE 12PM--RIBFEST TICKET SALES</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>9AM--10AM YOGA IN THE PARK 10AM--3PM CRAFT FAIR 10AM--4PM FOOD TRUCKS 11AM--4PM CARNIVAL RIDES 11AM--12PM KIDS NICKEL DASH 12PM--3PM FREE KIDZONE 12PM--3PM HUGO'S GOT TALENT 12PM--3PM PAVILION BINGO 1PM--3PM SKATEPARK DEMOS 4PM--AWARDS CEREMONY</p>

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BALDWIN

If any Lions Clubs would like to sponsor or volunteer for this community event, please mail hugomnlions@gmail.com

SANTIAGO LIONS CLUB
proudly presents...

Mother's Day Weekend
Purse Bingo

Saturday: May 10th, 2025 @ 1pm
\$50 PER PACKET - \$5 EXTRA SHEETS

MICHAEL KORS, KATE SPADE, & COACH PURSES
PURCHASE YOUR PACKETS IN ADVANCE AT BAILEY RAY'S TODAY!

MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY. PLEASE BRING DRIVER LICENSE DAY OF EVENT.
IF PURCHASED BEFORE MAY 10TH, YOU WILL RECEIVE A PAID VOUCHER CERTIFICATE TO RECEIVE YOUR BINGO PACKET(S) EARLIER THAN WALK-IN PLAYERS DAY OF. PURCHASING YOUR PACKETS IN ADVANCE WILL EARN YOU AN ENTRY PER CERTIFICATE BOUGHT FOR DOOR PRIZES. PURCHASES ON DAY OF EVENT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR DOOR PRIZES. PAID VOUCHER CERTIFICATE DOES NOT INCLUDE RESERVED SEATING. IT IS PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOW UP EARLY ENOUGH FOR AVAILABLE SEATING. PAID VOUCHER CERTIFICATES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE.



Bailey Ray's Roadhouse
2120 166TH AVENUE SE - SANTIAGO, MN 55377

Spring Lake Park Lions Pancake Breakfast-March 2025



The Spring Lake Park Lions Club proudly welcomed more than **1,000 community members** to their annual **Pancake Breakfast and Community Gathering** last month, celebrating connection, service, and community spirit.

Held at Spring Lake Park High School, the event brought families, neighbors, and local leaders together for a morning filled with delicious food and warm fellowship. Volunteers from the Spring Lake Park Lions and friends worked diligently to prepare and serve pancakes, French toast, sausage, eggs and refreshments, creating a vibrant atmosphere of togetherness and civic pride. Many activities for the whole family included face painting, balloon artistry, kid's crafts by Rum River Arts and over 20 community and Anoka County organizations that aid people in need.

"Our goal was simple — to bring people together," said Lion Pete Yelle, Event Co-Chair. "Seeing so many smiles, laughter, and conversation reminded us of the true strength of our community."

The Pancake Breakfast is one of many ways the Spring Lake Park Lions demonstrate their ongoing commitment to fostering connections and supporting the needs of the community. The club looks forward to hosting more events that build friendships, strengthen neighborhoods, and promote service in action.



News From the Forest Lake Lions

As everyone knows the Forest Lake Lions are big supporters of the Invisible Wounds Project. We were very happy and proud to be part of their grand opening recently. We were able to share some lunch, some laughter, and listen to their stories and concerns. With this facility they will be able to provide more services and assistance where is needed most. We are grateful supporters of such a great cause!



The Rush City Lions Club is gearing up for another busy summer.

A crew of Rush City Lions built a much needed ramp.



Pictured are Lions Mike Papke, Jerry Mollberg, Dave Schroeder, and Vern

Up Coming Events

June

Annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast



July

Chisago County Fair
Lions Corn Stand



Lion Vern Koepp recently received Rush City of the Year Award!

At our April 24 meeting, Mike Benedetto from the Minnesota Hearing Foundation, gave an inspiring presentation on the great work they are doing helping to improve the lives of hearing impaired individuals.

The Rush City Lions Club 4 sets of hearing aids that will be retrofitted by Starkey Corporation in partnership with the Minnesota Hearing Foundation.

"Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation"



The poster features a blue background with a white path leading to a sun. At the top left, there's an illustration of a person's legs in blue pants and orange shoes walking. The main title 'Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk' is in large, bold, orange and white letters. Below it, 'TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS' is written in smaller orange letters. Three photos are included: a group of people walking on a path, two people in lion costumes, and a wooden signpost with various directional signs. The date 'JUNE 7, 2025' is prominently displayed in large white letters, 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 a 'Sign up Today!' graphic.

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 Arboreum/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

The Andover Lions had their 2nd Annual Bags Tournament on February 15th at the Courtyards of Andover.



Andover Lions Funfest

July 11th & 12th

Raffle, Beer, Popcorn and Water



TRUE FRIENDS

Join us as we **Gear Up for Camp**. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to fund activity, equipment and gear needs that will make this the best summer camp season yet. Consider sending your year-end excess funds to True Friends.

Support people of all abilities and [consider volunteering at True Friends](#)

Cokato Dassel Lions

We were honored to have the Lambrecht family as guests at our April meeting. Two year old Harmoniee recently underwent surgery to remove an eye due to cancer. We were able to help them out in a small way.



The Columbus Lions recognized past Lions by planting a tree and installing a memorial bench. 8 years later the tree is growing beautifully in loving memory of our Lion friends we have lost. Gone, but never forgotten.



Monticello Lions Have HEART!

We had Heart Strong Monticello at our March meeting - sharing awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Heart Attacks and the new AED machines located in our Monticello Community. During the meeting, shockingly, the presenter went into cardiac arrest and his implant revived him immediately.

The husband and wife duo will come to any location to raise awareness of SCA and the importance of AED machines and how to use one!

More information - here <https://www.heartstrongmonticello.com/>



Forest Lake Lions are GROWING!

The Forest Lake Lions Club is excited to announce that we have 5 new members!! Aaron Ballinger, Camille McArdle, Debra Gatzow, Shannon Dunn, Jesse Wagner. District Governor Mary Curtis conducted the ceremony and DGE Deb Watson and 1VDGE Nancy Johnson also attended. We are looking forward to getting to know and working with these wonderful additions to the Team!!



Birthday Cake

The Forest Lake Lions have an amazingly talented member, Lion Mary Jackson, who bakes a cake for monthly meetings whenever a member has a birthday. She is incredible and we are in awe!!



Elk River Lions Doing Great Things!

We held our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 20th. It was a free will offering and we asked our guests to bring nonperishable food items for CARE Food Shelf. We collected 380 pounds of food. There was face painting, a balloon artist, kids frosted & sprinkled cookies and ya gotta love those pancakes!



380#'s of food – WOW!



Earth Day

Elk River Lions Kevin, & Ross & Ross's wife Deb helped clean up the downtown Elk river Community. Thank you for keeping our town beautiful!



Our newest Elk River Lion Katie Shatusky recruited by DGE Deb Weston was installed by CC Judy Zewers & LCIF President Fabricio Oliveira at the 105th Annual MD5M Convention



DGE Deb Weston carries a flag in the opening ceremonies of the convention