

September 2021



5M7 Gram



5M7 LIONS AND LEOS

WELCOME to the 13 new members who have joined our clubs in District 5m7 in August so far. And THANK YOU to our clubs who extended your welcome to these new members. I am confident that each of you will enjoy your membership in the Lions Clubs of 5m7. Our clubs offer so many opportunities for service, life-long friendships and personal growth all while serving your community. Thank you for being a part. I am so glad that you get to experience Lionism. I look forward to meeting each of you this year. We have had a total of 39 new members so far this year! With our drops we are still at plus 8 members this year.

I am receiving governor visit forms from our clubs. So far I have scheduled 10 governor visits and am waiting on a few others. Please consider filling out the governor visit form so that you get your choice of a date that your club wants. What happens at a governor's visit? The answer...whatever you would like. Good things for you to plan during this visit would be to give out awards, induct new members, invite prospective members, hear from the governor team, etc. You can find the form to fill out on [www.5m7.org/forms and awards/club forms](http://www.5m7.org/forms%20and%20awards/club%20forms). Using the forms allows me to communicate the details with the DG Team. You can begin the process by emailing me, calling me, or texting me and I can also send the form to you. I look forward to meeting your clubs.

Our first cabinet meeting was on July 29th in St Francis. Much information was shared by our foundation and program chairpersons. Our Leo advisors, Lions Stephanie Nelson and Pete Yelle and I will be interviewing and adding a Leo Liaison to our cabinet. This will be exciting as we will then hear more from our youth leaders and collaborate and get their perspectives on all things Leos and Lions. I would like to give a big welcome to Lion Mike Edwards from the Albertville Lions club to our cabinet as a Diabetes Foundation Trustee. We are still looking for a few foundation chairs: hearing foundation and the childhood cancer foundation. We are also looking for a Leader Dog chair and Environmental chair. Zone chairs are also needed for zones 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. If this is something you are interested in, or would like to learn more about, let me know.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) deadline to register has been extended now to September 19, 2021. After that time I will notify those who are accepted and you will need to send a check to me for \$150.00. When you attend the institute and stay for all sessions, you will receive \$75.00 back from the institute and also \$75.00 from our District 5m7. Your only costs will be for your hotel while at the institute and any other food/incidentals than what is provided. Please consider applying to this opportunity for leadership training. The registration form is on the district website at: [www.5m7.org/Conventions/Institutes/MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute](http://www.5m7.org/Conventions/Institutes/MD5M%20Regional%20Lions%20Leadership%20Institute). 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 Judy Herrala

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FROM THE DESK OF...

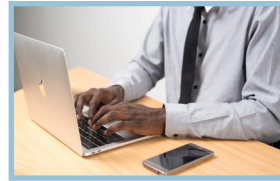
1st VDG Lion Mark Landwehr

45 years ago a young construction worker got married and convinced his new bride to live in a bus that was converted into a camper. He told her, "if we live in this camper/ bus for the entire construction season we can save enough money to put a down payment on a house this coming winter." She agreed. The paving company he worked for, finished a job in Yankton, South Dakota and he was told to report to Rochester, Minnesota the following Monday. The young couple packed up their camper, hooked their car behind the bus and took off for Rochester.

They barely got on the road and it started to rain. Hard. The young man turned on the windshield wipers but nothing happened. He pulled over to the side of the road. His young bride asked him, "what do we do now?" He grabbed a heavy roll of string, fished it out the window to the left of the drivers seat, tied it to the first window wiper, went to the next wiper and tied the string to that, and continued across the front window to the main door going into the bus. He entered the bus and tied the string together to form a loop. The young couple pulled the string left and right to run the wipers by hand. For four and a half hours they drove like this in the rain. When they finally pulled into the campground in Rochester, which would be their new base for the time it took to complete the companies job there, the young man turned to his wife and asked; "do you still love me?" "Yes," she replied, "but I don't like you very much".

I went to a Centerville Lions meeting this past week and the new president, who is married to the club secretary reminded me of the young couple in the above story. These two will do whatever they have to, to make things work for their club. They had fun and ran a good meeting. I believe the Centerville Lions will do well under their leadership.

By the way, the young man in the above story is now your 1st VDG Mark Landwehr.



FROM THE DESK OF...

2nd VDG Lion Steve Milius

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give everyone a little background information about myself. I was born and raised in Northeast Iowa near Waterloo, in the small town of Denver. I graduated from Denver High School in 1972.

At this time I started farming with my father and brother. We raised corn, soybeans, alfalfa and oats. We also had 125 dairy cows that we raised the young stock from and 100 sows that we farrowed to finish the young piglets. I met my late wife in 1978 and were married in 1979; she passed away in 1999 after a 20 year battle with kidney cancer. In 1996 I started working in town and have had jobs including assembling electric transformers, being a Senior Certified Pharmacy Tech, a Master File Specialist, drove delivery semi to construction sites, and am currently a part-time Sales Associate for Dollar General.

I joined the St Francis Lion Club in May of 2015 as the Liaison to the Fire Department. I have enjoyed spending over 2 years as the Club Secretary, I have also been the Club President for the Oak Grove Lions Club for one term, and I am currently the Treasurer for the St Francis Lions Club. At the District 5M7 level I have been the Zone 4 Chairperson, a Co-Chair for the MN Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, and I am currently the GST Coordinator, and a member of the GAT. Enough about me!

Now for the big question: What am I going to do help the 5M7 District improve and become stronger. Being the GSTC, I want to personally meet with as many Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Service Coordinators as I can. I will gladly offer any assistance they may want or need to get their Service Projects and Fundraisers reported in MY LION or MY LCI (whichever they want to use). This will help make sure we have access to the maximum amount of monies when we apply for Grants and Matching Funds.

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I also want to make sure all the clubs are aware and familiar with the Grants that are available. There are Grants and Matching Funds available for even smaller projects that we need to explore.

This in turn will help with recruiting new members as it will give the Clubs more Projects for new members to get actively involved with and get them excited about being a Lion. For more information on reporting activities and fundraisers or Grants that are available PLEASE CONTACT ME!!!

Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving the District to the best of my ability.

2VDG Lion Steve Milius



ZONE CHAIRS

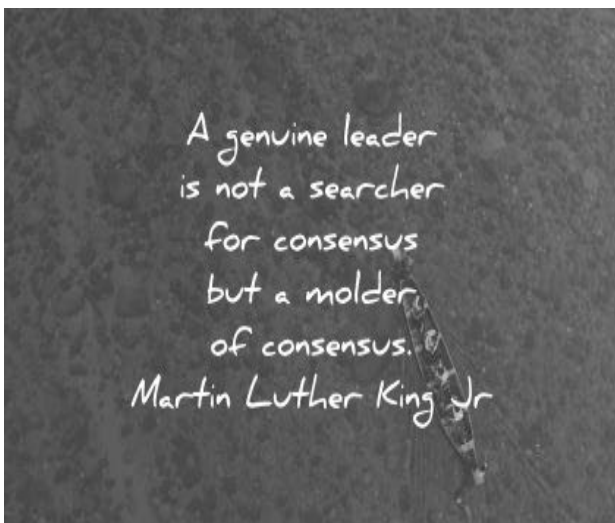
Zone 3: Lion Deb Johnson

Zone 4: Lion Monica Johnson

Zone 5: Lion Angela Sedesky

Zone 6: Lion Robert Meyer

There are additional opportunities for Lions to become Zone Chairs in our district. Please contact DG Lion Judy for more info.



From the desk of

2VDG Lion Steve Milius

GST Coordinator for 5M7



I would like to ask the Presidents of the many Lions Clubs in the District if their secretaries seem over worked and or buried in doing their job at this point. If so, I have a suggestion that may help. Why not add a Service Coordinator Position to your club. This person could take some of the pressure off your Secretary by reporting your club service activities, helping come up with ideas for service projects, helping match your members to service projects and fundraisers that will help make them a success as well as helping to get new members involved and thus keeping them excited about serving the community and helping get your other members revitalized after the Covid Year of only minimal activities. This is a very important position in the District. We must have all the service and fundraising activities reported in MY LION or MY LCI. These numbers are one of the major things that are used to determine the amount of dollars coming back into our district in the form of Matching Grants, Community Partnership Grants, Promotional Grants, Program Grants, Leo Grants, Hunger Grants, District and Club Community Impact Grants, Major Catastrophe Grants, Disaster Relief Community Recovery Grants, and Disaster Preparedness Grants. These are all highly important and the work of doing a fundraiser or service activity is done anyway so let me help you learn how to take five minutes more and enter the project in the computer, so our District gets the monies we are due!!

So, please contact me with any questions on reporting activities and I will be glad to get together with anyone to help get them efficient at entering the projects in MY LION or MY LCI!!

Thanks

2VDG Steve Milius GSTC for 5M7

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Can Do Canines invites the public and their well-behaved pet dogs to take part in the **Can Do Woofaroo on Saturday, September 18, 2021**. The event will take place at the Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Dr, New Hope, MN 55428 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a one-mile walk beginning at 11 a.m. **The Can Do Woofaroo celebrates the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them.**

Individuals can register at www.candowoofaroo.org on their own or as part of a team, and everyone is encouraged to collect pledges and donations toward this fundraiser. The proceeds make it possible for Can Do Canines to match assistance dogs with people with disabilities, free of charge. Event coordinator Melissa Herman says, "We are so appreciative of the participants who will raise funds for this life-changing mission. Our work in forming essential partnerships between these special dogs and deserving individuals is dependent on the generosity of our donors."



KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor Rena Sarigianopoulos will serve as Master of Ceremonies for this outdoor event, which will include a one-mile fundraising walk, live music, a dog costume contest, an assistance dog demonstration, dog-centric vendors, tours of the Can Do Canines campus and more. Fundraising prizes will be awarded to those who raise certain dollar amounts, as well as to the top individual fundraiser and top fundraising team.

More details can be found at www.candowoofaroo.org.



26486 Sioux Trail , Madison Lake, MN. 56063

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

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



Spring Lake Park Lions: Bikes for Kids

On July 27, Spring Lake Park Lions Jason and Pete delivered 5 bikes to kids in our community. This project is a joint venture with the SLP Lions, Spring Lake Park Schools Social workers, Allina Hospitals and the FreeBikes4Kids organization. As FB4K make bikes available for free to our youth, we connect with the families in need and set up pick up and/or delivery times. Lions Jason and Pete were greeted with huge smiles!





5M7 LEO CLUBS

The following are the current 5M7 Leo clubs:

**ANOKA LEO- TORNADO SERVICE CLUB;
ANDOVER LEOS; BLAINE BENGALS; COON**

RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL; SPRING LAKE PARK

LEOS School is just around the corner. Schools are planning to start the year in person. This is great news to make a great connection with current and new members. We are looking for new Leo clubs near you! We are excited about building relationships with school and communities to develop more Leo clubs! If you Lions club would like to sponsor a Leo club, please reach out to us and we would love to make it happen.

- ◆ *Upcoming Activities: *Application for Leo Cabinet member will be distributed to Leo clubs the beginning of September with school starting **Find your Passion guidelines will be distributed to all Leo club members for the final competition happening at the Mid-Winter convention.*
- ◆ *Ideas under Development: *Fall Leo conference/gathering for leadership development and service **Promoting of the Mid-Winter Meeting service projects and development in January.*

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:

Lion Stefanie Nelson
stefanieenelson@gmail.com

Lion Pete Yelle
pete.yelle58@gmail.com

Lion Stefanie Nelson
5M7 District Youth Exchange
stefanieenelson@gmail.com
612-298-1523



School is starting again in September in person for students in our district. Conversations will start about the summer and traveling around the world. We will promote the Find your Passion contest, the finals occurring at the Mid-Winter Convention in January. The top 11th or 12th grader will win a scholarship to use for an amazing adventure with Youth Exchange. If you have Leo clubs that would be interested in learning more about the Youth Exchange program, please do not hesitate to reach out.



MINNESOTA LIONS
VISION FOUNDATION

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EYEBall

October 29, 2021 7:00pm-9:30pm

Featuring
Ben Marti Jazz Group

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebbialke@gmail.com

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

6155 Earle Brown Dr,

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Can your club donate wine for our wine cork pull?
Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebbialke@gmail.com

To order tickets for the Eye Ball please contact...

.PDG Steve Linder 612-382-2236 Slinder71@usfamily

PDG Terry Wold 612-759-5433 terry_wold@hotmail.com

Also if you need eyeglasses picked up or the new collection pails please contact one of us.

Thank you for all you do

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Directors



Catch the Dream" – Life Without Diabetes!



CONVENTION NEWS

Lions,

I would like to introduce the new Trustee for District 5M7! He is a brand new Lion with Albertville Lions Club. His name is Lion Mike Edwards. Mike is motivated and full of encouragement. He and I will work together for a while. So please invite him to present at a club meeting!

Lion Mike Edwards 11070 16th Street NE St. Michael MN 55376
mnedwards1@bellsouth.net 321-795-8235

Lion Joel Anderson MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
 Foundation Co-Treasurer District 5M7 Co-Trustee
 Cell 612-723-9120 eland1954@gmail.com
www.MNLionsdiabetes.org

Our Mission Statement is : The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education and sponsoring preventive



Dear Lions and Leo's of District 5M7,

Our district, District 5M7, has never hosted an MD5M District Convention. That is about to change. **District 5M7 will be hosting the 2025 MD5M Convention.** If you, or someone you know has the desire and talent to assist in planning, coordinating, marketing, etc, now is your time to show off those talents!



If you want more details there will be a zoom meeting scheduled for Monday, September 20th, 2021. Please RSVP to DG Judy Herrala to get your zoom invite. I also have a bid package I can email to you for review prior to the meeting.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

PDG Peter Lendway lendwaypeter@hotmail.com

The location will be the NW Marriott in Brooklyn Park, 7025 Northland Blvd. All of the convention details will be out in an invitation the first week in October. Here are some of the details:

FIRST, The dates are set for January 7 through January 9, 2022. There will be a cabinet meeting on Friday January 7th. The Zone chairs should expect to provide the International Director a short update on your respective zones. The other cabinet officers will be able to give the Director an update of their respective committees at the business meeting Saturday afternoon. Following the cabinet meeting there will be a reception for the cabinet and club presidents. Nothing else is planned for Friday evening.

SECOND, Saturday morning will feature 3 or 4 presentations. The last presentation will be an open discussion with our International Director. Immediately following the directors, the convention will convene. We will have a service of remembrance and business meeting. For the first time there will be a Leo's Speech Contest. There are three categories; grades 7 and 8, grades 9 and 10, and grades 11 and 12. There will be cash awards for each category. The winner of grades 11 and 12 will be offered a youth exchange scholarship of \$1k or a \$250 gift card. Following the banquet we will be entertained by Bryce Hegge. He's a talented young man from the Buffalo area. You can look him up online at BryceHeggemusic.com

THIRD, Sunday morning we'll hear from our International Director. Our International Director is Lion Dianne Pitts from South Carolina.

FOURTH, there will be tables available from the convention committee for the Foundations. We have a limited number of tables available for the convention as part of our overall costs therefore, anyone wanting a table will have to rent a skirted table from the Marriott at the cost of \$30.

FIFTH, clubs will be asked to donate a door prize. Door prizes will be handed out during each meal. The Leo's will be tail-twisting at the noon luncheon. There will be a link for hotel reservations available later this fall. Cost for a standard room, which is a suite, will be \$119 +tax.

Lion Jim Kugler, 2022 Convention Chair



Four MD5M Lions will be representing Project New Hope at the USA/Canada Forum in Des Moines, including Lions Cindy Hagen and Kevin Beadles of 5M7.

The goal is to get more states/districts to start their own Project New Hope program.

The next Project New Hope retreat is scheduled for October 8th - 10th at Ironwood Springs Ranch near Stewartville, MN.

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."

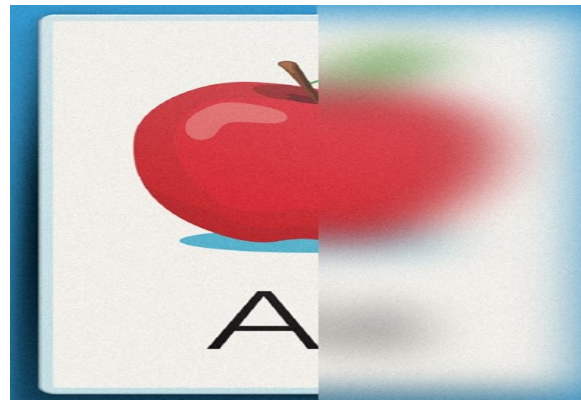
FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET

2021 MINNESOTA RETREATS

JUNE 4-6 18-20
Audubon Center near Sandstone, MN

OCTOBER 8-10
Ironwood Springs Ranch near Stewartville, MN

DECEMBER 3-5
Inspiration Point near Clitherall, MN



- Children don't know what they can't see
- Children rarely complain about vision problems. (And if they do, their parents quite frequently don't believe them)
- They believe everyone sees the world the way they do.
- 80% of learning is visual.
- If children can't see well, it is more difficult for them to learn efficiently.
- Vision problems undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent.

A KidSight screening takes just a few seconds and is performed from a distance of about three feet. There is no physical contact with the child and no eye drops are administered. We provide a print-out of the results for each child who should receive follow up care from an eye care professional.

EVERYTHING you need to perform KidSight Vision screenings is FREE.

Please add KidSight Vision screenings to your club service project discussions.

Contact us. We'd love to do a club presentation and help you get a screening program started for your communities' children.

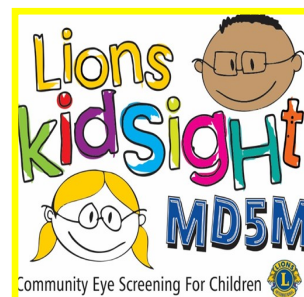
5m7lionskidsight@gmail.com

Lions Ann Kaduce & Mary Curtis, Directors, MD5M Lions Kid-Sight Foundation



Labor Day is a time to pay tribute to American workers, and all of their many contributions and achievements through the years.

Created by the labor movement in the late 19th century, Labor Day honors the men and women who fought tirelessly for workers' rights, especially the eight-hour work day we have now.



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



Day of Week	DATE	HOURS
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Saturday	8/28/2021	4:30-11:30
Sunday	8/29/2021	4:30-11:30
Monday	8/30/2021	4:30-11:30
Monday	8/30/2021	4:30-11:30
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Tuesday	8/31/2021	9:30-5:00
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This is the list of open shifts at the Minnesota State Fair.

Lion Larry has been working for weeks/months to get folks signed up to work at the state fair selling tickets on the Midway. It is an easy gig! No experience necessary really. You just need the ability to hear (it is a bit noisy on the midway), count change back and have fun people watching! You are enclosed in a locked building with air conditioning. **LEO's** Anyone over 16 that can handle money is welcomed. You don't have to be a Lion,

Need is greatest over Labor Day weekend. If you or anyone in your club can help fill a shift or two. **Please contact PDG Larry immediately and let him know.** His information is below. Please ask your club members today.

Thank you to all of you for considering this opportunity.

PDG Larry Kounkel cell- 612-839-4090

[email - larryandmk@gmail.com](mailto:larryandmk@gmail.com)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING....



- ◆ *USA-Canada Forum: September 9-11, 2021 in Des Moines, IA*
- ◆ *2nd Cabinet Meeting: October 28, 2021 @ 6:30pm. Location: TBD*
- ◆ **CELEBRATION OF LIFE....**PDG Clay O'Flanagan [09-10] *Date: Saturday September 18th, 2021*
Where: Legion Club in Buffalo, MN Time: 11:00 am - service with lunch following. After lunch, (approx. 1:00-4:00) we will be celebrating Clay where we can visit, share memories, sing and have fun the way Clay would want us to. Dress: Very casual, the way Clay would want it. Any updates will be posted on his Caring Bridge page: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/clayoflanagan/>.
- ◆ **ALBERTVILLE LIONS FARMERS MARKET** *Central Park Shelter Main Ave NE Albertville*
Thursdays 3-7pm June –September Crafts & Vendor Fair albfarmers@aol.com
- ◆ *MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION, INC. Our next meeting will be October 2 in St. Cloud. As meeting via Zoom has some positive advantages, we are still keeping Zoom available for those that prefer that instead of in person. We look forward to your support this year with any donations and Parade of Green.*
- ◆ **2021 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** *WHEN: October 21-24 2021 WHERE: Holiday Inn, Detroit Lakes MN The Regional Lions Leadership Institute [RLLI] is a leadership development program for Lions who want to get more deeply involved in Lionism—and an opportunity to meet other Lions throughout the region (MD5M) . If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact: Lion Dennis W. Kelly III dkellylion@gmail.com.*
- ◆ **RUSH CITY LIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY** *With fellowship, Music and Dinner! Saturday, October 16, 2021 Chucker's Bowl & Lounge 1270 West 3rd Street Rush City, MN 55069 Social Hour: 6:00 PM (Cash Bar) ~ Dinner: 7:00 PM Pasta Bar Pasta with Alfredo & Red Sauce, Caesar Salad Bread Sticks, Meatballs & Chicken Dessert & Coffee Cost is \$20.00 per person **RSVP by October 1, 2021** Mail payment to: Rush City Lions PO Box 141 Rush City, MN 55069 Please include Name, Club and phone number FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT LION VERN KOEPP 612-799-4443*
- ◆ **Articles for the October Gram are DUE SEPTEMBER 25TH.**