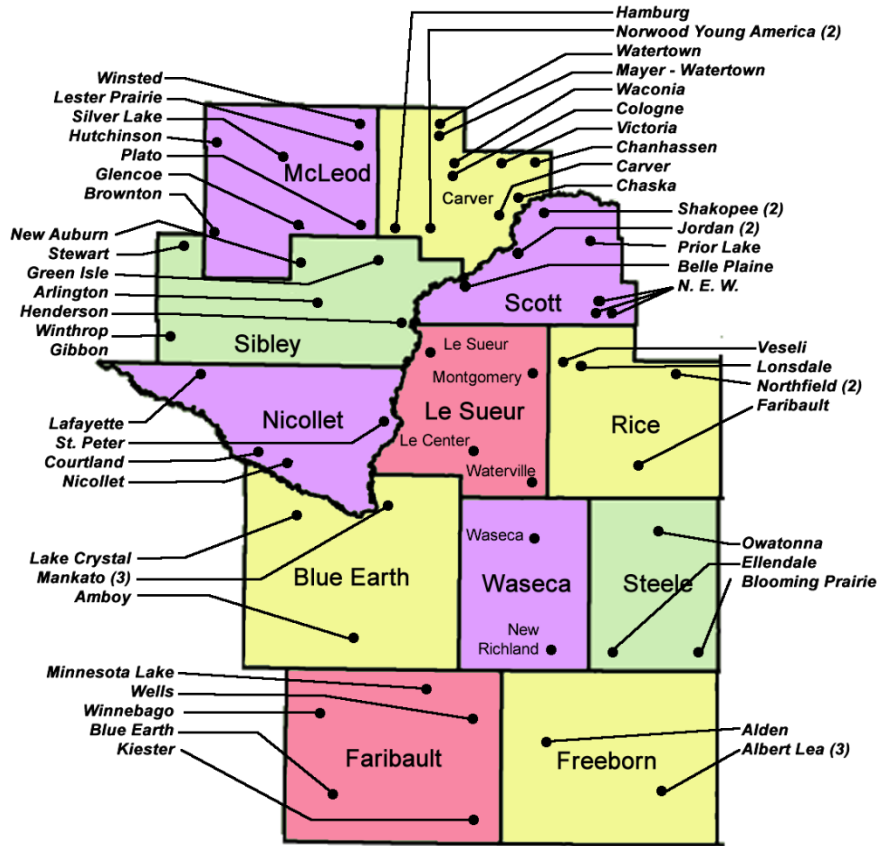


5M2 Lions



New Member Information

District Structure and Governance

District 5M2 is comprised of approximately 2400 Lions in 64 Clubs in 12 Counties of South Central Minnesota. The District is led by the District Governor Team consisting of the District Governor, the First Vice District Governor and the Second Vice District Governor.

District 5M2 is part of **Multiple District 5M (MD5M)**, which consists of approximately 21,000 Lions in 12 Districts encompassing all of Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwest Ontario. The District Governors of each of the 12 Districts meet four times per year as a “Council of Governors” to set policy for the Multiple District.

Multiple District 5M is part of **Lions Clubs International (LCI)**, the world’s largest Service Club Organization, consisting of 1.4 million members in 210 countries and geographic areas around the world.

District 5M2 is divided into three **“Regions”**, each containing 20-25 clubs. Each Region is led by a Region Chair.

Each Region is divided into three **“Zones”** each containing 6-10 clubs. Each Zone is led by a Zone Chair.

The **Global Leadership District Coordinator** and **Global Membership District Coordinator** are appointed to three year terms by Lions Clubs International in consultation with the Global Leadership and Global Membership Multiple District Coordinators and the District Governor Team. Other Lions may be appointed to the District Leadership and District Membership teams by the District Governor.

The **District Cabinet** is the main governing body of the District, and is comprised of the District Governor Team, the Global Leadership Team, the Global Membership Team, the Region Chairs, the Zone Chairs, and all of the various Program Chairs who are designated by the District Governor to lead the various programs of the District.

A **District (Midwinter) Convention** is called once per year to elect District Officers, vote on Constitution and By-Lay Changes, elect one member to the Multiple District Hall of Fame, and conduct other business as may come before the Convention. Each club is allocated one Delegate to the District Convention for every 10 members in the club or major fraction thereof. Any Club Member who has been a Lion for one year and a day is eligible to be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Convention.

5M2 Lions District Meetings

Region Meetings:

District 5M2 is divided into three “Regions” containing 20-25 Lions Clubs. The clubs of each region meet as a group once per year in August or September. Club Presidents and Secretaries are expected to attend the Region Meeting, but any member of any club in the region is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meetings normally include a meal at a cost of \$10-\$15. Some clubs pay the meal cost of members who attend, while others do not.

Members of the 5M2 District Cabinet who represent the various activities and programs of the district are given an opportunity to make a brief presentation about their particular activity or program. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the wide range of Lion activities that take place within our district. It is also an excellent time for club officers to determine which district program chairs they wish to invite to make a full presentation at a club meeting.

Zone Meetings:

Each Region is subdivided into three “Zones”, each containing 6-10 Lions Clubs. The clubs of each zone meet together as a group twice per year. The fall zone meetings normally take place in October or November, and spring zone meetings take place in March or April. Club Presidents and Secretaries are expected to attend the Zone Meetings, but any member of any club in the zone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meetings normally include a meal at a cost of \$10-\$15. Some clubs pay the meal cost of members who attend, while others do not.

Zone meetings are an opportunity for clubs to share information with each other and with the District Governor Team. District Cabinet Members and Program Chairs are not expected to make presentations, but may be permitted to make timely and important announcements related to their area. Depending on the needs of the clubs in the zone and the desires of the Zone Chair and District Governor Team, a special program may also be provided.

Cabinet Meetings:

The 5M2 Cabinet is comprised of the District Governor Team, The Region and Zone Chairs, and the District Program Chairs. Cabinet Meetings take place four times per year: Early August (Jungle Days), October, February (at the Midwinter Convention) and April. The purpose of the meetings is to conduct the business of the District and report on District Activities. Any member of any Lions Club in the District is welcome to attend the Cabinet Meetings, and may address the Cabinet upon request.

Midwinter Convention:

The Annual District Convention takes place the second weekend in February at the City Center Inn in Mankato. All Lions in the District are encouraged to attend, and usually over 400 members do so. Activities include a Service of Remembrance and a Social including hospitality rooms and live entertainment on Friday night. On Saturday there are Seminars, a Luncheon with keynote speaker, the District Business Meeting, the District Governor’s Banquet featuring an address by our visiting International guest, and more entertainment and hospitality. Sunday features an ecumenical church service and a brunch with keynote speaker and awards presentations.

2016-2017 Dues Structure

District 5M2 Dues:

5M2 Sub-District Administrative Fund	\$5.70
5M2 Sub-District Special Fund	\$1.40
5M2 Governor's Intl Convention Fund	\$1.00
5M2 Governor's Spouse Intl Convention	\$0.50
Total	\$8.60

MD5M Dues:

MD5M Administrative Fund	\$4.84
MD5M Campaign Fund	\$0.25
MD5M Geographical Assistance Fund	\$0.46
MD5M Convention Fund	\$0.50
GLT/GMT Training & Orientation Fund	\$0.25
MD5M International Parade Band Reserve Fund	\$0.25
Total	\$6.55

Totals:

District 5M2	\$8.60
MD5M	\$6.55
International	\$43.00
TOTAL	\$58.15

Club Dues:

My Club	\$??.??
GRAND TOTAL	\$??.??

* Additional Per Club Fees:

5M2 Club Bond	\$6.50
5M2 District Pins 10@\$2.50	\$25.00
MD5M Excess Liability Insurance (\$1,000,000)	\$8.47
Total	\$39.97

* Note: These fees are paid by the club

District 5M2 & MD5M Projects

Can Do Canines

- Located in Brooklyn Center
- Mission Statement: *"Can Do Canines is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs."*
- Assistance Dogs For: Hearing Loss, Mobility Challenges, Seizure Disorders, Type 1 Diabetes, Childhood Autism
- Top Dog Award
- Newsletter: *The Howler*
- Website: www.can-do-canines.org
- Facebook: Can Do Canines

Leader Dogs for the Blind

- Rochester, Michigan
- Mission Statement: *"Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel."*
- Newsletter: *The Mane Event*
- Founders Tribute Award
- Website: www.leaderdog.org
- Facebook: Leader Dogs for the Blind

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

- Oak Brook, Illinois
- Mission Statement: *"To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects."*
- 100% of all donations used for grant programs with no administrative expenses
- Grants: Disaster, Standard, SightFirst, International Assistance, Core 4
- Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Website: www.lcif.org
- Facebook: LCIF "Lions Clubs International Foundation"

Leos

- Leo Club Objective: *"To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."*
- Leo Club Motto: **L**eadership, **E**xperience, **O**pportunity
- Website: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/leos/index.php>

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation

- University of Minnesota Children's Hearing Center
- Affordable Hearing Aid Project
- MD5M Hearing Foundation Fellowship
- Major Fundraiser: D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk
- Website: www.5mhf.org
- Facebook: Lions Hearing Foundation 5M

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation

- Mission Statement: *"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 health activities."*
- Partner with
 - University of Minnesota Schultz Diabetes Institute
 - American Diabetes Association
 - University of Minnesota Center for Magnetic Resonance Research
- Dream Catcher Award
- Website: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org
- Facebook: Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

MN Lions Vision Foundation

- University of Minnesota Children's Eye Clinic
- University of Minnesota Lions Eye Bank
- University of Minnesota Lions Macular Degeneration Center
- KidSight Minnesota
- Helen Keller Sight Award
- Website: www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org
- Facebook: Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

Project New Hope Foundation of MN

- Mission Statement: *"To provide veterans and their families the education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."*
- Project New Hope exists to provide veteran family retreats.
- Website: www.projectnewhope.net
- Facebook: Project New Hope of Minnesota

Special Olympics

- LCI Website: members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/new-clubs/special-interest-clubs/champions-lions-club.php
- Special Olympics Website: www.specialolympics.org/lions_clubs.aspx

5M2 Youth Exchange/Youth camp

- Incoming and outgoing youth exchanges
- Camp Spicer (MD5M)
- Website: www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/youth/youth-camp-and-exchange/index.php

5M2 Youth Activities

- Lions International Peace Poster Contest
- Lions International Essay Contest (for Visually Impaired Youth)
- Write-Off Contest
- Liberty Day

5M2 Lions Quest

- Mission Statement: *“To empower and support adults throughout the world to nurture caring and responsibility in young people.”*
- Teacher Training Workshops
- Website: www.lions-quest.org

Recognize Your Deserving Members

5M2 Zone Lion of the Year

ZONE LION OF THE YEAR is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives the district opportunity to bestow well-deserved recognition on a Lion who serves his/her community with energy and sincerity. A Lion nominated for this honor should be a super volunteer who has provided long and notable service.

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who is not a major officer in the club, but has earned the respect of his/her peers and community during the years of service.

5M2 100% Secretary Award

The 5M2 100% Secretary Award is intended to recognize Club Secretaries based on the conscientious execution of their duties. Criteria include submitting reports, attending District Meetings, participating in District or Online Secretary Training, and taking accurate minutes of club meetings. Application forms are available on the 5M2 website (www.5M2Lions.org)

Melvin Jones Fellowship



The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of \$1,000. It is the backbone of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), providing 75% of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honor presented to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others.

Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of \$100 over a five-year period. Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF. There are 54 recognition levels beyond the initial \$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique pin for each giving level.

For more information, see the Lions Clubs International website, or contact your District LCIF Chair.

Helen Keller Sight Award



Helen Keller Sight Awards are given to honor those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. They are an excellent way to honor a Lion, Lioness, non-Lion individual, business or organization. A \$1,000 donation (over a 5-year period) to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation allows the donor to present a Helen Keller Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin, and the recipient's name is displayed on a Helen Keller board in the University of Minnesota's Eye Clinic. For more information, contact your District Trustees. Website: www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org

Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award



The Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation expresses its gratitude and honors individuals through the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award. The Research Fellowship is given in the following manner:

- An Individual Fellowship: A gift totaling \$1,000 made by an individual, Lions Club or Lions District;
- A Memorial Fellowship: A gift totaling a cumulative \$1,000 given in memory of a deceased Lion or non-member;
- A Cumulative Fellowship: Accumulated gifts over time resulting in \$1,000 donation;
- A Progressive Fellowship: Gifts to honor an individual who has previously been honored with a Hearing Fellowship Plaque.

Additional information can be located on the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation or from your District Trustee. Website: www.5mhf.org

Dream Catcher Award



The Minnesota Lions Diabetes foundation will award a Dream Catcher Award for an accumulated total of \$1,000 donation to any of the Diabetes Projects. Donation amounts are accumulative indefinitely. Individuals may also qualify with a \$1,000 personal donation. For more information, contact your District Trustees. Website: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

Top Dog Award



Can Do Canines, will award a Top Dog Award for a \$500 donation to Can Do Canines. For a \$2,500.00 donation, the donor earns the right to name a puppy. For more information, contact your District Chairperson. Website: www.can-do-canines.org

Leader Dog Founder's Tribute



Leader Dog's for the Blind in three levels depending on donation amount. A bronze award will be awarded for a \$500 donation, a silver award will be awarded for a \$1,000 donation, and a gold award will be awarded for a \$2,500 donation. The award recipient is given a custom engraved Leader Dog Founders Tribute plaque and a commemorative Founder Tribute pin and patch. For more information, contact your District Chairperson. Website: www.leaderdog.org

Al Jensen Leadership Award



Up to two Al Jensen Leadership Awards may be presented at the Multiple District Convention each year. Each District Governor may nominate one Lions member who has been a member for five years or more and who has served at the District or Multiple District level. The nomination must be on the official nomination form, signed by the District Governor and submitted to the Council Chairperson no later than March 1 each year. Final selection is made by a committee of the seated Council Chairperson and the two previous Council Chairpersons. Recipients receive a lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter. No donation is required for this award. For award criteria, see the MD5M website

MD5M Hall of Fame Award



Each District can award one Hall of Fame Award at the MD5M convention each April/May. The award is to honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve". Nominees must be, or in the case of a posthumous award, have been, a member in good standing for at least 15 years and be at least two years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG.

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District. Nominations, including the \$150 nomination fee (fee is returned if nominee is not elected), must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Mid-Winter Convention. Nominations will be voted on at the Mid-Winter Convention each year. The Award is presented at the Multiple District Convention in April/May. The recipient receives a lapel pin and a plaque.

Commonly Used Acronyms

IP	International President
IPIP	Immediate Past International President
PIP	Past International President
ID	International Director
IPID	Immediate Past International Director
PID	Past International Director
CC	Council Chairman
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chairman
PCC	Past Council Chairman
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor
PDG	Past District Governor
(1st/2nd) VDG	(1st/2nd) Vice District Governor
CS	Cabinet Secretary
(1st/2nd) VDGE	(1st/2nd) Vice District Governor Elect
CT	Cabinet Treasurer
RC	Region Chair
ZC	Zone Chair
CP	Club President
LCI	Lions Clubs International
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation
LEO	Leadership Education Opportunity
MD	Multiple District
MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow(ship)
MLVF	Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation
MD5M	Multiple District 5M
MD5M HF	MD5M Hearing Foundation
MLDF	Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation