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LEGACY LOG

Lion Steve Wasserman
District Governor

LET THERE BE PEACE

The Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International is "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs." While we often focus on serving in our community and meeting humanitarian needs, perhaps December is a month that we should focus on the last half of our mission statement.

Our country has just held a very contentious election. Divisive statements have been made by both major party candidates, and demonstrations for and against each candidate got ugly and out of control. We hear of terrorist attacks and shootings almost daily. Various segments of our population have come to fear and blame other segments of our population. Our nation looks upon other nations and other religions with increased suspicion. It seems that peace and understanding are taking a back seat to hostility and mistrust in this dangerous world in which we live. How can we possibly encourage peace and promote international understanding in times like these?

I think we can best encourage peace and understanding by doing what we do as Lions. In "Touchstone Story #34" from the LCI Website, I learned that the first club in Manila, Philippines was established in 1949. Only three years later, that club sponsored the first club in Tokyo, Japan. All of this occurred after years of war and occupation of the Philippines by Japan in World War II. The two nations had been bitter enemies, but the spirit of Lionism was able to overcome that, and "build a bridge of friendship".

"Touchstone Story #41" tells how a Lions Youth Exchange Camp in Norway responded to the 2011 terrorist attack there that killed 69 youth camp attendees, supervisors and staff. The Lions of Norway seized the opportunity to help youth camp participants understand the tragedy and spread peace by encouraging camp participants to "Imagine Peace". Their goal is to help people understand, as an Imagine Peace camp participant said, that "we are different, maybe, but actually – we are all the same."

If the Lions of the Philippines can sponsor a club in Japan, and youth in Norway can imagine peace after a terrorist attack, certainly we Lions of 5M2 can encourage peace and understanding among the diverse populations we encounter in our cities and towns. Our Council Chair, Lion Todd Neuman, has challenged the District Governors of MD5M to conduct a project within our districts to encourage peace and understanding. I extend that challenge to you. Are there groups within your community who distrust, fear or blame other groups? Are segments of the population isolated and misunderstood? What could your club do to bring people together? How might your club encourage peace and promote understanding? I encourage you to think about the answers to those questions, and to summon the spirit of Lionism to "build bridges of friendship" and help people realize that "we are different, maybe, but actually – we are all the same."

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MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK



Nancy Mathwig
1st Vice District Governor

What a change a week makes in Minnesota! As I write this article we are having our first taste of winter weather, including snow, with some areas of the district receiving more than others. I was sure glad the Northern Pride Leadership Forum in Mahnomen

was the previous weekend. District 5M-2 was well represented at this first forum. The sessions were informative and as always, the networking was fantastic! The plan is to have another forum in two years. If you haven't been to a forum (either this one or the USA/Canada Leadership Forum), put the Northern Pride forum on your radar for 2018.

I was able to take in 5 of the offered sessions. The first was on Orientation. Lion Bob Jachorek has such an enthusiastic way of presenting the facts about Lions. He gave me several new and unique ideas to use when speaking to prospective, new and seasoned members. Orientation is not just for new members! Those of us who have been around awhile can benefit from it also. I have definitely learned that "things change", even in Lions. District Governor Steve and I had decided at the beginning of his year that we would like to see all clubs have a formal orientation program during either the 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 year. If your club has not yet scheduled a program, contact PID Debra Wasserman or PDG Joan Blank.

Additional sessions I attended enlightened me on the traits of good leaders and how to find those leaders as well as how our clubs may need to change (that oh so difficult word for many of us!) in order to successfully work as a team with our younger members. So much food for thought thorough the day!

District 5M-2 continues to be busy completing Centennial Service projects for Engaging Our Youth. To date, 37 clubs have completed at least one project in this category. Engaging Our Youth includes our October/November projects for the Write Off and Peace Poster/Essay contests also. Several clubs have noted they are packing bags each week with nutritious breakfast and lunch items for elementary students who are eligible for free or reduced lunches. The bags are handed out on Fridays and ensure at least 2 nutritious breakfast and lunch meals over the weekend. What a wonderful way to serve both our youth and relieve the hunger!

Keep up the good work 5M-2! And secretaries, keep checking the Centennial Service area at the bottom when you record your activity.

Last month I talked about some of the training I received during my two days in Detroit Lakes in October, specifically putting together a Cabinet for next year, 2017-2018. I want to again encourage you, if you have given any thought to stepping outside your club and learning more about Lions, to contact me. With DG Steve's blessing, I have begun spreading the word at Zone meetings and in person and answering questions for those of you who have expressed some interest.

Again, to close, our history fact for December. The following clubs will be celebrating anniversaries during the month of December:

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| ○ Albert Lea Lions | 76 years |
| ○ Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions | 43 years |
| ○ Lonsdale Lions | 37 years |
| ○ NYA West Carver Lions | 23 years |

Congratulations to these four clubs - 179 years of service to their communities and the world!!!

Where there's a need, there's a Lion!



WHO ARE THESE DIGNITARIES?



5M 1st Vice District Governors (including 5M2 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig) at the US/Canada Forum with Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, of Batala, Punjab, India, the first vice president of Lions Clubs International.

BITS AND PIECES



*Diana Kroells
2nd Vice District Governor*

As I am sitting here in my computer room the "super moon" is shining gloriously in the window. I am amazed at the idea that during my lifetime the moon has never been this bright or so close to earth. I am also reminded of some other "firsts" that happened in November. From what I am hearing, November 2016 may go down as the warmest November on record. First time that I have geraniums & pansies blooming like crazy this late in the year. It was a record turnout for a presidential election. It was also the first time in 108 years that the Cubs won the World Series. I think they just wanted to show Lions that Chicago will be a great place to be in 2017!!

Another "first" for November was the Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum where nearly 300 Lions from Minnesota & Canada and some from Wisconsin joined together for a day filled with an opportunity to choose 6 seminars to help further our knowledge about Lions & leadership opportunities. The hardest part was choosing which 6 out of the possible 36 to attend. Fun topic such as "Young Punks & Old Geezers", "Singing & Laughing Your Way to a Better Club" "Fun with Tail twisting" & "Who's on First & What Does it Matter" along with sessions on "Recruiting New and Younger Members", "Chairing Committees", & "Signature Projects", just to name a few, gave everyone an opportunity to learn. All of that plus fellowship with MD5M Lions made for a great weekend. The next Forum is planned for 2018.

I hope this was not a first for some of you but for me it was- the first time I had trouble filing my 990N on line with the State of MN. They made some changes but once I figured out that I had to re-register and fumble my way through some unfamiliar screens I was elated when I received a "confirmation number" and I knew I had made it to the end. Hope all clubs secretaries or treasurers remembered to file.

I had a chance to attend 3 Zone meeting during November and I have to say I am always so impressed listening to the clubs talk about the various fund raising efforts and projects that they have done so far this year and as the holidays are approaching Lions just keep giving their time and energy helping others. Many clubs are selling Christmas trees, visiting the shut- ins & bringing gift baskets, donating to local food shelves, Christmas caroling, hosting Santa Day activities for the children, donating toys and assisting with wrapping, & serving community dinners. Lions are always looking for ways to serve others because it is what we do.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my fellow Lions family a very Blessed Christmas season with hopes that you all enjoy time spent with family & friends and I hope you will reach out to serve someone less fortunate than you during the holidays. Even the smallest act of kindness can mean so much. Merry Christmas to all.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." —John Bunyan

WHERE CAN YOU FIND DG STEVE IN DECEMBER?

- December 1: Arlington Lions - DG Visit
- December 4: 5M2 PDG Party
- December 5: Ellendale Lions - DG Visit
- December 6: Convention Committee Meeting
- December 7: Jordan & Jordaness Lions - DG Visit
- December 11: Veseli Lions - DG Visit
- December 13: Watertown Leos - DG Visit
- December 14: Minnesota Lake Lions - DG Visit
- December 17: Hutchinson Lions - DG Visit
- December 19: Nicollet Lions - DG Visit
- December 21: Henderson Lions - DG Visit



MULTIPLE DISTRICT INFORMATION

Multiple District 5M Newsletter is posted to the multiple web site. You can view it at the following link...
<https://www.lionsmd5m.org/MD5M/Newsletters/Newsletter.pdf>

The Multiple District Web Site has a new update on the home page. Please visit and look at the photo op posted of the Lions of MD5M at the USA Canada Forum.

<http://www.lionsmd5m.org/default.php>

Centennial Update

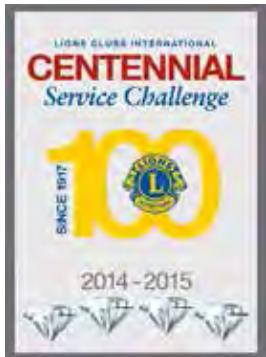
By DG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

Centennial Service Challenge:



As you can see above, we are now well past the overall goal of serving 100 Million people through the Centennial Service Challenge. You can also see that we have now surpassed the 25 Million goal in "Engaging Our Youth", "Protecting the Environment" and "Relieving the Hunger".

This year in District 5M2, 45 Clubs have reported on projects in at least one of the Centennial Service Challenge areas, serving a total of 36,400 people. 28 Clubs (43%) have reported projects in at least two areas of the challenge.



The **Chaska Lions**, **Victoria Lions**, and **Courtland Lions** have reported on projects in all four areas of the Centennial Service Challenge and have qualified for their "Four Diamond" Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patch for the 2016-2017 year. Ten other clubs have reported on projects in three areas. **Who will be next to earn their Four Diamond Patch????**

"Where There's a Need, There's a Lion!"



Centennial Community Legacy Projects

By DG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator

Our International President Bob Corlew's goal is to have 20,000 clubs do Centennial Community Legacy Projects. Our District goal is to have 50% of clubs in the district report on Centennial Legacy Projects. So far, we have eight clubs who have reported Centennial Legacy Projects, and I have heard about quite a few more in the planning stages.

Level 1 Projects:

- The **Amboy Lions** spent 9 hours picking up debris in major road ditches.
- The **Ellendale Lions** held a picnic in the park on national Night Out.
- The **Glencoe Lions** purchased new handicap friendly picnic tables to be placed at the local community pool.
- The **Lake Crystal Lions** walked three miles of roadside picking up trash.
- The **Montgomery Lions** Donated money to fund the building of a shed at the horse shoe court at the city park in Montgomery for storage of all their equipment and tools.
- The **Norwood Young America West Carver Lions** purchased a bench to be installed in the Wilkomen park.
- The **Shakopee Lions** provided fishing equipment to youth participants in the OHEC Fishing Event.

Level 2 Projects:

- The **Hamburg Lions** raised funds so we could have the community hall painted. We presented to the city a certificate of cooperation appreciation, and a plaque put up in the hall.
- The **Norwood Young America West Carver Lions** purchased a Vision Screener for the assisted living/elderly care complex in town.
- The **Shakopee Lions** committed a significant amount of money towards the planned "Fun For All Park" improvements at Lions Park.

Now is the time to be planning your Legacy Project. Remember, it needs to be a "**Visible gift to your community that commemorates our Centennial and creates a lasting legacy of your service contribution**". It is a great opportunity for some positive public relations, especially if you hold a dedication ceremony and invite the public. It also provides visibility for the presence of your club in the community when a Lions sign or plaque is included in the project. For more information and ideas, see the brochure and FAQ included in this newsletter, or look on the Lions International website.



Build Your Lion Legacy!



Connect with your community by planning a **Centennial Community Legacy Project** during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Plan Your Legacy Project

All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018. With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved.

Promote Your Legacy Project

Your Legacy Project is an opportunity to showcase your project and club to the community. These tips can help you maximize this great PR opportunity:

- **Dedication Ceremony** – Host a dedication or ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite your community and media to attend.
- **Social Media** – Share your project on social media and ask your community to share photos at the site of your Legacy Project. Use the hashtag #Lions100 on all your Centennial posts.
- **Local Media** – Send out a press release or ask a reporter to help tell your story.

Report Your Legacy Project

Be sure to report your Legacy Project using the MyLCI Service Activity Report, under the *Community and Culture* activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch, and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.



Start Planning Your Legacy Project Today!

Choose from the project ideas below or create your own to address specific needs in your community.

1 level

Raise Your Community Visibility

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park



2 level

Provide a Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization



3 level

Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions club.

Choose your project and start building your Lion Legacy today!

Visit Lions100.org to learn more.



Ways To CELEBRATE!

For 100 years Lions have served communities around the world and improved the lives of millions of people. That's something to celebrate!

Below are some ways to have fun with your club and share your Lions pride with your community. Choose from the list or create your own ways to celebrate Lions Centennial!



LEAD THROUGH SERVICE

1. Have a game tournament and donate the proceeds to LCIF
2. Gather 100 people for a service project and give them Centennial shirts, buttons or hats
3. Hold a Centennial dance marathon to fund your next service project
4. Create a 100 recipe cookbook and donate the proceeds to a local food pantry
5. Have a district-wide bake-off to see who can make the best Centennial birthday cake
6. Team up with Leos or another youth group for a Karaoke Night. The winner chooses the next service project
7. Pass out UV sunglasses at your next vision screening
8. Plant trees or start a community garden and name the area for Melvin Jones or a club founder
9. Distribute meals to those in need and include a special Centennial treat
10. Plan to make new friends when volunteering at the 2017 Centennial convention

INVITE FOR IMPACT

1. Hold a celebration luncheon with community leaders
2. Download some of the Centennial graphics and promote your next service project in 100 places
3. Invite your community to a Lions Centennial Celebration; consider a 1917 or 2117 party theme
4. Invite 100 potential members to your next service project
5. Promote 100 reasons to be a Lion on your social media
6. Have your local sports team promote Lions Centennial on the big screen
7. Show your Centennial pride with the latest clothes, mugs, bags and more from Club Supplies
8. Update your club's marketing materials with the Centennial logo
9. Fill your social media and newsletters with Touchstone Stories from the Lions100.org media area
10. Invite the families of your Charter Members when honoring them at an upcoming event

CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

1. Have a Lions Centennial float in your local parade
2. Hold a birthday party for children at a local shelter or hospital
3. Promote all the ways your club has impacted your community
4. Collect spare change at a community event and use the proceeds to fund a Centennial Legacy Project
5. Donate 100 books to a local library and host a pajama party there to celebrate
6. Host a live auction fundraiser with 100 items from local businesses
7. Paint a Lions Centennial mural
8. Host a trivia night with questions from the last 100 years
9. Stuff 100 backpacks for children in need and include a Lion item
10. Create and bury a Lions Centennial time capsule

Share your Centennial Celebrations with the #Lions100 hashtag and email photos and descriptions to CentennialMembership@lionsclubs.org.



MD5M Council of Governors Meeting, Saturday, October 15, 2016

The Council of Governors held their quarterly multiple meeting with all 12 District Governors present.

Past Council Chair Dave Dominick- Multiple GMT Chair presented recognitions for the first quarter of 2016-2017. Best Retention- District 5M10 -16; Most New Members- District 5M7 +66; 2 New Clubs Chartered- 5M3 and 5M5; District with positive memberships- 5M5 +24, 5M9 +20, 5M3 +17, 5M7 +13, 5M10 +9.

PCC Bert Nelson- LCIF Multiple Chair recognized 3 Districts with LCIF medals for contributions (bronze) 5M2, 5M6, and 5M7. Two districts placed in the top 5 in constitutional area #1- 5M6 and 5M8.

IPCC Kathy Jensen announced LEO of the Year to 5M2 Leo Mariah Grissom from the Northfield Lions.

Council Chair Todd Neumann presented International President Jitsuhiko Yamada Certificate of Appreciation to IPCC Kathy Jensen. Eight Districts received Centennial Legacy Banner patches: 5M1, 5M2, 5M5, 5M6, 5M7, 5M8, 5M9, and 5M11. It was announced that MD5M received an award at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum for having the highest number of attendees. CC Todd reminded us that anyone who has any proposal at the Council of Governors needs to have representation at the meeting.

PDG Steve Collins – MD5M Legal Chair stated in writing that he has a new email address for any club with legal questions, md5mlegal@gmail.com

A reminder from CC Todd that every district needs to have their Hall of Fame nominations in 30 days before your Mid Winter Conventions. Al Jensen nomination needs to be in to CC Todd before March 1. Peace Poster winners need to be to CC Todd by December 1.

The train to Chicago registration has been sent out to all newsletters. The Lions car will only be leaving from St. Paul. You can still catch that same train at other stops, just cannot have a seat in the Lions car. All cars are open so you are free to wander to the Lions car and spend as much time as you wish. For more information please contact Lion Dennis Kelly at 651-788-3486.

The Council of Governors is looking for bids for future Multiple Conventions. Bids need to be 2 years out so that the hope of an International President to attending would happen.

Ten out of 12 Districts were present to meet International President Bob Corlew when he visited Minnesota in October. IPID Mike Molenda reported that PID Haynes Townsend is running as a candidate for 3rd International Vice President and was endorsed by MD5M Council of Governors.

The Council of Governors endorsed an application for [KidSight](#) LCIF Grant Application submitted by IPDG Jay Norby.

MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation- PDG Linda Albrecht Norby thanked everyone who worked the State Fair booth. \$100 for 100 years campaign has kicked off with banks distributed throughout the Multiple. You have until June 15, 2017 to collect change. The [Diabetes Foundation](#) calendars are closer to completion. PCC Judy Loken reported the last day to turn in money is October 31. [GLT](#)- PCC Earl Orvik- Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum is in Mahnomen in November with the Regional Lions Leadership Institute March 30-April 2, 2017. Only 72 spots are open for participation. [GMT](#)- PCC Dave Dominick- in the Multiple last quarter we took in 459 new members and dropped 509 with a loss of 50. [LCIF](#)- PCC Bert Nelson challenged every DG to have 100% participation in their district. For every district achieving this goal, PCC Bert will donate \$100 to LCIF. [Lions Eye Bank of Canada & NW Ontario](#), [Lions Foundation of Manitoba & NW Ontario](#) and [Lions Hearing Committee](#)- PDG Cheryl McKittrick- the Ben Ward Award has been withdrawn and a new award called the Decibel Award is now being used. The Board is developing a five year plan. A hearing aid loaner program is being developed in Manitoba. [MN Lions Vision Foundation](#)- Lion Lyle Goff- \$100,000 was donated to Lions KidSight and MN Lions Eye surgery open and doctors are now doing cataract surgeries. We are looking to develop a Lions Eye Institute at the U of M. The building will cost between \$40-50 million dollars with naming rights for Lions to be about \$17.5 million giving us a 15 year time frame to acquire funding. [Project New Hope](#)- PDG Dick Labraaten- Camp was just held at Ironwood Springs by Rochester. We are hoping to have 10 camps held in 2017. [Public Relations](#)- Lion Cheri Appel- We are still in need of Public Relations Chairs in a couple Districts so please try to get those filled. [2017 MD5M Convention](#), Bemidji- Lion Wayne Tieman- Friday will be Celebration, Saturday will be Service and Sunday will be Generosity. Watch your newsletters for details. [Technology Consultant](#)- DG Steve Wasserman- I'm willing to do Braille for your Mid Winters, please contact me.



Lion Debra Wasserman
District 5M2 GLT Coordinator

The first bi-annual Northern Pride Forum, held in Mahnomen Nov. 11 & 12 was a rousing success. Nearly 200 Lions including at least 23 from 5M2 chose from a menu of 36 seminars, heard motivating remarks from PID Brian Sheehan and PID Robert Littlefield, renewed friendships, met Lions from all 12 Districts, and of course enjoyed good food and laughter. There was a casual mixer Friday evening where people mingled and nibbled. Saturday began with seminar choices at 9:00 and ended after dinner at about 7:30. This schedule allowed people to participate only on Saturday or at least drive home Saturday evening, if they chose. Here are a few of the topics presented during the 6 seminar slots.



NORTHERN PRIDE

No topic was repeated so choosing your session was a challenge, but a great one.

- Creative Recognition
- New Ways to Strengthen Your Club
- Fun with Tail Twisting
- After New Member Orientation, Then What?
- The Fun Way to Build a team.

I would strongly encourage any Lion interested in learning more about Lionism to attend the next Northern Pride Forum in 2018. See you there!

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



In late October, some of us had the annual opportunity of attending Thanksgiving for Vision, a morning of information by Department of Ophthalmology staff and a luncheon with speakers telling their donor and recipient stories. Truly MLVF is thankful for our wonderful partnership with the University. Now we enter the Christmas season, a season of peace and hope for the future.

In this reference, I want to borrow a couple quotes from October's program. If we ever doubt the value of our Lions dollars, these quotes of corneal recipients definitely prove the importance of our giving:

- "It's a life-altering event. I see better than I ever have in my life. Period."
- "It's a humbling experience to know that so many people - the surgical team, the eye bank staff, Lions Club members - have

done so much for me to be able to see everyday. Most remarkable of all, of course, is the donor."

- "When the bandage was removed and I could see, it was a moment that can only be described as speechless joy - and of hope! In a sense, my life has been given back to me."

For over 50 years, Minnesota Lions have been a partner critical to the great reputation of the University's Department of Ophthalmology and we want to continue our legacy. MLVF has a wonderful site, www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org, which you will want to visit. Lots of good info. You may even want to invite your Facebook friends to "like" our site.

Together, "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation reps willing to visit your clubs - dianakroells@embarqmail.com or mkspille@embarqmail.com.

**DEADLINES MAY 1, 2017:**

• Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. (Registrations after this date will be processed in Chicago). • Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name	Badge/Call Name			
Address				
City	Postal Code	Country		
Daytime Phone	Email			
<input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Omega Leo	Club No.	Membership No.	District	Title
COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name	Badge/Call Name			
<input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Omega Leo	Club No.	Membership No.	District	Title
CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name	Age		<input type="checkbox"/> Aloha Leo	

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

- Before January 13, 2017 Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 13, 2017 I prefer my delegation hotel Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name _____

Arrival Day/Date _____ Departure Day/Date _____

Number of Guests in Room _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other

The Hotel deposit is US\$200 per room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B:

- NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

(We plan to attend the following events). (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME	Fee	Quantity	Amount Due
July 3 / 13:30-15:00	US \$75	_____	\$_____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	Fee	Quantity	Amount Due
July 3 / 20:00-22:00	US \$125	_____	\$_____

CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE PROJECTS IN CHICAGO

- I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Chicago Centennial Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Aloha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 13, 2017)	US\$130	US\$10	US\$60	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 14 through March 31, 2017)	US\$180	US\$10	US\$60	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2017 – onsite)	US\$200	US\$10	US\$60	Hotel Deposit: US\$ 200.00	Total Due: US\$ _____

- Check # _____ Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard Discover Discover

Name as it appears on card

Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number

Expires Month/Year

Security code (3 digits)

X

Cardholder Signature

Mail: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • Fax: +1 630.571.1689 • E-mail: registration@lionsclubs.org

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the International convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.

" UPDATE ON TRAIN" ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2017 LCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



As you know we were trying to work something out with Amtrak as to having a train car for Lions to go to Chicago for the 2017 Convention.

As of this update we have filled the dedicated Lions Car on the train. However if anyone is still interested in riding the train you can go out on line to the Amtrak web at: www.amtrak.com/tickets-reservations and sign up. The train number we are taking is 8/28 leaving at 8:00AM on Thursday June, 29, 2017 and

we will be returning from Chicago on train 7, leaving at 2:15PM on Wednesday July 5, 2017. For some of you this may be a good opportunity for you to get on the train at a location more convenient to your home location. Unfortunately those that signed up to ride in the Lions Car must come to the St. Paul Amtrak Station to get onto the train as Amtrak was not willing to pick up a large group other than at one stop.

We hope that those of you that may have been thinking about the train will do so fairly soon as we think the train may fill up fairly quick as for other Lions to the West and North of us may see this as a viable and reasonable way to get to Chicago for our Lions Centennial Celebration.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,
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By Mike Lunde, 5M1 Youth Exchange Co-Chair

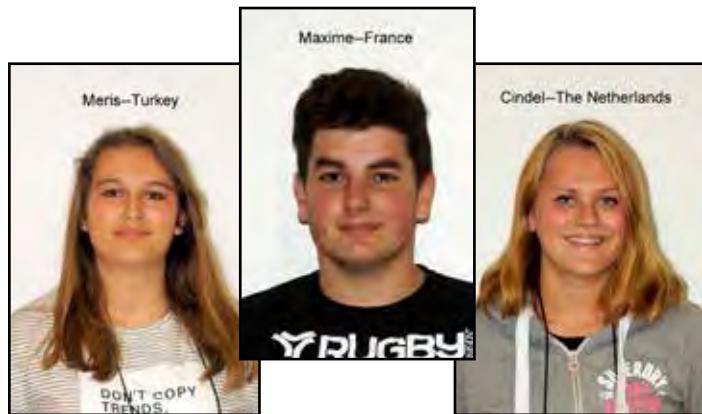
This is the time of year that Youth Exchange is looking for host families for July of 2017. Please consider hosting a foreign exchange student. I had planned on including a number of testimonials from host families about their experiences hosting. But after receiving the testimonial seen below from Sara Dohnalik I did not see the need for additional families to contribute. Sara pretty much sums it up for all of us who have hosted over the years.

"I have been struggling to come up with the words. It is so difficult to explain as it seems absolutely weird that after only spending 3 weeks with someone, they can become an important part of our family. This was the case with Maxime (as it was with Cindel and Meris). Maxime fit in with our family as if he had always been there. He quickly became our French son. And by the time he left, we had already committed that we would see him soon. This year gave us that opportunity. It was amazing. We picked up right where we left off. Further, we got to see his life and

SUBJECT: YOUTH EXCHANGE IMPORTANCE: HIGH

expose Henry to a different culture (but with similar values) and spend time with his family and him. I can say that we went there to visit our French son but left with a family in France. We are already talking about the next time we get to see them. As for Cindel and Meris, we have the same bond. We talk at least 2-3 times per month and are determining how we can see them again soon. If it wasn't for this opportunity that the Lions presented, we would have never made these connections and created these bonds."

Sarah Dohnalik, La Crescent, MN



Bemidji 2017



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Other Opportunities:

Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Zk8>

Many other attractions: www.visitbemidji.com

Hotel Accommodations

Country Inn and Suites (Convention Headquarters)

218-441-4800

110 rooms on hold
Attached to Sanford Center

Additional Accommodations:

AmericInn 218-751-3000

Best Western 218-751-0390

Double Tree by Hilton

218-441-4400

Shuttle to Sanford Center

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton

218-751-3600

Shuttle to Sanford Center

Holiday Inn Express

218-751-2487

Quality Inn 218-444-7700

Super 8 218-751-8481



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

I am happy to say that this past June, one of the 2 Youth Scholarship winners was from Minnesota!! She received a \$2,500 scholarship!! This was the 5th year that scholarships were given from the LITPC.

The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams!!

The LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the Pin Traders contributed US \$144,000 to LCIF.

The Youth Scholarship Program is another example of the Pin Trader's slogan, "Lions First". The 5M Pin Traders Club along with 13 other Pin Trader Clubs from across the USA support the LITPC Scholarship Program.

Selection of a scholarship recipient is based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service,

and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by March 1, 2017.

ALL graduating seniors who are the children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, or members of Leos Clubs are encouraged to participate in the Scholarship program. This does include students from Canada.

To apply for a LITPC Youth Scholarship:

1. Go to the LITPC Website address - www.litpc.org
2. Click on right column LITPC Scholarship information
3. Click on Scholarship Application Form
4. Complete Application Form
5. Submit completed Application Form along with all required information to the person listed below.

Lion Bill Guthrie -
5M Pin Traders Scholarship Chairman
9-101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
763-786-8072; bmguthrie9@q.com



Join us at the
"LIONS OF THE NORTH"
 98TH MD5M Convention
 April 21,22,23, 2017
 Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
 Hosted by District 5M-10



REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Lion Lioness Leo Guest

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB: _____

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Please specify any dietary needs:

Please specify any dietary needs:

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

MEAL	AT 2016 MDSM CONVENTION	BEFORE MARCH 1, 2017	ON OR AFTER MARCH 1, 2017	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
HOSPITALITY BOOK	USD: \$100	USD: \$110	USD: \$125		
FRIDAY NIGHT MIXER	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$20	USD: \$25		
SATURDAY LUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		
SATURDAY BANQUET	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$45	USD: \$45		
SUNDAY BRUNCH	FREE WITH HOSPITALITY BK	USD: \$25	USD: \$30		

YES, I AM COMING TO THE CONVENTION BUT NOT STAYING FOR ANY OF THE MEALS. USD: \$0.00

TOTALS:

"Zero-K Walk for Diabetes" USD: \$20.00 per Person. Includes a free T-shirt.

T-Shirt Size/Quantity: (S) _____ (M) _____ (L) _____ (XL) _____ (XXL) _____ (XXXL) _____

Make checks payable to: **MD5M 2017 CONVENTION**

Mail payment & registrations to:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB
 P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

**GRAND TOTAL
SUBMITTED:**

Convention Information Email:

Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

Lion Mel Milender: melmile@msn.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2017. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.
SEE SEPARATE FORM FOR AVAILABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND RATES



SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE 2017

Did you know there are hundreds of intellectually disabled athletes in the state of MN who hope to have the opportunity to "strive to do their best" by competing in sporting events held throughout the year? The training these athletes receive for Special Olympics not only teaches them about the sport of their choice, but also helps to develop lifelong fitness and recreational skills, helps promote positive peer relationships, leads to opportunity to practice academic skills and most importantly, builds confidence through success.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOU ASK? Where there is a need, there is a Lion!! Lions have long helped with Special Olympics through financial donations and volunteering at events. One way to help financially is to participate in the POLAR PLUNGE taking place in February. Yes, I thought I was crazy last year to take the plunge, but found the

entire experience to be fun, well worth it and the 5M2 Lions bonded over the whole experience. I am "in" for 2017!

Last year the goal was for a team of 10 from 5M2 which happened! This year we are hoping for a team of 25. I have been asking DG Steve if he would like to join us, but I haven't received an official "yes" yet. Still working on that. We have not finalized the date, but our choices are February 4th in St. Peter or February 18th in Prior Lake. The date will be confirmed in December.

If you would like to join in the fun and festivities to help sponsor Minnesota's Special Olympians, please send me an email and I will send you more information. I promise it will be a memorable experience! Thanks!

Lion Joan Blank, Special Olympics Chair lionjoanblank@gmail.com

LIONS KIDSIGHT UPDATE



It was great to tell everyone about 5M2's newest project Kid-Sight. It created a lot of interest from the clubs that needed to connect with their communities with a very worthwhile project.

I know I had stated the timeline was to be in the fall, but The Multiple District has hit a snag. We will be applying for a LCIF matching grant for \$100,000.00 in January.

This is contingent on our \$100,000.00 grant from the Lions Vision Foundation which is needed as the matching part of the LCIF grant. Part of the LCIF criteria is that the project can't be started before funds are sent. Which means we can't order our screeners just yet.

So, my fellow Lions, we are in a "limbo" state right now until January.

What I would like to do is have any club or clubs (co - sponsorships) that are interested in this project to contact me and we will get some of the ground work

done.

Our intention is to still have the Region chairs be the "holders" of the screeners and each club will have their own project chair.

We will train your project chair to operate the screener (it is pretty simple) for them to set up your own home town project.

We feel it is very important that your club take the lead in this project because it is for your community and your club should benefit greatly.

What I would like to do is have any club or clubs (co - sponsorships) that are interested in this project to contact me and we will get some of the ground work done to make this a timely process when the grants are available.

KidSight Chair
Lion Rick Wagener
1775 Waconia Pkwy. S.
Waconia, MN. 55387
952-442-2980 home
612-701-0346 cell
rrwags@embarqmail.com



EACH MONTH A
DIFFERENT

"ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURE" WILL APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER TO HELP CLUBS EXPAND IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED VOLUNTEER OPTIONS/ AREAS OF FOCUS.

SNOW REMOVAL

With winter weather on its way for Minnesota one area of environmental involvement focuses on how we react to the environment and the option to volunteer to help remove snow for public areas.

1. **CONTACT YOUR CITY;** each local town/city is likely to have listed details related to need and expectation for shoveling on local websites, at local government offices, and on phone answering services
2. **CONTACT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO UTILIZE VOLUNTEERS ;** local chapters of Habitat for Humanity are always looking for volunteers to clean snow at their built properties (<http://hfh-mn-sso.huterra.com/affiliates>)
3. **REACH OUT TO LOCAL BUSINESSES/ CHURCHES/ SCHOOLS/ ETC:** clubs can also reach out to local churches, nursing homes, senior centers, etc to offer a helping hand when the weather hits

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM

Many cities offer the option to "Adopt a Hydrant" in their community. By committing to clearing off a specific fire hydrant within 24 hours of a snow fall volunteers are saving local fire fighters time in emergency situations. Specific towns have individual details regarding sign up, available hydrants, expectations (commonly expected a hydrant be cleared within 24 hours of a snow fall, clearing being 6ft around hydrant, being completed after roads are plowed and before snow ices over), with the additional benefit of some towns allowing volunteers to 'name' their hydrant!

MID-WINTER CONVENTION UPDATE

Our registration fee will begin to increase on December 15th. To get the biggest break please consider to register early.

Early bird registration is \$10.00 postmarked by December 15, 2016

Not so early registration Fee \$15.00 postmarked by January 31, 2016

After that date (January 31, 2017) registration fee is \$20.00

We want to be good hotel guests. By registering early, it gives the convention planning committee a better insight of attendance to communicate our numbers for meals during the event. This makes it easier on the hotel staff for planning numbers for meals.

We are also trying to sell out the hotel so that the "Tuxedo Band" can play later on Friday evening, please re-reserve your room at the City Center Hotel at 507-345-1234. It only takes a credit card to reserve your room. We need rooms reserved by January 10th. Please reserve your room to assist us in celebrating the Centennial of Lions with your other 5 M 2 Lions and "Tuxedo Band" till 12:30 am.

- Save the Date -

5M2 Mid-Winter Convention 2017

February 10, 11, 12th 2017

"Celebrate the Legacy"

Please join DG Steve Wasserman and Lions from across 5M2 to celebrate the Centennial Year, to Celebrate the Legacy of Lions!!



Get your creative side on through the Legacy of music.....

Friday night—dress as your favorite musical artist or favorite music genre

Saturday—wear band, music, or concert T-shirts

Convention and hotel reservations forms will be available on the 5M2 web-page, in the monthly newsletter, or by emailing LionDianeHesse@gmail.com

Talk to your fellow Lions and make plans to attend the convention during this 100th year of celebration.

Brought to you by Zone 3 Productions



WANTED!!!

Host club(s) for the 2017 & 2018 Annual Jungle Days Golf Tournaments

Proposals to be presented at the 2017 Mid-Winter convention, annual business meeting on Saturday, February 11th.

Contact 1st Vice District Governor Nancy Mathwig or Lion Julie Beckius for more information.

Lion Nancy – 612-741-1026 or
nmathwig@hotmail.com

Lion Julie (Jordaness Lions) – 952-378-7159 or
jules05@frontiernet.net

The committee has been busy planning a great and exciting convention.

On Saturday instead of wearing Lions gear, consider wearing clothing from your favorite band, concert you may have attended or your local high school band. It will be fun to see the variety of musicians and also the common favorites among the Lions of 5 M 2 supports.

Friday evening, reminders to get all your obituaries and photos to Eunice Rucks for the memorial service. We will first have a new opening ceremony prior to service of remembrance. Do not bring your club banners, we are unable to hang them. Bring your self and enjoy. After the service, the "Tuxedo Band" performs. Please come in your favorite genre or as dressed as a famous musician. There will be a contest, prizes for the winners. Let show our visiting dignitaries how 5M2 celebrates.

DG Steve has been busy with planning speakers that will enlighten and inspire us.

Saturday noon, we will celebrate our youth. Come all and see the future of Lion's in our youth. Peace poster winner, Peace poster essay winner, and Write off winners will be presented. We now have five Leo Clubs in our district. The Leo's will be active in the noon luncheon. We are also honored in 5M2 to have a "Leo of the year" distinction named by Lion's International. Please come and celebrate this great distinction for our district and the local Leo.

Zone three is awaiting to welcome you to the 5M2 Midwinter February 10, 11 and 12 in Mankato. Let's set new records for attendance in our Centennial year. Thank You.



Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 10th, 11th & 12th, 2017
City Center Hotel - Mankato, Minnesota



REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – This form will be returned to you if payment is missing or incorrect

Guest #1 Information: Select One Lion Lioness Leo Spouse/Guest 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Needs:

Guest #2 Information: Select One Lion Lioness Leo Spouse/Guest 1st Time Attendee

Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:
Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:
City:	State & Zip:	Dietary Needs:

Please include the following to submit your registration:

- Registration Form completed
- Registration fee (see options below)
- Full meal registration payment (see fees on this form)
(All convention meals include tax and gratuity)

Make Checks Payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention

Mail to: Lion Diane Hesse
 313 1st St. W.
 Jordan, MN 55352

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be directed to Lion Diane at the above address, by email to londianehesse@gmail.com, or by phone to 952-457-8317.

Refunds will be sent following the convention. Refund requests will be honored as such:

- Requests postmarked on or before January 10, 2017 – Full Refund
- Requests postmarked January 11 to February 6, 2017 – 90% Refund
- Requests postmarked after February 6, 2017 – No Refund

*****Important Notice*****

1. The registration fee will apply to all attendees, including non-Lions. The only exemptions will be visiting dignitaries and invited guest speakers.
2. Name tags will be distributed with your convention registration materials and need to be worn in order to gain admission to all meals, activities and seminars
3. Payment for registration fee and all meal costs must be included with your registration form.

*******MEAL PACKAGE & TOTAL REGISTRATION*******

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		All-Meal Package \$65.00 (Includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet, & Sunday Brunch)	
		Saturday Lunch \$20.00	
		Saturday Banquet \$30.00	
		Sunday Brunch \$15.00	
TOTAL MEAL COST			
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES			
REGISTRATION FEE & MEAL GRAND TOTAL			

******Convention Registration Fee (Per Attendee)******

Early Bird Special (Post Marked <u>by</u> December 15 th)	\$10.00
Not-so-Early Bird Registration Fee (Post Marked <u>by</u> January 31 st)	\$15.00
Regular Registration Fee (Post Marked <u>After</u> January 31 st)	\$20.00

For Official Use

Date of Receipt _____

Date of Postmark _____



Lion's Mid-Winter Convention
February 10 - 12, 2017

MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

**Reservations will be accepted
by mail, fax, or phone.**

Please complete and return this form to
Mankato City Center Hotel with payment
information no later than January 13, 2017.

Mail to:
Mankato City Center Hotel
c/o Lions Mid-Winter Convention
101 East Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-345-1234
Fax: 507-345-1248

**One night reservations will be based on
availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you must cancel your reservation, you must
do so 24 hours before the date you wish to
cancel.

****CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY
TO CANCEL.****

Special Requests: _____

**Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but we
will try to accommodate as best we can.**

**Poolside rooms will be subject to hearing noise
from the Fri. & Sat. evening events, including band
music. If this is a concern, it is best not to request
poolside.

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be received
by January 13, 2017 to receive the
Lion's Convention discounted rate.
Reservations received after this date will be booked
at standard rates.

Arrival Date – Select One

- Thursday, February 9
- Friday, February 10
- Saturday, February 11

Cost for Three Nights

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed | \$327.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Queen Beds | \$327.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King Bed w/ Sofa | \$357.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poolside w/ Two Beds | \$357.00 |

Cost for Two Nights

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed | \$218.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Queen Beds | \$218.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King Bed w/ Sofa | \$238.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poolside w/ Two Beds | \$238.00 |

Cost for One Night

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed | \$109.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Queen Beds | \$109.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King Bed w/ Sofa | \$119.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poolside w/ Two Beds | \$119.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Access Room Required
(room contains one Queen bed) | |

- ***All Rates Subject to 10.875% Tax Rate
***All rooms are non-smoking and are
equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

TO GUARANTEE ROOM WILL BE HELD:

Credit card number is required
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)
OR

Pre-payment by check for one night stay
(with remaining balance due at check in)

.We will confirm your reservation by sending you a
postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not
receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us
three weeks from the date you send in your
registration form for processing. If e-mail
confirmation is preferred please include e-mail
address.

2017 Mid-Winter Convention

CONVENTION SATURDAY AFTERNOON

TIME: 2:00 PM

POOLSIDE—UPPER AREA

Not a delegate? Not going to the business meeting? Join fellow Lions and guests for a fun afternoon of crafting and wine.

\$35.00
SUPPLIES,
WINE & WATER
PROVIDED

AT THE END OF THE CLASS, YOU TAKE THIS REVERSIBLE DECORATION HOME TO DISPLAY AND ENJOY!



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
LIONS 5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2017

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

MAIL TO:

LION DIANE HESSE
313 1ST ST W
JORDAN, MN 55352

Block, Paper, Scissors and Wine!!

\$\$\$\$ Parade of Green \$\$\$

Mid-Winter Convention will be here before you know it, and we will be "*Celebrating the Legacy*". Part of the "*Legacy of Service*" of District 5M2 is how we support our District, Multiple District, and International projects through our participation in the "*Parade of Green*". Every penny of every dollar your club donates to these projects goes to help people in need. Let's "*Enhance the Legacy*" by having all clubs donate to all areas of the "*Parade of Green*" and exceed \$100,000 in honor of 100 years of Lions Service!

Please note that not all projects have 501(c)(3) status, which is needed for gambling funds donations. To avoid problems during an audit, gambling clubs should have checks written out exactly as noted below.

- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) – 501(c)(3)
- Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation – 501(c)(3)
- MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation – 501(c)(3)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
- Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
- Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3))
 - 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- Lions Quest
- Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both)
 - Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer – 501(c)(3)
 - 5M-2 Youth Exchange – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
- 5M-2 Youth Activities (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
- Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota – 501(c)(3)

NOTES FROM ZONE 4

Courtland is hosting a "Morning with Santa" on December 3, 2017. Since this is our Charter Month, we are going to include that by celebrating with Santa as well as LCI's 100th Anniversary.

Lafayette is having a Santa Day on December 13 starting at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Lafayette has Bar Bingo @ Dave's Place on Saturday's starting @ 2 p.m. If you need a break, join them!

Gibbon also has Bar Bingo is every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. And a Meat Raffle every Friday night at 7 p.m. Just another place to take a break and have some fun!

Gibbon also provides the Santa Bags for there Winterfest Committee who sponsor the event. It will be held on Saturday, December 3, at the Gibbon Elementary school. Santa will be there. A craft show is also tied in

with this event. Enjoy hot chocolate and hot dogs.

Gibbon participates as Santa Helpers and do Gift Bags for Youth in their community. Extra bags go to the Care Center.

Remember to fill out a Centennial Public Relations contest form. You can enter more than once. Contest run until January 1, 2017. Then, a 2nd contest runs from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Do you have a photographer in your club? Select one of their pictures and send it in for the Environmental Photo Contest. That is due the end of December!

Select a Zone Person of the Year and send the information to 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig by February 1, 2017. The winner will be announced at the Spring Zone Meeting.



2017

District 5M2 Zone Lion of the Year

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives the District the opportunity to bestow well-deserved recognition on one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our Centennial motto "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion".

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.

The Zone Lion of the Year presentations will be made during the 2017 spring Zone meetings. The club president or person designated by the president is asked to complete this application and return it to 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig by February 22, 2017.

Send to: 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig
PO Box 944
Arlington, MN 55307
nmathwig@hotmail.com

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items as years of Lion service, involvement in club activities, and involvement in the community. The form must be signed by the club president. Attach a separate sheet or use the back of this form.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club President: _____

(signature)

(Date)



Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all Lions!

Join in on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest!

We are looking for photos from all 5M2 clubs (one photo per club) along with volunteers to help judge the final submission to be sent to 5M Multidistrict!

Photographers need only snap the perfect shot and submit it by December 31, 2016 and judges need only check their email for a voting form near the start of the New Year!

Those interested in either mode of involvement can inquire for further details to Lion Evelyn Grimm and Lion Kate Pattison at lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment.

Photos should focus on the following themes:

- Animal Life**
- Landscape (urban or natural)**
- Plant Life**
- Weather Phenomenon**

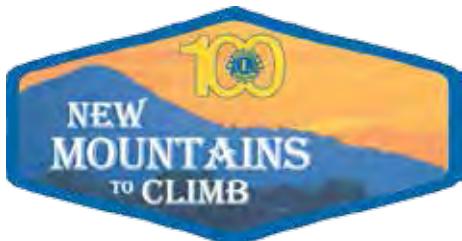
All photos must be submitted with the form on the following page:

HALL OF FAME REMINDER

Reminder to all clubs: nominations for the 2017 District 5M-2 Hall of Fame are due to District Governor Steve no later than January 10, 2017.

The purpose of the award is to honor those Lions and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district and multiple district and the motto of our association "We Serve".

Information regarding the criteria and process and the nomination form are available online on the Multiple District 5M website/www.lionsmd5m.org - Forms and Links or the district website/www.5m2lions.org - Forms and Award Applications.



CAN DO CANINES

Puppy Program Info Session

Are you interested in volunteering in our Puppy Program? There are lots of ways to help! Join us from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016, to learn more about our Great Start Homes, Puppy Raisers, Short Term Foster Care and our Prison Puppy Foster Home opportunities.

Please RSVP for this free hour-long informational session by emailing Laurie Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator at lcarlson@can-do-canines.org or calling her at 763.331.3000 ext. 113.

To learn more please visit: www.can-do-canines.org/events/





Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

2016-2017 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM *All submissions due by December 31, 2016*

DISTRICT _____ CITY OF CLUB _____ STATE _____

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER _____

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

Please note: Only one photo will be accepted from each Lions Club in the 5M2 district

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my individual club. By signing below I certify the photo is an original, unaltered photograph taken by myself and I grant permission for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to use my attached photo for submission to further judging and any other showings and uses.

Club President (please print) _____

Club Secretary (please print) _____

Photographer's signature _____

8"x10" printed submissions must be mailed to the following by December 31, 2016:

**Lion Kate Pattison
326 E. Pleasant St #3
Mankato, MN 56001**

MD5M Centennial Public Relations Contest

Contest Guidelines:

The Public Relations Contest is to promote Lions and the 100th Centennial Anniversary. Every club in the Multiple is invited to participate. Small clubs have the same chance as a large club to win.

If there are not enough lines on the application in any area, feel free to attach another page.

Each District will award 1 winner per year. A plaque will be given to the winner of each District at the Multiple Convention in 2017 & 2018. An overall winner will be chosen from the 12 District winners and will be awarded at the 2017 & 2018 Multiple Convention. Top winning Club will receive \$500.00.

Contest will run from July 2016- December 31, 2016 and January 2017 -December 31, 2017.

**SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:
SHIRLENE HVINDEN
5M2 PUBLIC RELATIONS
HVINDENS@YAHOO.COM**



2017 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**WANTED: YOU!!
FOR: AN UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY
WHAT: 2017 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute
WHEN: March 30 - April 2, 2017
WHERE: Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahnomen, MN**



We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2017 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 three (3) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included. However, a \$100 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 December 1, 2016. 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.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please feel free to contact: Lion Earl Orvik - ejorvik1@gmail.com

We look forward to giving YOU this UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY!!



Centennial Public Relations Contest
Lions Clubs of MD5M July, 2016-January 1, 2017



District _____ Club _____ Date of Event _____

Event _____

Place an X over the area your event qualifies:









If your event does not fit one of the above areas, where would you classify it?

Number of Club Members _____ Number of Members who participated _____

Approximate number in attendance/number affected by this Event: _____

Explanation of Event:

What benefit did this project have to your community?

How did this event publicize Lions and our 100th Anniversary (Anniversary must be publicized)?

** Attach only 1 picture page

Contact person for this event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Does your club have a Lions sign in your town? Yes No

Have you refreshed your Lions sign- a new one or a new decal for our 100th? Yes No

Please submit to your District PR Chair before January 1, 2017.

Clubs may enter more than once.

(2nd Contest will be run January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017)



The Lions MD5M/District 5M5 Centennial Planning Committees Need Your Help!

MD5M will celebrate the Lions Centennial on the first weekend in June 2017 at the Mall of America.

MOA will feature large screens in the Rotunda showing Lions Videos for the entire weekend!

We need your Clubs/Members
videos and pictures!
They can be recent or several years old.

The clips/photos will be put together for a presentation by District.

Send your Videos and Pictures to:

**SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:
DG STEVE WASSERMAN
LIONSTEVE@CHARTER.NET**

Any format accepted. Filename should include club name, event, other identifying info.
Deadline for submission is January 15, 2017. But, do it now!

LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

FOUNDER OF GIBBON AND LAFAYETTE LIONS CLUBS PASSES



Earl Wise, the founder of both the Gibbon and Lafayette Lions Clubs, passed away Thursday, October 27 at the age of 86 years.

Earl became a Lion on November 1, 1959 when he started the Gibbon Lions Club while working at the State Bank of Gibbon. After becoming president of Citizens Bank in Lafayette, Wise founded the Lafayette-Bernadotte Lions Club on March 27, 1979.

Wise served the Lafayette Club as first vice president 1979-1980, as president 1980-1981, and as treasurer 1984-1986 and again in 1991-1996. Earl received the Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Lafayette Lions in 1997.

Lions from both the Gibbon and Lafayette clubs attended Earl's funeral and were seated together at the front of the church.



Lions from the Lafayette and Gibbon clubs attended the funeral of founding member Earl Wise. From left: Mark Dick, Sally Webster, Marilyn DeBoer, Gary Schaefer, Laurie Trebelhorn, and Elmari Kamm. Not pictured: Brad DeBoer and Ruth Klossner.

JORDANESS LIONS

Each year in October, the Jordaness Lions offer a "Lions 101" for new and prospective club members. This fun event includes a social hour, entertainment, and an informational program. At the event, new and prospective members learn about the history of the Lions organization, about current Lions programs, and about local club fundraisers and service projects.



(Left) Lions Donna Will and Julie Beckius use a visual aid to accompany their presentation.



(Below) Members of the Jordaness Lions sing "Jordaness Girls," to the tune of Neil Sedaka's 1961 hit, "Calendar Girl."



In an effort to support literacy in Jordan, the Jordaness Lions partner with The Dictionary Project each year. This year, the club handed out 160 dictionaries to 3rd graders in three Jordan schools.



LAFAYETTE LIONS PRESENT DICTIONARIES TO LCS STUDENTS

The Lafayette Area Lions made a special presentation at Lafayette Charter School Wednesday, November 9. Five members of the club were on hand to present Webster's Dictionary for Students to 15 students. Most are third graders, with others being older students are new to the school who had not received dictionaries previously.

The presentation was made in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a national program that traces its roots to 1992. Over 26.5 million children have received dictionaries because people and organizations have seen the need in their communities.

Fifteen Lafayette Charter School students received their own personal dictionaries through the sponsorship of the Lafayette Area Lions Club November 9. They are, front from left: Takoda Mathison, Caiden Rose, Rachel Lund, Dominick Marencos, Kami Sillivent, and Stevee Pena. Students in the second row: Kole Hotzel, Chandler Jones, Blake Clairmont, Kaidin Sillivent, Sian Hotzel, and Ciara Hotzel. Not Pictured: Will Lang, Samuel Natysin, and Grace Struck. Lions on hand to make the presentation were Ruth Klossner, Arden DeBoer, Marilyn DeBoer, Elmari Kamm, and Mark Dick.

Photo submitted by the Lafayette Area Lions



PLATO LIONS

On November 2, 2016, the Plato Lions (L-R) Lions Ken Franke, Myra Franke, Doris Schrapp and Darlene Lilienthal, along with several other Lions group in the GSL school district participated in the Lions Dictionary Project.

101 third graders at the Lakeside School of Glencoe-Silver Lake School District received personal Dictionaries on this day.



NYA WEST CARVER

Pictured are members of the NYA West Carver Lions Club with the bench donated by the club. The bench is located in Willkommen Park in Norwood Young America. This donation was made for the Centennial Community Legacy Project.



LAFAYETTE LIONS PRESENT PEACE POSTER AWARDS

The Lafayette Area Lions Club presented awards to students entering the annual Peace Poster contest at the Lafayette Charter School November 9.

Contest winners were Emma Miller, daughter of Curt and Ann Miller of New Ulm, first place; and Destinee Holthaus, daughter of Joel and Nicole Pena of New Ulm, second place. They received cash prizes of \$25.00 and \$15.00, respectively, from the Lions. Both students are sixth graders. Miller's poster has been sent to the district level where it will compete for additional honors.

Also creating posters for the contest were LCS students Hunter Anderson, Jacob Buntjer, Jillian Council, Kole Hotzel, Takoda Mathison, and Grace Struck.

(Right) First place winner of the Lions' Peace Poster contest at Lafayette Charter School was Emma Miller. She received \$25 and a special certificate.



(Above) Lafayette Charter School Peace Poster contest entrants are pictured with members of the Lafayette Area Lions Club. The students are, from left: Emma Miller, Takoda Mathison, Kole Hotzel, Jillian Council, Jacob Buntjer, and Hunter Anderson. Lions pictured are Elmari Kamm, Marilyn DeBoer, Arden DeBoer, and Mark Dick. Kamm is holding the poster made by Destinee Holthaus and Arden DeBoer the poster made by Grace Struck, who were not present for the awards.

Photos submitted by the Lafayette Area Lions

5M2 LIONS' NEWS
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
15TH OF EACH MONTH...
 Submit your club events and Lions
 program articles to:
 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

FARIBAULT LIONS

The Faribault Lions Club has a full box (24) of blue dictionaries and 19 red dictionaries left after this fall's distribution. As these will not be current for next year's distribution, we would like to see them be used this year. If your club does the dictionary project and could use these books, or if your club does not do the project but would like to try it out, please contact Debra Wasserman (liondebra@charter.net). The cost of the dictionaries is \$2.50 per book.

COURTLAND LIONS HOLD HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH

The Courtland Lions held its annual Halloween Party for Children on Saturday, October 29. 126 children enjoyed themselves for an afternoon.

Mr. Scarecrow (Lion Lowell Abbas) greeted each of the children and gave them a bag to collect their game prizes. Three volunteers and Lion friends, Janice Harmening, Jean Kahnke, and Sharon Johnson worked in the kitchen to be sure each person received a cookie, juice, and popcorn. The children had a number of games they could play for prizes. Pounding tees into pumpkins was a big hit! An Immanuel Lutheran 8th Grader waits to see what a child will pick for a tattoo. The Courtland Fire Department brought two of their trucks for both children and parents to explore. A photo area gave parents a chance to take a picture of their little witches and goblins. Finally, Lion Wally Sagmoen and Lion Duke Fiemeyer gave each child another bag of goodies that included a toothbrush and toothpaste (provided by New Ulm Dental) and a bottle of water.

Lion Mary Nicklay and Lion Sharon Retka, along with the Immanuel Lutheran 7th and 8th graders and their Principal Dan Erdman, did a wonderful job once again in creating a fun-filled Halloween Party!



The Courtland Lions held its fall Pancake, Egg, Sausage Brunch on Sunday, November 6. We had a good turnout, as the weather was perfect! Thanks to all who joined us. As you know, part of the proceeds will go to the New Ulm Food Shelf and part towards purchasing more flags for our main street.



WATERTOWN LIONS

The Watertown Lions Club donated 130 dictionaries to 3rd graders at the Watertown-Mayer Elementary School, Christ Community Lutheran School in Watertown, and Zion Lutheran School in Mayer. The former Mayer-Watertown DandyLions started this service project in 2008 and the Watertown Lions Club took it over this year. Thanks.



WATERTOWN LEOS



The Watertown Leos hosted their first Halloween Dance and Food Drive on October 23rd. We were able to donate 194 food items and \$122.29 in monetary donations to the Watertown Friends for Life Food Shelf in Watertown. We had Chopper World's Nuttiest DJ as the entertainer for the dance and the Leos also had Halloween



themed games with prizes for kids to play. It was a great event.



Alden Lions Club
"We Serve"

Christmas Dinner Theatre

Saturday, December 3

Doors open 3:30 p.m.
Program 4:00 p.m.
Dinner to follow, approximately 5:00 p.m.
Tickets must be purchased by November 25 and are available from any Alden Lions member, at Accents, or Security Bank in Alden. Adult \$12.00, Kids 12 - 6 \$7.00, 5 and under free. Please bring your old eyeglasses for those in need.

BINGO

BAR BINGO IS BACK!!!

BREWSTER'S BAR & GRILL, VESELI

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THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00  
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

PROGRESSIVE \$1000 JACKPOT

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

VESELI AREA LIONS

LICENSE 92581

## A MORNING WITH SANTA



Sponsored by the  
Courtland Lions

Enjoy a donut, hot chocolate, or milk with SANTA!

Donate a FOOD SHELF ITEM.

Bring your used EYE GLASSES.

Tell SANTA your CHRISTMAS WISHES!

Take a HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDE.

Receive a GOODIE BAG (with or without peanuts).

Register for PRIZES. (0-8 years of age)

(DRAWING @ 11:00 a.m.; must be present to win.)



**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Courtland Community Center



TAKE A WAGON RIDE



REGISTER FOR PRIZES



RECEIVE A TREAT BAG



ENJOY A SNACK



DONATE AN ITEM

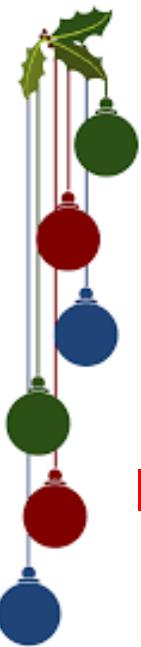


TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA

HELP US CELEBRATE

Lions Club International's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Courtland Lions 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Chartered in December 1981



Cologne, Hamburg, Norwood  
Young America Fire Depts. &  
NYA West Carver Lions

# TOY DRIVE

November 21<sup>st</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>

Toys will be given to the Southwest  
Carver Co. Food Shelf in NYA.

All Banks will be accepting  
cash donations



The Cologne Lions present the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Christmas in the Park

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Cologne Lions Park

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4:00pm Reindeer Games & Candy  
Cane Hunt at Dusk

5:00pm Santa Arrives & Tree  
Lighting Ceremony

6:00pm Light Up the Night Winners  
Announcement

Music, food, sledding & bonfire  
all evening!

Homemade chili, wild rice soup,  
hot dogs, pork burgers, hot  
chocolate & beverages for sale  
in our HEATED SHELTER!



#### LIGHT UP THE NIGHT CONTEST!

Enter your home or business on our  
Facebook page CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK  
or email us at [pysick4@gmail.com](mailto:pysick4@gmail.com)

Judging will take place at  
6:00pm Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

Winners will be announced at  
Christmas in the Park on  
December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$25

Please bring a non-perishable  
item or monetary donation  
for the food shelf.



**VESELI AREA LIONS  
ANNUAL KIDS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
(10 and under)**

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 - 2:30 pm  
(Santa at 1:15)

Holy Trinity Church Basement ~ Veseli

~~ Pictures with Santa ~~

(bring your cameras)

~~ Refreshments ~~

~~ Games by Webster 4H Club ~~

**~ Please bring a food shelf donation ~**



# Save the Date

**NEW PRAGUE AREA LIONS  
CHARTER CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017**

**THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN AT  
3:00 PM**

Invitations and more information  
will be coming later.

Put the date on your calendar  
and plan to celebrate  
with 5M2's newest club,  
the New Prague Area Lions.



**PLATO LIONS**



**January 1, 2017**

New Years Day

**Pork Chop Dinner is back at King Pin Pub**

**\$10.00**

2 Pork Chops, Potatoes, Green Beans  
Roll & Dessert

\$4.00 Kids Meal  
Mac & Cheese and Cookie

**Serving time 10:30 am – Chops are gone**

Hope to see you at the King Pin Pub on New Years Day  
To watch the Vikings Bears play at noon!

Music at 2 pm with Doug Stuedemann

The Plato Lions Club wish all of you a  
Happy New Year



Cologne Lions Club

**WINTER BINGO**

**Friday, Jan. 20, 2017**

Cologne Community Center  
1211 Village Pkwy., Cologne, MN 55322

5:30 pm - Food Service

7:00 pm - First Bingo Game

24 Games for just \$9

FOOD ★ DOOR PRIZES  
MEAT RAFFLES ★ CASH BAR



**SPECIAL 25TH GAME!!**

Play the 25th game for free when you  
bring a minimum of 3 non-perishable  
food items to be donated to the local  
food shelf.