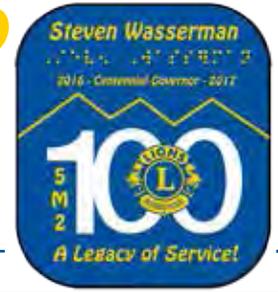




5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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LEGACY LOG

*Lion Steve Wasserman
District Governor*

MID-WINTER CONVENTION EDITION

I would like to congratulate and thank all the hard-working Lions of Zone 3 for planning and putting on a great Midwinter Convention. I heard many,

many, many positive comments about the convention, both from 5M-2 Lions and from those who visited from other Districts. I also want to extend a big thanks to DGE Nancy's niece, Kristina Kleist, for taking all the great photos over the weekend.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the Lions, Leos and Friends who were elected to office or received special recognition at the Convention.

MD5M Hall of Fame

Past District Governor Orville Trettin, of the Stewart Lions, is the newest 5M-2 Lion elected to the MD5M Hall of Fame. PDG Orville was nominated by 1st Vice District Governor Nancy Mathwig and Lion Kay Wacker of the Lester Prairie Lions.

1st VDG Nancy's nomination speech highlighted ways that PDG Orville has continued to serve after his term as District Governor, and how he has provided service in all four areas of the Centennial Service Challenge.

Lion Orville will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at the MD5M Convention Luncheon on April 22 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, Minnesota.

District Governor Elect

First Vice District Governor Nancy Mathwig was elect-



ed to serve as 5M-2 District Governor during the 2017 - 2018 Lions' Year.

DGE Nancy was a Charter Member of the Arlington Sibley East Lions Club when it was formed in 1995. She became a member of the Arlington Lions when the clubs were merged in 2008.

In addition to her duties as 1st Vice District Governor, DGE Nancy currently serves as the District Historian.

DGE Nancy will be installed as District Governor at the Centennial Lions Convention to be held in Chicago Illinois from June 29 - July 4, 2017.



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MOVING FORWARD...AND LOOKING BACK



*Nancy Mathwig
District Governor Elect*

By the time you read this article, all district conventions will have been completed and my first training with area District Governor Elects from ND, SD, IA, WI and MD5M will also have concluded. Thanks to everyone for making this year's 5M-2 convention so much fun as well as educational. It is always great to touch base with Lions friends not seen regularly during the year and also to meet new ones. As I stated on Sunday morning of the convention, I want to thank all of you for encouraging me along the way and supporting me with your vote for 2017-2018 District Governor. We have a great district and I look forward to serving as your Governor during 2017 - 2018 as LCI moves forward into a new century of service!

These past weeks have also brought sadness to many in our community and to my family that I would like to comment on here. For those of you present at the 2010 Mid-Winter convention Sunday brunch, you may remember our speaker, Megan Bening. Megan was born blind but did not let that stop her from becoming an active, fun-loving young lady. Megan passed away of a brain aneurysm on January 28th at the age of 22. My favorite story about Megan has to do with driving a car. When PDG Darwin and I were talking to Megan about speaking at the 2010 Mid-Winter she told us she had a goal to one day drive a car. Well, sometime after that conversation, I heard on the news that driverless cars were being tested. The next time I saw Megan I couldn't wait to tell her what I heard. Megan responded by saying - "Oh, I've already driven one of those." She went on to explain a prototype had been available at a convention for the blind that she attended and of course, she tried it out. Megan was a true inspiration on how not to let a disability prevent persons from doing the things they love.

Thank you also to those who have expressed condolences on the passing of my father-in-law, Walter Mathwig. Walter lived a full life and died the morning after our convention at the age of 97. He has now joined Darwin and two daughters-in-law but leaves behind a family legacy of his spouse of 73 years, eight children and five in-laws, 26 grandchildren and 20 in-laws, 50 great-grandchildren and 2 in-laws and 5 great, great-grandchildren. His legacy lives on!

Our upcoming months will be busy ones! Please note the spring date for New Officer training. We are trying a Saturday morning time in an effort to lessen

disruptions to everyone's busy weekend schedules. While we generally refer to it as "New" officer training, the new actually refers to the upcoming year's officers, whether new or experienced. I would encourage all officers for the upcoming year to attend, even if you have been in your position for many years. Lions Club International is ever changing with the times and even "seasoned" officers should be able to glean new ideas or receive updates on their areas. I found the past two years while conducting Secretary training, that the seasoned secretaries in attendance were able to answer questions that I could not or share issues with the new secretaries. The give and take in the room was outstanding!

And our history information for March -

The following clubs will be celebrating anniversaries during the month of March:

- Belle Plaine Lions 27 years
- Blue Earth Lions 57 years
- Brownton Lions 35 years
- Lafayette Area Lions 38 years
- Le Sueur Lions 57 years

Congratulations to these clubs for their combined 214 years of service to their communities and the world!!!

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much". Helen Keller*



PDG Larry Meskan was honored at the 5M2 Business Meeting. He has retired as Parliamentarian after many years on the Cabinet. He will be greatly missed.

BITS AND PIECES



*Diana Kroells
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

I once heard someone say "Gratitude unexpressed is ingratitude". That was about 30 years ago and I still remember it today. I remember it but don't always do it. I say this because of something that recently happened to me. If you all remember the Sunday brunch at the convention I thanked a lot of people for things they had done for me at the convention such as helping in my hospitality room, giving nominating speeches and just offering support & advice. I had scribbled some notes and tried to remember everyone. As I turned to walk away from the podium, back to my chair, I realized that I had forgotten the most important one of all- my traveling companion- my partner in service-my spouse- call him what you may - I call him my greatest supporter. Now it is his turn-for me to give him the recognition and thanks that he deserves in this article.

Lion Duane has been there for me every moment of my journey through Lions, always there to support me and to help me keep my head on straight & my feet on the ground. He is there at my side at almost every event- never complaining, he just wants to know where we are going and what time do we have to be there. Duane does not want to be recognized for anything other than being a devoted Lion but yet

he supports me in any adventure I decide to take. I encouraged him to have his knee replaced just a few days before Christmas so that he would be "in good shape" to help me at the convention with our hospitality room. Well he was in great shape, I would say, as he made many trips to the car carrying in beverages, ice & food. I know I would not have been able to do any of it without him. Thank you, Duane, for always being there for me.

I know everyone had a wonderful time at the convention- I really like the format of the opening ceremony and PDG Eunice did an outstanding job putting together the Memorial Service. The Kidsight training was very informative and the focus on Youth at the Saturday Luncheon was great. Congratulations to the Peace Poster winners, Write-off winners, Essay contest winner and to Northfield Leo, Mariah. The Leos did an excellent job leading us in their "LEO song" making it fun for all. Lions Laura & Julie & Lions of Zone 3 - thank you for making the convention so much fun from the skits on Friday evening to the game show on Saturday. You did an outstanding job celebrating the 100th birthday of Lions International with a "Legacy of Music". It truly was a fun and memorable weekend for all.

The 2017 5M2 Midwinter Convention is now history so now let the Spring Zone meetings begin!

We Serve

HAPPY LIONS CENTENNIAL 2017!



*Lion Debra Wasserman
District 5M2 GLT Coordinator*

SAVE THE DATE!

**2017-2018
CLUB OFFICER TRAINING
SATURDAY MAY 6 (MORNING)
BETHANY COLLEGE, MANKATO**

**WHERE CAN YOU FIND
DG STEVE IN MARCH?**



- March 1: Henderson - DG Visit
- March 2: Montgomery - DG Visit
- March 7: Watertown - DG Visit
- March 10-11: Council of Governors
- March 12: Veseli Area - DG Visit
- March 13: Zone 9 Meeting, Minnesota Lake
- March 16: Prior Lake - DG Visit
- March 20: Zone 3 Meeting, N.E.W (Webster)
- March 21: Le Center - DG Visit
- March 23: Zone 4 Meeting, Courtland
- March 30: Zone 6 Meeting, Northfield Cannon Valley

1st Vice District Governor Elect

Second Vice District Governor Diana Kroells was elected to serve as 5M-2 First Vice District Governor for the 2017 – 2018 Lions' Year.

1st VDGE Diana joined the Hamburg Lions Club in 2006 at the invitation of her husband Lion Duane.

In addition to her duties as 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st VDGE Diana is completing her third 2-year term as a Trustee of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.

1st VDGE Diana will assume her role as 1st VDG following the Lions International Convention in Chicago.



2nd Vice District Governor Elect



Lion Brian Thies, of the Green Isle Lions Club, was elected to be the 2nd Vice District Governor of District 5M-2 at the Midwinter Convention.

Lion Brian joined the Green Isle Lions in 1995 at the invitation of PDG Mike Vos. Lion Brian served as Club President for the 2000 – 2001 Lions' Year. He went on to serve as Zone 5 Chair from 2001 – 2003, and as Region II Chair from 2005 – 2007.

Lion Brian served at the District Level as MERLO Chair, Leadership Chair, and he currently serves as our LCIF Chair.

Lion Brian will assume his role as 2nd VDG following the Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago.

Presidential Award: Lion Darlene Wondra

Lion Darlene Wondra was honored with a Presidential (Medal) Award at the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention. The award was presented by International Director Bill Phillipi on behalf of our International President Bob Corlew.

Lion Darlene has been a member of the Montgomery Lions since 1999. She currently serves as the 5M-2 Project New Hope Chair. Lion Darlene was instrumental in chartering the New Prague Area Lions, and continues to serve as one of their Guiding Lions along with IPDG Marvin Grimm.



Leadership Award: PDG Rick Wagener



Past District Governor Rick Wagener was recognized with an International Leadership (Medal) Award at the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention.

PDG Rick joined the Waconia Lions Club in 1992, and served as District Governor of 5M-2 during the 2008 – 2009 Lions' Year.

Lion Rick is currently serving as District 5M-2 Kidsight Chair, and has been instrumental in bringing that new project to our district.

Leadership Award: Lion Sue Vos

Lion Sue Vos was recognized with an International Leadership (Medal) Award at the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention.

Lion Sue has been a member of the Green Isle Lions Club since 2006. She currently serves as Club Treasurer as well as Treasurer for the MD5M Hearing Foundation and District 5M-2. Lion Sue has also conducted training for Club Treasurers at several 5M-2 Officer Training events.



Presidential Certificates of Appreciation: Lion Loretta Klenke & Lion Julie Beckius



Lion Loretta & Lion Julie received Presidential Certificates of Appreciation from International Director Bill Phillipi.

Lion Loretta has been a member of the Prior Lake Lions since 2011. Lion Julie joined the Jordan Jordaness Lions in 2003.

Lions Loretta & Julie were the Midwinter Convention Co-Chairs, and were the two people who made sure the convention ran smoothly.

Presidential Certificates of Appreciation: Lion Jack Webster & PDG Larry Meskan

PDG Larry Meskan and Lion Jack Webster, both from the Waterville Lions, received Presidential Certificates of Appreciation.

PDG Larry joined the Waterville Lions in 1960, and served as District Governor during the 1972 – 1973 Lions Year. Lion Jack joined the club in 1968 and served the district for many years as "Journey for Service" Chair.

PDG Larry served for many years as Convention Parliamentarian. Lion Jack was the driving force behind the Bike-A-Thon for Project New Hope.



Celebrating Our Youth



Left: Megan Copeland, sponsored by the Owatonna Lions, read her winning essay in the Lions International Essay Contest.



Right: Aliyah Speiker, from Zone 3, read her winning essay in the 5M2 Write Off Contest.

Below: Elizabeth Gugemos, a 7th grade student at St. Hubert's School in Chanhassen was unable to attend, but her winning Peace Poster entry was on display.

Below: Leo Mariah, of the Northfield Leo Club, was recognized as "Leo of the Year" by IPCC Kathy Jensen and IPDG Marvin Grimm.





PID BRIAN SHEEHAN RUNS FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Past International Director Brian Sheehan has announced his intention to run for the office of 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. He will be seeking this office at the International Convention in Las Vegas in 2018.

PID Sheehan has the endorsement from his club, the Bird Island Lions, and would like to ask for the support of MD5M Lions, Lionesses, and Leos at the MD5M convention in April 2017. Our multiple district is one of the largest in the world and it is time that we give Lions Clubs International one of our own to lead this organization. It will take a lot of support, and we can help PID Sheehan, who has the heart and mind, to do a worthy job as our International President.

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, served as a director of Lions Clubs International in 2011-13 and appointed as a Board Appointee in 2014-2015.

Past Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

As a member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, Webmaster tech advisor, leadership chair, membership chair, retention chair, district convention chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, long range planning chair, membership chair, retention chair, women's initiative chair and multiple district convention chair. He also served as GMT liaison and as a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. On the International level he has served as Board Appointee to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum, Board Appointee to the Executive Committee and contributed to the Long Range Planning Committee of Lions Clubs International. He was Chairperson of the Finances and Headquarter Operations Committee and has served on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Brian was a trustee on LCIF while he was an appointee. Lion Brian has been a Group Leader at DGE training in Toronto, Fukuoka and the upcoming DGE School in Chicago. He has been a facilitator of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Currently he serves as GLT Area "D" Coordinator as well as the Sponsorship Chairperson for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, Cap Baker Award, numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and five International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Second Century Ambassador, Melvin Jones Vanguard and has received the Ambassador of Good Will award which is the highest award given out by Lions Clubs International.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Past Director Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters.

5M2 LIONS' NEWS
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 15TH OF EACH MONTH...

Submit your club events and Lions program articles to:
5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com



Download and Share!

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving more than 100 million people by June 2018.

GET RECOGNIZED

In recognition and appreciation of your service

- We'll feature your club on the Centennial Service Ticker when you report qualifying Centennial Service Challenge projects through MyLCI's Service Activity Report.
- Your club will receive one banner patch for each year of reported participation.
- Your district will receive one banner patch per year based on club participation.
- Lions can recognize outstanding Leo clubs for their support of the Centennial Service Challenge with a special [Centennial Leo Certificate](#).

QUESTIONS?

- For more information on the Centennial Service Challenge, visit the [Centennial Service Challenge page of the Centennial Toolbox](#) where you will find the [brochure](#) and [FAQs](#).
- For information on reporting Centennial Service Challenge activities, visit the [MyLCI Reporting Instructions](#).
- Or, contact us at CSC@lionsclubs.org

100 Million Served... And Counting

Your club can make a difference in your community and contribute towards the goal by participating in the four Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns. You decide when to serve and which projects are right for your club and community.



Engaging our Youth

Support youth in your community, or inspire the next generation of volunteers by inviting Leos and other local youth to serve on a project with you.



Sharing the Vision

Prevent future cases of unnecessary blindness through vision screenings and educational events. Give the gift of sight through projects that benefit those who are blind or living with low vision.



Relieving the Hunger

Improve access to healthy food for vulnerable populations in your community.



Protecting our Environment

Protect and improve the environment to make your community a healthier place to live for everyone.

Lions Clubs International is here to help you get started and to keep your club motivated. Visit the [Centennial Service Challenge page in the Centennial Toolbox](#) for resources.



DREAM CATCHER NEWS

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

"Catch the Dream" Life Without Diabetes!

www.mnlionsdiabetes.org | www.facebook.com/MinnesotaLionsDiabetesFoundation

2017 Spring



Mission Statement

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (MLDF) 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.

"Faces of Diabetes" Video -- New



The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation needed a way to tell the story about how lives are impacted by diabetes. Pictures aren't enough so we decided we needed a video to tell the story. We felt we needed to have faces of people with diabetes to better tell this story. We didn't have far to look! Two of our Trustees have immediate family members that have diabetes. They volunteered to be the "faces of diabetes" for us. Working with a team at the U of M they put together the video for us. It tells the story of two families and how their lives are impacted by diabetes.

After viewing the video, at

<http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org/>, I hope you want to

help us find a cure. Have your club sponsor a project with healthy activities, educate others on healthy living, or raise funds to find a cure. We need your help to get rid of this awful disease.

2016 World Diabetes Day Events Held

In November -All across Minnesota - in Fridley, Brooklyn Center, Roseville, Duluth and Rochester inside Walmart Stores, and in Worthington and Windom at Hy-Vee Stores, and in Jackson at Sunshine Foods - MN Lion's Diabetes Foundation trustees hosted World Diabetes Day events to help identify those at risk for type 2 diabetes and provide information on ways to lower the risk through lifestyle change.

World Diabetes Day was created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and World Health Organizations in response to the increasing health threat posed by diabetes. **Diabetes is a growing epidemic.** One in four people will be diagnosed with diabetes in their lifetime.

Over 1,000 people across the state participated at our community events!

MLDF partnered with these organizations on this event: The U of MN Extension Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), Local YMCAs, and Health Care organizations that provided Certified Diabetes Educators.

Huge Thanks to all of our partners and to Walmart for providing us the space and staff along with the water bottles filled with snacks for all who participated, and gift certificates for drawings at each location.

This tremendous effort succeeded in creating awareness as to the increasing numbers of people who are at risk for type 2 diabetes, identifying those at risk

and providing resources to help individuals make potentially lifesaving changes to their lives.

Next year we want to increase the number of locations throughout the state. We need your Club to help with this effort. Please contact a Foundation member to join with us as we **"Catch the Dream" ...LIFE WITHOUT DIABETES!**

MLDF Diabetes Research Update

All are welcome to join us at the U of M on April 8, 2017. You will be able to interact directly with the doctors that are working on a cure for diabetes. MN Lions support research being done at the U of M so – come to understand how far we have come and how far we have yet to go to stop this epidemic.

--- At U of M McNamara Alumni Center---

200 Oak Street SE, Minneapolis, MN

11:00 Registration, 11:30 Free Lunch and Program, 1:00 Reception.

Doctors and Researcher will speak on these topics:

- . The role of calcium in insulin that could lead to a new drug for treating type 2 diabetes
- . How blocking the body's immune pathway could stop the immune attack on islet cells
- . Advances in viewing transplanted cells
- . Discoveries in pig islet research

This event is all free and includes lunch. To get registered go to our web site.

Driving and parking directions will be sent to you.

DC Calendar – 2017 Centennial Edition

2018 Calendar Spots Available Order Now

Thanks again to all those who purchased a spot on our first calendar! Your Trustees are selling extra copies for \$10.00 while they last. NOW AVAILABLE -See the 2018 Order Form on our Web Site – It's not too early to purchase your spot to recognize a special event or a special person. Act fast if you want one of the 12 month picture pages!

LCI Forward

"LCI will announce diabetes as a new global service focus at the 2017 Centennial Convention in Chicago. – Lions will work to prevent and control this global epidemic and assist those afflicted by the disease."

LION Magazine Dec/Jan 2017 Edition



"Lions of the North for the Next 100". The MD5M Convention will be held in Bemidji on April 21, 22, 23, 2017.

You can join in a very short walk to support diabetes research and education. How short is it? Come check it out, for a contribution of \$20.00 you will also get a T-shirt. Registration form is at <http://www.lionsmd5m.org/>

Multiple Districts (5M5, 5M6, 5M7) --- Governors Cup Golf Tournament

June 13th 10 AM at Whispering Pines in Annandale

4 Person 18 Hole Scramble includes meal, contest & prizes. To register (by May 14th) mark@whisperingpinesgolf.com or call 612.385.7181

Proceeds to Lions Diabetes, Hearing, and Vision Foundations.

Parade of Green THANK YOU

Huge Thanks to all clubs and members who have made donations to the MLDF through the Parade of Green. With your support a cure will be found.

Mark Your Calendars ----

U of M Diabetes Research Update – April 8th, 2017

Zero K Walk at MD5M Convention in Bemidji -4-21-17

Is your club planning a Diabetes Awareness Event? –Do you need ideas, or help advertising, or a speaker? We can help – Contact your district Trustees.

Happy Valentine's Day!

CAN DO CANINES

Thanks to the support of Lions Clubs across 5M, Can Do Canines continues to train specially trained for people with disabilities and provide them to those in need, free of charge.

One recipient of a Can Do Canines assistance dog is James Pick. James now has a greater sense of freedom, independence and peace of mind since thanks to Mobility Assist Dog Oakley. Read their story below.



JAMES PICK & MOBILITY ASSIST DOG OAKLEY

Brainerd, Minn. resident James Pick has a new roommate: Mobility Assist Dog Oakley. James is living with multiple sclerosis (MS), a chronic disease which attacks the central nervous system. "Because of my MS I have problems with balance and I fatigue easily," says James. Without family close by James and his loved ones were living with a lot of worries; with Oakley around James has an assistant to help him with tasks as well as providing greater peace of mind for both himself and his family.

Mobility Assistance Dog Oakley is a gorgeous three-and-a-half-year-old black Labrador. James notes that

she is very polite, well-behaved, and a great worker. Oakley was trained by Can Do Canines staff. She retrieves dropped items for James such as his cane or cell phone, helps tug off clothing, opens and closes doors, and braces to help James up if he falls. Having Oakley as his Mobility Assist Dog fills James' life beyond the daily help with tasks, "Oakley is my best friend."

"Retrieving items for me and taking my socks off at night are some of the most significant things she does for me every day."

Oakley has changed James' life immensely. "I feel like I'm not alone in this anymore. I have someone who loves and cares for me. I didn't realize how much it would help my psyche," says James. Oakley and James are a successful team because he made Oakley's training a top priority. He took the training so seriously that he put playing his guitar (his most favorite activity) on the back burner in-order to be fully present. James feels proud and a sense of accomplishment for the energy and commitment he's devoted to training Oakley.

To the supporters who made James and Oakley a success, James says, "All I can say is thank you! You're going to make me cry, but thank you for all you do!"

CAN DO CANINES

Thank you to the Ramsey Lions Club for being the first-ever Lions Club to fully sponsor an assistance dog team for \$25,000!

The Ramsey Lions Club's decision to sponsor a team brought our mission home to their club in a special manner. Jack's father brought Stitch to a Ramsey Lions Club meeting to personally thank them for their incredible support. The Lions club members were also invited to Jack and Stitches' graduation and received a



memory book of how Stitch was trained since puppyhood to help Jack and his family have a better life. The club members loved hearing how someone in their own community benefited so much from their generous gift.

Join us June 3, 2017 for the Sixth Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser Walk



Event Details:
June 3, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Landscape Arboretum
Chaska, MN

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ◆ Entrance to the Landscape Arboretum for the day
- ◆ Event t-shirt
- ◆ Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- ◆ Featuring the Teddy Bear Band
- ◆ Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- ◆ Fun for families of all ages
- ◆ A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

Kids 12 & Under get in free!

Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
June 3, 2017

FEATURING:



Dance to the Teddy Bear Band while having fun with Goldy!!!



Visit us for more info at: www.5mhf.org

5M2 TEAM PLUNGES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Thirteen brave souls banded together to form the 5M2 Polar Plunge Team to participate in the Polar Plunge at St. Peter's Hallet Pond on February 4th. The team was comprised of 11 Lions and 2 family members who jumped into freezing water to make a difference for more than 8,100 Special Olympics Minnesota athletes. The 5M2 Lions Team raised \$5,945!

Participants included Lion Hilary Wickenhauser, Lion Don Wickenhauser and Lion Paula Stephens from Cologne Lions, Lion Kathleen Bleckberg from Alden Lions, PDG Joan Blank and son Jared

Blank and Lion Jerry Goodburn and daughter Bailey Goodburn from Nicollet Lions, Lion Janet Knakmuhs from Lake Crystal Lions, Lion Christy Trutnau from Jordan Jordaness Lions, Lion Tom Hoffman and Lion Don Selvig from Winnebago Lions, and PDG Harry Klenke from Prior Lake Lions.

Also present was a team of Shakopee Lions who donated a total of \$3,500! Shakopee Lions that participated were Tom Coleman, Jeff Meyer, Gary Theis, Shawn Bouley and Greg Menke. Thanks to all for your support of Special Olympics!



Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



Again our challenge: to be Knights of the Blind. And the Lions of 5M2 are doing so via our financial commitment. 5M2 Midwinter's Parade of Green generously tallied \$18,857.01 for Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. We are so grateful and proud of all that our clubs do to collect this generous sum. Our mission is five-fold (Eye Bank, Research, Children's Eye Clinic, Surgery Center, Eyeglasses Collection) so lots of needs are met as our clubs accept the challenge to be Knights of the Blind.

I have a little collection of Helen Keller quotes. Here is one: "He who is content with what has been done is an obstacle in the path of progress". Since Lions partnered with the University in the 1960s, forward movement has provided increased care for patients and research for better care. This is reason to be very proud but we cannot rest on our laurels. MLVF has now completed \$1 million

of its \$4 million dollar pledge to bring surgeries back on campus via the pledge to equip surgery rooms on campus. Last month we mentioned that there are hopes and beginning plans to build LIONS EYE INSTITUTE on campus. More information will follow as we walk this path of progress.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Lives are changed by every little something we do.

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@gmail.com or maryspille@gmail.com (note new addresses).

LIONS, THE 5M2 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

ID #	Youth's Name	Age-Gender	Country	Likes and/or Hobbies	Other Info.
2	Morgane Huard	16-Female	France	volleyball, lecture	Catholic
16	Lucila Bernacchi	16-Female	Argentina	skiing, play guitar, sports	Catholic LEO
17	Nina Huijben	18-Female	Netherlands	music and dance (theater)	Catholic
Six youth have already been tentatively placed!! More applications are coming!					
4	Marcos Rodrigo Klein	16-Male	Brazil	music, play guitar, traveling	LEO allergic to humus
5	Retsu Urakawa	16-Male	Japan	tennis, computer	Buddhist
9	Yuta Sudo	18-Male	Japan	music, movies, jiu-jitsu	
14	Aditya Surana	16-Male	India	travel, reading, music	
15	Juan Ignacio Loustaunau	16-Male	Argentina	architecture	LEO Catholic

Youth Exchange 2017

Host Families Are Needed!

Would You Say YES This Year?

Most youth will arrive early July and leave late in July. The Japanese youth arrive just before Camp Spicer and will have a host family experience after Camp. Camp Spicer is the time all the youth come together from July 21-29.

Share the hosting experience with another family if it fits your schedule better.

We will be happy to send you a host family application AND full youth applications!

Share a little of the world with you family, town, and Lions Club.

Host families are expected to pick up the youth upon their arrival, get them to Saint Cloud on July 21, arrange transportaion from the Twin Cities on July 29, and see them off at the airport at the conclusion of their visit.

Camp Spicer is a 501(c3) organization. Contact Cindy Walters for more information or to make a donation directly to camp.

Contacts for more information concerning the visiting youth!!

Lions and non-Lions may host.

No youth in your home...
TAKE 2!

as of February 21, 2017

Don't miss this awesome opportunity!

**PLEASE CONTACT
JIM WALTERS FOR
MORE INFORMATION
(952)239-2559
golfwithjim@gmail.com**

Bemidji 2017



To See and Do!

Tours



Bemidji Woolen Mills
 ~Historic, Fashionable and Family owned and operated. Local fiber to final product.
www.bemidjiwoolenmills.com



AirCorps Aviation
 ~Specializing in the restoration, maintenance, and rebuilding of vintage WWII aircraft. Passion, dedication and award-winning detail.
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www.lptv.org

Other Opportunities:

Pinewood Fire Tower and Forest Education Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJG2uw-9Z68>

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



Partners serving people with disabilities in our communities



Camp Confidence has been selected by the Multiple Convention committee to be the recipient of the raffles for the 2017 Multiple Convention, being held in Bemidji Minnesota on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

We have put together a Raffle Ticket which will sell for \$10.00. The 1st prize will be \$750.00, 2nd prize \$500.00 and 3rd prize \$250.00. We will also have a silent auction, Red ticket raffle and Live auction.

We need some help in putting together the greatest raffle room ever. I am asking that your club put together a prize for the raffles. It should have a value of over \$50.00. We also will take donations of money to help write off the money we are giving away on the raffle ticket.

Give me a call when you have your prize package ready and I will make arrangements to get it to Bemidji.

Your personal name or Club name will be attached to the donation for recognition.

Sincerely yours:
 Lion Jerry Wohlers
 Camp Confidence Representative
 612-965-6342

buckey42@juno.com
 9100-267th Street West
 Lakeville, MN 55044



GET YOUR LIMITED-EDITION Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin

This exquisitely crafted, limited-edition, silver dollar coin is produced by the United States Mint and features our founder Melvin Jones. This keepsake coin is the perfect way to honor our rich history and support the life-changing work of Lions around the world.

Proof Finish: US\$52.95 | Uncirculated Finish: US\$51.95
All international orders will have an additional US\$2.95 handling fee per coin.

The Centennial Coins will only be minted during 2017 and supplies are limited. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Lions history



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: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

TITLE: _____ DISTRICT: _____

CLUB: _____

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 MD5M 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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**

GRAND TOTAL SUBMITTED:

Mail payment & registrations to:

Convention Information Email:

BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB

Lion Wayne Tieman: tieman13@yahoo.com

P.O. BOX 3045, BEMIDJI, MN 56619

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



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

At the 5M2 MidWinter Convention the Lions Environmental Photo Contest winners were announced! The top photo selected for this year then advances to the MultiDistrict for judging.

1st Place: Waterville Lion Chrissy Christenson



2nd Place: Lafayette Lion Ruth Klossner



3rd Place: Faribault Lion Norma Musel



Thank you to all of our photographers! This year had participation from Courtland, Faribault, Hamburg, Green Isle, Lafayette, Mankato Sunrise, Silver Lake, Victoria, Amboy, Chanhassen, New Prague, Carver, Montgomery, and Waterville.

LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

JORDANESS LIONS

The Jordanness Lions want to thank all that came out to support and participate in our annual bowling event in January! We had a great afternoon, filling

the Louisville Lanes bowling alley with conversation, laughter, all levels of bowling skills! Thank you for your continued support, and we'll see you next year!



District 5M2 Write Off Competition Chair (and Jordanness Lion), Christy Trutnau, had the honor of presenting Aliyah Speikers with the District 5M2 District Write Off Winner award at this year's Mid Winter Convention. The Write Off theme was "Legacy of Service," and students responded to this inquiry: "Webster's Dictionary defines a legacy as 'something transmitted or received from an ancestor, or prede-

cessor or from the past.' For nearly 100 years, the Lions have reached out to local communities as well as communities around the world leaving their legacy "We Serve". How do you want to be remembered? A legacy isn't always about things. In this essay, write about who you are, how you touch other people's lives, and the legacy you wish to leave behind."



CARVER LIONS



PDG Marvin Grimm presented the Hearing Foundation Award to Carver Lion Dean Nelson. Dean has, for the past several years, been the chair of the Hot Dogs for the D-Feet Hearing Walk at the Arboretum.

CHASKA LIONS



Welcome to the Chaska Lions Clubs newest members Molly, Jacque and Russell along with sponsor Christian Schmidt (left) and DG Steve (right)!!

Congratulations to Lion Jay Molnau for the District Governor's Legacy of Service Award presented by District Governor Steven Wasserman.

GREEN ISLE LIONS



DG Steve's visit to the Green Isle Lions

Above: DG Steve inducting Green Isle Lions Newest member Diane Brown with Sponsor Lion Sue Vos.

Left: DG Steve giving Lion Tom Eibs the Legacy of Service Award.

WATERTOWN LEOS

The Watertown Leos did a recent service project at Elim Nursing Home in Watertown. We made Valentines with the residents and played music for them. We have a very musical club. Leo Madelyn Harts-horn played the clarinet, Leo Seth Latham played the trumpet, Leo Elijah Fast played the piano, and even

one of our Leo Moms participated. Lynn Fast played the ukulele and sang to the residents. It was so fun to see the Leos interact with the residents. We have Leos planning to go on a regular basis to play music for the residents.





Green Isle Lions Annual Breakfast

Green Isle Community Room

Sunday March 5, 2017

8 am to 12:30 pm

Serving: Scrambled eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Toast, Fruit, Muffins, coffee, juice and milk

No advance Tickets-Free Will Offering



VESELI AREA LIONS BEER BASH

SATURDAY MARCH 11th 2017

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Brewster's Bar & Grill
Veseli



Music by Barry's Beats
9:00 - 12:30

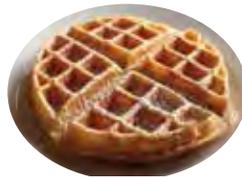
\$5.00 donation - tickets available from:
Veseli Area Lions Members and Brewster's Bar & Grill



Lafayette



Area Lions



Pancake and Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lafayette
Community Center



Adults: \$8.00 • Ages 6-12: \$5.00 • Under 6: Free

Serving: Pancakes, Waffles with Toppings, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Juice, Milk & Coffee

Proceeds go toward Lions' community projects in the Lafayette area



St. Patrick's Day Supper



Friday, March 17

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

At the Alden American Legion

Featuring:
Irish Stew & Soda Bread
& Dessert

Children under 11 - \$4

Age 11 - Adults - \$6

Sponsored by:
Alden Area Lions



All proceeds go to support
Alden Area Community projects.





ALL YOU CAN EAT



BEANS, ROLL & POTATO SALAD

Fish

ADULTS \$12, KIDS \$6, KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE

Victoria Lions Club invites you to a Fish Fry at St. Victoria Church, 8228 Victoria Dr. Victoria MN Friday, March 31st from 4:30-8:30 Full bar will be open with refreshments to compliment your meal.




Lions 3rd Annual Spring Bonanza Sunday Brunch
 April 2, 2017
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 at the **Wow Zone, Mankato**
 2030 Adams Street

Fundraiser for The Food Backpack Program

Pre-Sale Adults \$11 • Kids 5-12 \$4

Adults \$12 • Kids 5-12 \$5
 Children 4 & Under FREE

Menu to include
 Pancakes French Toast Eggs
 Ham Bacon Sausage Beverage

Tickets available Pre-Sale or at the Door



The Chanhassen Lions Club

Together with

The Chanhassen Fire Department

Will hold our

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Serving Pancakes, Sausage, and Scrambled Eggs

Sunday, April 2, 2017
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

At the **Chanhassen Fire Station**
 7610 Laredo Drive

Adults - \$9.00 Children - \$5.00 Family - \$20.00

A portion of proceeds from this event will be used to purchase equipment for the Chanhassen Fire Department

www.chanhassenlions.org



Glencoe Lions Club Annual

SPRING BRUNCH



We Serve

Menu Includes:
 Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Eggs, Toast, Fruit,
 100% Pure Maple Syrup, Milk, Juice & Coffee

All you care to eat!

Sunday
April 2, 2017
 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pla-Mor Ballroom - Glencoe, MN

Advance Adult (11 & up) \$9.00;
 At Door - \$10.00

Children ages 4-10 - \$5.00
 Children 3 and under - FREE

Tickets are available at: Franklin Printing, Coborn's or a Lions Club Member

Proceeds Go To Community Projects
 Collection boxes will be available for used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids



WINTHROP LIONS CLUB

OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 2, 2017

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
5th & Brown St, Winthrop MN

Serving 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Cost: \$7.00

In conjunction with Winthrop's Grackel Days
Proceeds are used to support Winthrop Lions projects



Plato Lions Club

34th Annual Spring Brunch

Sunday April 2, 2017

Serving 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
At the Plato Hall



All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast and Beverage

Free Will Donations Accepted

With proceeds going to
Community Project Fund

APRIL 2017



Eighth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update April 8, 2017

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

During a reception, following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

Saturday, April 8, 2017
11 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Lunch and program
1 p.m. Reception

McNamara Alumni Center
University of Minnesota
200 Oak Street SE
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Faculty Research Presentations:

- **David Bernlohr, Ph.D.**, Research on the role of calcium in insulin action that could lead to a new drug for treating type 2 diabetes
- **Brian Fife, Ph.D.**, How blocking the body's immune pathway could stop the immune attack on islet cells
- **Michael Garwood, Ph.D.**, Advances in viewing transplanted islets inside the body pre- and post-transplant
- **Bernhard Hering, M.D.**, Discoveries in pig islet research that could lead to a cure

RSVP by Friday, March 24:

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at ochte001@umn.edu or 612-625-8424 with any questions.
A confirmation letter, including parking information, will be sent prior to event.



Jordaness Lions

Bingo

Friday, April 21

Social & Food Service starts at 6pm

Bingo Game starts at 7pm

Play 14 games for \$15.00

Minnesota Harvest Apple Orchard, Jordan, MN

Daubers will be available for purchase



Fun for All!



Did You See That???



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For more convention photos see <https://www.flickr.com/photos/53379303@N08/>