



# 5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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## 5M2 VITAL SIGNS REPORT

*Lion Nancy Mathwig  
District Governor*

Happy New Year! By the time you read this article 2017 will be a year in history (or close to it). As I reflect back on the past 6 months as your District Governor I find that the time has gone by very swiftly but oh, what a wonderful experience it has been to date! During this time frame I have attended 22 Lions club meetings, 1 Leo Club meeting, 17 Zone meetings, 3 DG team meetings, 2 Cabinet meetings, 2 conventions, 1 Leo Club charter night, 4 new club organizational meetings, 1 Lions Club charter night, 7 Mid-Winter convention meetings, Thanksgiving for Vision, Donor Family recognition program and the USA Canada Leadership Forum. While the list may look overwhelming, the time has been very well spent. My visits to your clubs are at the top of the list. I continue to be amazed at the service each and every club does in their communities, from cleaning ditches (environmental) to providing food for those in need (hunger) to vision screenings (vision) to sponsoring youth activities (youth) (i.e. Leos, Scouts, activities during community events). It is through your continued support of these needed services that District 5M2 has earned the Centennial Service banner patch 3 out of the 4 years of the program and will again earn a patch for the 2017-2018 year with 58% of the clubs already reporting at least two of the five (5) areas (50% of clubs are required). During 2014-2015 77% of the clubs participated, 2015-2016 84% participated and in 2016-2017 83% participated. There is still time until June 30, 2018 for District 5M2 to reach 100% participation from all clubs. I believe each of your clubs completes service projects in at least two of the areas; however, some of them may not have been recorded on the LCI website in the monthly reports.

FYI - During my club visits I have been updating you on the number of people around the world served by Lions during the Centennial Service Challenge and have explained the new challenge to serve 200 million people per year by 2021. We have discussed how LCI collects that data and discussed that sometimes it's strictly an educated guess to determine how many people we impact with our ditch clean-up or tree

planting, etc. While writing this article I was browsing the wealth of information available on the LCI website and found the following in the Centennial Service Challenge FAQ:

"How should clubs determine the number of beneficiaries for projects that do not involve providing direct service to individuals? For example, tree planting projects, road side clean-ups and recycling programs? Ultimately, it is up to the club to quantify its service impact. There is no right or wrong answer. However, please know that in order to build validity into the data, a maximum limit amount per activity is used for both people served (3,000) and trees planted (5,000). Reported amounts greater than the maximum limit will be counted at the maximum limit amount noted above."

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Check out the additional information on the International Convention in the additional attachment

## BITS AND PIECES



*Lion Diana Kroells  
1st Vice District Governor*

2017- Another great year in the history books. How exciting to have celebrated 100 years of Lions. Amongst all of the times of tragedy and disasters in the world there were Lions there to give a helping hand where needed and to put a smile on someone's face.

Congratulations to the Mayer Area Lions- our newest club in 5M2. They had a great charter night last month. Thanks to all of the visiting lions from about a dozen clubs that came to welcome them to our district. It was a fun night and I know that the members are eager to begin their projects.

I imagine that many of you started out the New Year like me- making some of those dreaded resolutions. I read a list of the top ten New Year resolutions- besides the normal ones- lose weight quit drinking, quit smoking and getting out of debt there are some very simple ways we can change and be a better person in 2018. Getting organized, helping others, enjoy life more and spending more time with family & friends are excellent ways to change our lives for the better. If you think about these things, you can incorporate all of them in to your life as a Lion. Help your club keep good records of projects that you do so that you can pass on the information to a new chairperson. They will be more apt to say yes if they know exactly what

to do. Enjoy life more by having fun at your meetings and when you do your projects. If people see you having fun- they will want to be a part of that. If they hear you complaining, they will not want to join. Spend more time with family & friends by getting them to join Lions with you. Have your spouse or adult children join you as a member to share your desire to want to be of service to others. If you have children, get them involved in LEOs so they learn the importance of service to others.

We talk so much about increasing the size of our clubs but equally as important is keeping the members that we have- retention. Please do not just let a member walk away from your club without trying your best to keep them. If you don't already have a questionnaire for them to fill out to find out why they left, may I suggest that this be a practice. It is a good tool for you to use to make your club one that people want to join and want to stay.

I hope that everyone has given careful consideration to someone who deserves to be nominated as Zone Lion of the year. I know that every club has someone. There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter and I will be presenting these awards at the Spring Zone meetings.

Make 2018 a great year to serve others and be sure to ask someone to join Lions.

*Where there is a need there is a Lion*

**"We Serve"**



### DG NANCY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Congratulations to the Mayer Area Lions on a fantastic Charter Night on December 9th! The charter night committee did an excellent job organizing the venue, the food, and the program. PID Brian Sheehan was the keynote speaker and I know he motivated the members as they begin their new adventure in service. I look forward to seeing some of the members attend Mid-Winter convention and really find out how much fun we have in 5M-2. A huge thank you to the Waconia Lions as sponsoring club, Lion Joe Gifford, PDG Marv Grimm and PDG Mary Spille for stepping up as Guiding Lions for the next 2 years, PID Maynard Rucks and PDG's Bill and Donna Landwehr (5M8) for assisting the club in its organization. What teamwork!!!

Plans are progressing ahead of schedule for the Mid-Winter convention to be held in Mankato, February 9-10, 2018. If you haven't registered, consider

doing so now. We need to again sell out the hotel for Friday night in order to have music until midnight. The hotel is also asking for numbers ahead of the convention in order to provide enough food for our meals. If you plan to register at the convention itself, you need to know that you may not be able to join us for any meals if the hotel is not able to accommodate the additional, last minute requests, AND remember, the hotel no longer operates a full-service restaurant for your dining pleasure (see convention article in the December newsletter). Register now, and plan on having a Dog Gone Good Time in Mankato as we begin the 101st year of Lions service!!!!

Until next month

## A NEW JOURNEY



*Lion Brian Thies  
2nd Vice District Governor*

Happy New Year! Are you like me and wonder where did 2017 go? I hope you all had a good holiday season filled with family and friends.

December went by in a blink of an eye, but not before we welcomed some new members into our Lions

Family. A big Lions welcome to the Mayer Area Lions Club. Lion Rose and I were able to enjoy a wonderful Saturday evening out at their charter night visiting with long time Lions members as well as some we just got to meet. PID Brian Sheehan gave a powerful message, as the speaker, reminding us that Lionism starts with our community and at home. His penguin video clips always bring a smile to all around.

Coming up next month, we have an awesome opportunity to reunite with our Lions family at the Mid Winter Convention in Mankato, February 9-11. It's not too late to register. Check out the 5M2 website or newsletter for more information.

As we begin the new year, it is always good to look back and see what we have accomplished as Lions but at the same time looking towards the new year. Just think of our emblem, one Lion looking to the past and one looking toward the future. One of our biggest accomplishments that we can be proud of is our gifts to LCIF for the disaster relief. Currently 5M2 has donated over \$24,000. That is fantastic. Thank you to each and every club and individual members who gave from their heart to help their fellow man.

See you all in Mankato!

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## 5M-2 HALL OF FAME

Begin considering now to place into nomination an outstanding club member for the 2018 District 5M-2 Hall of Fame.

As presented at the recent fall zone meetings, 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".

### Criteria for the award -

- May be a Lion or Lioness
- Must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years
- Must be at least 2 years removed from the Council of Governors, if a PDG
- Have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors
- Should be of good moral character and
- Should have a good reputation in good standing in his/her community
- If deceased, must have been a member in good standing of a MD5M Lions or Lioness club at the time of his/her death.

### Process

- Nomination fee of \$150.00 for each candidate nominated must accompany the nomination to the District Governor. This fee is returned to you if your candidate is not the chosen recipient during the Mid-Winter convention voting.
- All nominations must be received by District Governor Nancy no later than 30 days, prior to our Mid-Winter Convention. No later than January 10, 2018.
- An election for the recipient from 5M-2 will be held during the annual meeting at the Mid-Winter convention on February 10, 2018. The winner of that election will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the 2018 Multiple District Convention in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on April 14, 2018.
- Information, as well as the nomination form, is available online at [www.5m2lions.org](http://www.5m2lions.org) , Forms and Award Applications, MD5M Hall of Fame nomination form.

Each of your clubs has a Lion who fits the criteria needed for a nomination to the Hall of Fame. While only one 5M-2 Lion will be awarded the honor in 2018, every Lion nominated will be featured at the Mid-Winter convention when their bios are presented to the membership. Honor these deserving Lions with a nomination.



# Centennial Update

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator



## Centennial Service Challenge:

Only the most observant of you will notice that this month's banner is the same as last month's. My theory is that they are holding out for 200,000,000+ and either haven't quite reached it (as I write this on December 20), or everyone at LCI is taking an extended Christmas break. Either way, I am expecting a BIG announcement soon!

## Centennial Community Legacy Projects:

We are now up to 25 clubs having reported a total of 43 Community Legacy Projects. New during the month of November:

- **Northfield Cannon Valley Lions:** Added a new bench to the Northfield Lions park next to the county trail. There is a sign listing Lions 100 Years along with information about the Northfield Cannon Valley Lions meeting place, day and time.

## Centennial Celebration:

MD5M is planning a Centennial Celebration for Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. As you may remember, we were trying to organize one for the Mall of America last June. Unfortunately, the mall management had expectations (financial and otherwise) that we could not meet, and that fell through. I have much more confidence that this celebration will happen. See the flyer included in this newsletter, and keep watching for more information.

Remember:

***Where There's A Need, There's A Lion!***

# Join MD5M in celebrating 100 years of service

Sunday, June 10, 2018  
8:00am - 10:00pm

Anoka County Fair Grounds  
3300 St. Francis Blvd  
ANOKA, MN 55303

MD5M100years@gmail.com

## Centennial Celebration



- World's Largest Pancake Breakfast
- Live Bands
- Service projects (more information to come!)

Diabetes

Environment

Hunger

Vision

Pediatric Cancer



Come and meet our MD5M candidate for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International



## Save the Date!

**Monday, March 26, 2018 for Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children**

### Details

**What:**

Minnesota Lions, Lioness, and Leos Clubs (along with their families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors) will come together to pack food for starving children around the world.

**Where:**

FMSC packing sites in Chanhassen, Coon Rapids, & Eagan

### Contact

5M2—Debra Wasserman, 507-332-2792 or liondebra@charter.net

5M6—Steven Knudsen, 651-269-4043 or steven.knudsen@usfamily.net

5M7—Bill and Marcia Guthrie, 763-786-8072 or bmguthrie9@q.com

### Goals

**Participation Goal:** 75 volunteers *per location per shift* - a total of 1,125 volunteers

**Donation Goal:** \$50,000 total (about \$50 per volunteer)

Tax deductible donations can be made to FMSC, a 501(c)3 non profit

Group fundraising page is <https://give.fmsc.org/LionsClub>

### Fundraising Ideas

Host a Rice & Beans meal. Donate proceeds that would have been spent on other food.

Collaborate for a group rummage sale.

Set up a silent auction at a meeting.

Have a free-will donation jar at a meeting

Host a cook-off or bake-off

### Request A Speaker

FMSC will send a speaker to your club to share more about this event and our mission to feed children in 70 countries around the world. Sign up online at

<https://www.fmsc.org/about-us/request-a-speaker>





# Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children

## Monday, March 26, 2018

### Details

#### **What:**

Minnesota Lions, Lioness, and Leos Clubs (along with their families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors) will come together to pack food for starving children around the world. Let's serve locally to support our international service goal around hunger relief.

#### **Where:**

5M2—FMSC packing site in Chanhassen @ 18732 Lake Drive E

### Registration

We have reserved spots under the name **Lions of MN**.

#### **Join now!**

Website: [www.fmsc.org/volunteer](http://www.fmsc.org/volunteer)

Click: "Permanent Site Events" > "Join a Group"

Search by group name "Lions of MN"  
or find using Join Code for your preferred time

#### **Shift Time = Join Code**

9:30am-11:30am = 1213050

12:00pm-2:00pm = 1213051

6:00pm-7:30pm = 1213055

8:00pm-9:30pm = 1213056

### Goals

**Participation Goal:** 75 volunteers *per location per shift* - a total of 1,125 volunteers

**Donation Goal:** \$50,000 total (about \$50 per volunteer)

Individual and Club donations accepted. Spread the word! Invite others to support this event by donating on our special fundraising page: <https://give.fmsc.org/LionsClub>

### Contact

5M2—Debra Wasserman, 507-332-2792 or [liondebra@charter.net](mailto:liondebra@charter.net)



*The Start of Another Dog Gone Good Century*

**Doggone it,  
REGISTER  
NOW**

**For the  
2018 MID-WINTER CONVENTION  
(Find Registration Forms in the Newsletter)**

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

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)

**NEWEST ADDITION TO PARADE OF GREEN –**

- **MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION** – 501(c)(3) see page 18 for complete information.



**Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention**  
**February 9th, 10th & 11th, 2018**  
**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 ( ) 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ( ) 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Joan Blank**  
**44995 490<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Nicollet, MN 56074**

**Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations must be directed to Lion Joan at the above address, by email to [lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com), or by phone to 507-304-5265.

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

- Requests postmarked on or before January 12, 2018 – Full Refund
- Requests postmarked January 13 to February 5, 2018 – 90% Refund
- Requests postmarked after February 5, 2018 – No Refund

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

Early Registration Fee (Post Marked <u>before</u> January 8 <sup>th</sup> )	\$15.00
Regular Registration Fee (Post Marked January 8 <sup>st</sup> or later)	\$20.00

\*Friday Night ID Supper is by invitation only. This is for PDG's, Cabinet Members, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries to come and meet the International Director!

**\*\*\*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
		<b>All Meal Package \$72.00</b> Includes Sat. Lunch, Sat. Banquet, Sunday Brunch	
		<b>Saturday Lunch \$25.00</b>	
		<b>Saturday Banquet \$32.00</b>	
		<b>Sunday Brunch \$15.00</b>	
		<b>*Friday Night ID Supper \$20.00</b> <small>Is not included in the all-meal package</small>	
<b>TOTAL MEAL COST</b>			
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES</b>			
<b>REGISTRATION FEE &amp; MEAL GRAND TOTAL</b>			

For Official Use

Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Postmark \_\_\_\_\_



**Lion's Mid-Winter Convention  
February 9 - 11, 2018**

**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 12, 2018.

**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 12, 2018 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 8  
\_\_\_\_ Friday, February 9  
\_\_\_\_ Saturday, February 10

**Cost for Three Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$362.58  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$362.58  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$399.85  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$399.85

**Cost for Two Nights**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$241.72  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$241.72  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$263.90  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$263.90

**Cost for One Night**

\_\_\_\_ One King Bed \$120.86  
\_\_\_\_ Two Queen Beds \$120.86  
\_\_\_\_ King Bed w/ Sofa \$131.95  
\_\_\_\_ Poolside w/ Two Beds \$131.95  
\_\_\_\_ Handicap Access Room Required  
(room contains one Queen bed)

**\*\*\*Taxes of 10.875% are included in the  
price.**

\*\*\*All rooms are non-smoking and are  
equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

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.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Only send one registration form if sharing a room\***

Payment methods:

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card – Circle One

Visa MC Amex Diners Discover

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

**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)

2018 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention

## Club Delegate Roster

Form must be returned to get your voting credentials

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Each Club receives one (1) Delegate for every 10 members or major fraction (5) thereof.

Number of Club Members \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Delegates \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST YOUR CLUB DELEGATES:

**IMPORTANT: Return Delegate Form by February 1, 2018**

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>	<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Initial when picked up</u>
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

**YOU MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM BY FEBRUARY 1, 2018  
TO GET YOUR DELEGATE VOTING CREDENTIALS!!!**

Mail to: Lion Cindy Walters, Cabinet Secretary      or      E-Mail to [cjwalters@me.com](mailto:cjwalters@me.com)  
1915 Waterford Circle  
Chaska, MN 55318

If you e-mail, be sure to include the number of club members. Thank You.



# Lions Clubs International

Multiple District 5M—Minnesota—Manitoba—N.W. Ontario



**Campaign for  
3rd VP of Lions Clubs  
International  
PID Brian E. Sheehan  
PO Box 177  
Bird Island, MN 55310**

Business: 320-365-4027  
Cell: 320-212-7330  
E-mail: bsheehan@rccbi.com

**T.E.A.M. Sheehan**

General Managers (Advisors)  
PID Mike Molenda  
PID Debra Wasserman  
PID Maynard Rucks  
PID Ben Ward  
PID Bud Danylchuck

Team Manager  
PCC Bert Nelson

Team Scouts  
Council Chair Dennis Heinen

**District Governors 2016-2017**

5M1-DG Mike Schultz  
5M2-DG Nancy Mathwig  
5M3-DG Daniel Jones  
5M4-DG Robert Knutson  
5M5-DG Marty La Belle  
5M6-DG Curt Stockford  
5M7-DG Dan Kaiser  
5M8-DG Jack Breitreutz  
5M9-DG Tom Plagman  
5M10-DG Mark Eyre  
5M11-DG John Wollenzien  
5M13-DG Helmut Neufeld

**IPDG's 2016-2017  
Vice-District Governors 2018-2020**

**Team Captains**

5M1 -PCC Earl & Jane Orvik  
5M2 -PDG Joan & Kevin Blank  
5M3 -PDG Wayne & PDG Vickie Radloff  
5M4 -PDG Kent & Judy Biessel  
5M4 -PCC Todd & Ruth Neuman  
5M5 -DG Rob & Rhonna Hed  
5M6 -PCC Dave Dominick  
5M7 -PDG Pat Kennedy  
5M8 -PDG Bill & PDG Donna Mae Landwehr  
5M9 -PDG Jay & PDG Linda Norby  
5M10-PDG Larry & Sue Winner  
5M11-PDG Wayne & PDG Joanne Swanson  
5M13-PDG Bill & PDG Cheryl McKittrick  
Bird Island Club-Marty Athmann  
Bird Island Club-Merlin Athmann

**Stats**

MD5M Exec Sec Vickie Violet

## Brian Sheehan asks for your support in Las Vegas!!

PID Brian Sheehan and Lori would like to ask you to join them in Las Vegas at the LCI Convention where Brian will be on the ballot for the office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Brian belongs to a 4 generation Lions family and he truly believes in our organization and the great things we can accomplish together. He is a member of the Bird Island Club in District 5M-4. His technology business that he started from the ground up recently became an international company. Brian's knowledge of technology and his leadership skills will help him lead Lions members into the next 100 years of service. Along with his wife, Lion Lori, they have spoken at conventions and forums and have gathered support from Lions around the world.

**Remember that the registration fee for the convention in Las Vegas is \$150.00 till January 12, 2018 at which time it will increase, so now is the best time to go to lionsclubs.org and sign up for the convention. Look for LCICON at the top of the website. The delegation hotel for MD5M is the Luxor hotel.**

If you have never been to an international convention, please ask someone who has. It is an awesome opportunity to gather with Lions members from other countries and see that we all have the same of goal "to serve". Going to the convention in Las Vegas is also a great way to show Lions from around the world that we support our candidate Brian Sheehan. We are one of the largest multiple districts in the United States and our time is now to be recognized as a district who can contribute to the leadership of our organization.

**Recently Brian and Lori attended the OSEAL forum in Malaysia recently where he was endorsed by their members as the candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of LCI.**

**OSEAL Forum is comparable to our USA/Canada Forum.**



## LION BRIAN 3RD VICE PRESIDENT HOCKEY JERSEY CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

# "Team Sheehan!" Order Form and/or "Team Sheehan Eh!" Order Form

Together Everyone One Achieves more T.E.A.M Sheehan Jersey for sale as a fundraiser. .  
Designed to be a looser fit . Made of 100% polyester 7 oz.



The colors will be blue and red and white. The number on the back will be "5M". The name on the back is your choice of "Team Sheehan!" or you can have the Canadian version of "Team Sheehan Eh!" The front will have the

Canadian Version Qty	U.S. Version QTY	Shirt Size	Unit Price	Total
			\$65.00	
			\$65.00	
			\$65.00	
			\$65.00	

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## *Confidence Learning Center*

Fall / Winter 2017 Lions Edition

[www.campconfidence.com](http://www.campconfidence.com)



Dear Presidents and all Lions, Lioness and Leo's

WOW what a year this has been for the support shown to Camp Confidence from the Clubs of MD5M.

- Record setting donations to Camp
- Money donated by D5M for the Zip line to be installed in 2018.
- Record number of volunteers.
- Record number of Fund Raisers for Camp

THANK YOU!

Camp Confidence will be listed on many of your Parade of Green lists. What a great way to start the New Year, with your club making a donation to Camp Confidence. Even if we are not on your Parade of Green List, It would be wonderful to support our campers who come from every County in Minnesota and have the misfortune of having a disability.

Camp Confidence will be attending many of the Midwinter Convention and I am looking forward to meeting all of you again.

Please stop by our display and say hello and sign up for a club visit.

I want to wish every Lion, Lioness and Leo a very Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

Sincerely:

Camp Confidence Representative

Lion Jerry Wohlers

612-965-6342

[buckey42@juno.com](mailto:buckey42@juno.com)



Confidence Learning Center:  
1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Dr, E. Gull Lake, MN 56401  
(P) 218-828-2344 / (F) 218-828-2618



**Camp fact:** The average age of our Campers each year is 42!



**BE SOCIAL!** Be sure to follow us to keep up to date and watch for CONTESTS!!!



Make sure to tag Camp with  
#CampConfidence





## ***Confidence Learning Center***

Fall / Winter 2017 Eagles Edition

[www.campconfidence.com](http://www.campconfidence.com)

Dear Lions, Lioness & Leo's!

We want to introduce you to the Borgerding Family:

Brian & Kathy, along with their 10 children (ranging from ages 9-23), have fast become a part of our Camp Family. A few of their beautiful children have special needs – and more importantly a special place in the hearts of anyone who has the chance to meet them. This is just a small part of their story (in their words) of how Camp has become a much needed respite from every day life.



Seven years ago, we adopted from Haiti our beautiful little girl, Daphnee. She is our delight, yet in saying that we learned a great deal about disabilities. Daphnee is Hearing impaired, Autistic and non-verbal. Two years later we adopted from Florida our AriYanna. She is our Princess. She has Cerebral Palsy, and is very limited with movement. AriYanna is in a wheelchair and also needs 24/7 care. She is very smart and always wants to do activities that her older brothers do. Camp makes that possible for our little girl. Special Needs was new to our family and we no longer traveled or went camping.

One day while attending an appointment at Gillette's Childrens at Brainerd, someone told us about the camp. We decided to swing in and see; We were so Blessed by the greeting of the Camp Leaders. They shared how our daughter could go on a pontoon and glass bottom boat. They had Hospital beds so she could sleep and have handicap showers. WOW. They had an AMAZING STAFF, that looked her in the eye's and shared what it would be like to visit camp.



We have now attend Camp a handful of times and all season. Camp has given our family a BREATH that we so badly need. Our sons that are now 11 and 14 have enjoyed fishing, the Nature Center and so much more. Being able to be together as a family is wonderful. When we get scheduled to stay everyone gets to enjoy their favorite thing. Our Daphnee who always runs away from family during any activity is so in love with the animal sanctuary, she will sit and feed animals and watch them. During some of her time at camp the staff is aware of her needs and help the family keep her safe.



Confidence Learning Center is so much more than its name. To see children and adults from group home settings without family is heart breaking. Yet to see Confidence Staff love them is truly Amazing.

We Thank Confidence Learning Center for their knowledge and Care and YOU; a continued member and supporter!



We have been Blessed,

Brian and Kathy Borgerding Family

**For More Information  
About Confidence Learning Center**

**Visit:** [www.campconfidence.com](http://www.campconfidence.com)

**OR**

**Schedule a visit by calling 218-828-2344 or  
emailing [Sarah@CampConfidence.com](mailto:Sarah@CampConfidence.com)**

### **Disabilities Golden Rule:**

Treat others the way you'd like to be treated. If you run into an awkward situation with a person with a disability and don't know what to do – JUST ASK!

For more golden rules – check out our posts on Facebook!



### Lions & Walmart Service Opportunity

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation has an easy way for clubs to accomplish the, Lions International goal of increasing diabetes service projects by 5% this Lion's year. Once again, the foundation is looking for Lions to volunteer at 70 Walmart locations throughout Minnesota on January 20, 2018. In 5M2 We are asking Lions Clubs to partner with MLDF, American Diabetes Association and Walmart by recruiting 2 Lions to be greeters on:

Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ALBERT LEA	FARIBAULT
HUTCHINSON	MANKATO
OWATONNA	SHAKOPEE
WASECA	

## Lions & Walmart Wellness Days = Diabetes Service Project

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation 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.



Lion Wanda Breimhorst  
[wjbreim@comcast.net](mailto:wjbreim@comcast.net)  
 Lion Brian Rykhus  
[bgrinhim@gmail.com](mailto:bgrinhim@gmail.com)

## EAST CENTRAL WILLOW RIVER BAND (5M8) RECEIVES HONORS

December 7, 2017 MD5M Lions presented a Trophy Award to the 100 student musicians of the East Central Willow River Band from Sandstone, MN at their Holiday concert. They won 2nd place in the Division 1 High School Band Competition at the 100th Annual International Lions Parade of Nations in Chicago in July of 2017. They tallied a score of 85 out of a possible 95 points. The marching band did an outstanding job representing our MD5M delegation and received \$600.00 in prize money. The band also received \$2500 to march for the 600 member delegation of Japan. MD5M awarded the band \$7000.00 to help with expenses. 5M8 Lions clubs raised 21,000.00 for the trip and the total expense for the trip was 59,000.00. People on photo from right to left are MD5M 5M8 District Governor Jack Breitreutz, Superintendent of East Central Willow River Schools Andy Almos, Band Director Dan Kolker, PCC Judy Loken, MD5M Council Chair Dennis Heinen and MD5M Parade Consultant





Keith Johnson. Student kneeling with trophy is Drum Major Dayne Nelson. All 4 Lions from MD5M made a verbal presentation to a packed crowd in the beautiful East Central Willow River Theater Auditorium.

## World Diabetes Day January 20, 2018

Diabetes contributes to more than 5 million deaths a year, making it the eighth-leading cause of death in the world. And the numbers are rising.


Lions and Leos are confronting this global health emergency by raising awareness of diabetes through Strides events, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs, and improving quality of life through diabetes camps and community recreational programs.

We believe we can help prevent and control this global epidemic by uniting Lions and Leos around this cause.

### Help Support The Carver County KOREAN & VIETNAM Veterans Memorial Trip

Washington, DC  
April 25th, 2018



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The Waconia Lions are planning a Memorial Trip to Washington DC which will be provided **without cost** to Korean & Vietnam Veterans who currently live in Carver County OR were a resident of Carver County during the time of their service.

The trip will include transportation from Waconia to MSP airport, flight to Washington DC, ground transportation while in DC, all meals, flight home, and transportation back to Waconia for a special welcome home ceremony.

*Our Veterans have given so much in service to their country, we ask for your support in giving back to them through this special event.*


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### Donate


**BY MAIL**  
Checks should be made payable to the Waconia Lions Veterans Fund and should be sent to  
Waconia Lions Club  
C/O Veterans Memorial Trip Committee  
PO Box 21  
Waconia, MN 55387

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at the following area businesses:  
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Waconia VFW

For more information visit -  
[www.waconialionsclub.org/veterans-memorial-trip](http://www.waconialionsclub.org/veterans-memorial-trip)



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Freezin' For A Reason™

## CALLING ALL "COOL" LIONS OF 5M2

It is time to start thinking about joining the 5M2 Special Olympics Polar Plunge team! You've never jumped into frigid Minnesota waters in the middle of the winter? Well, we can help change that! Each year, the Polar Plunge challenges thousands of brave jumpers at numerous locations around the state. It's a great way for everyone – individuals, organizations, businesses, AND LIONS to get involved in supporting Special Olympics Minnesota. All funds raised go towards programming and events for more than 8,200 athletes statewide.

Think you have what it takes? The concept is simple: participants raise a minimum of \$75 and take a dip into Hallet's Pond in St. Peter on Saturday, February 3rd. But the Plunges are so much more than that: They're the kind of fun and thrilling events that you really have to experience to understand. Grab some Lion members, get pumped and register today!

A polar plunge team called "5M2 Lions", under Captain Joan Blank, can be found at <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/5m2lions>. It is easy to register and this site can link to all your FB friends to ask for donations. Please call or email Lion Paula Stephens or Lion Joan Blank with any questions. If you need any encouragement, let us know! Lion Paul Stephens @ [stephenspmt@gmail.com](mailto:stephenspmt@gmail.com) or 952-797-4116 or Lion Joan Blank @ [lionjoanblank@gmail.com](mailto:lionjoanblank@gmail.com) or 507-304-5265. Come for a thrillin'-chillin' great time!



## YOUTH EXCHANGE

Do you know a student (age 16-22) who's always wanted to travel?

Participating in the Lions International Youth Exchange program may be right for them.

They can apply now to go to hundreds of countries or many of the

states in the USA, where ever there are Lions Clubs.

Exchange stays are 4 to 6 weeks with a large number including a week at a camp.

As a participant the student will:

- Live with a host family.
- Meet people their age from around the world at camp.
- Learn about the bonds we all share--and the differences we respect in each other no matter where we live.

Dead lines are fast approaching!!!

Another aspect of the program is serving as a host family for one of the youth coming to Minnesota this summer. We have 30 youth needing homes for this summer visit. Again the time frame is 4-6 weeks with one week being at the Minnesota traveling exchange Camp - Camp Spicer.

For more information, contact Lion Jim Walters at 952-239-2559 or email: [golfwithjim@gmail.com](mailto:golfwithjim@gmail.com).

Lions Clubs International web site at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) can also answer many questions.

## KIDSIGHT SECURES 501c3 STATUS

Great News. MD5M KidSight project has now secured its 501c3 status. Which means clubs that have charitable gambling money (pull tabs) can now donate to KidSight using those gambling account dollars. The legal name is MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION, EIN #81-3338106.



We will be listed on the "Parade of Green" at our Mid-Winter convention in February if your club chooses to donate to KidSight. All money donated will go into a 5M2 ACCOUNT thru the Multiple District. This money can be used for supplies used for screening, new screeners, printers etc. Our goal under PDG Steve has been to keep this as a NO or LOW cost to any club that wants to participate in this community project.

It has been a very exciting past 6 months with multiple clubs doing multiple screenings and as some Lions would tell you that it has been the most rewarding project they have done.

We will be working on a training session in the near future and will be listed in the Newsletter.

Happy New Year to All.  
Lions Lori and Rick

## Viewing Forward



### *MN Lions Vision Foundation*

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year! 2018 brings new ventures and challenges to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. At Midwinter Convention, we hope to share a large display of information about LIONS EYE INSTITUTE. Continuing our legacy of giving as knights of the blind and vision impaired.

History so far: 1960, MN Lions Eye Bank; 1978, Children's Eye Clinic; 1993, Lions Research Building. And this month, we come to 1998 and the creation of the MAC Center.

Age-related Macular Degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in the developed world. A \$2.5 million dollar gift from Minnesota Lions. As our life spans increase in years, we note that more and more elderly suffer this life-changing disability. Persons with AMD see nothing but a blurry black void in the center of their vision field; the blurry space expands in size as time goes by. Losing our central vision limits our ability to read, drive, and even recognize faces of friends and family. Over 10 million Americans (with the number expected to double by 2050) are victims of AMD. Betting

we all know someone afflicted. The MAC Center is a division of the Department of Ophthalmology's research centers.

So we continue to meet the challenge to be Knights of the Blind. We are marching forward. Repeating the message: all this leading up to our newest plan to pledge LIONS EYE INSTITUTE. Twenty one million dollars over twenty years. We are developing a deeper appreciation of the critical service we, as Minnesota Lions, provide to sight saving measures. We are Lions, we can do!

This article is a bit repetitive each month. Maybe that is because we are repetitive. We repeat over and over our goal to contribute to vision care. And isn't this something to be proud of! For over half a century, Minnesota Lions have been a partner critical to the great reputation of the University's Department of Ophthalmology. We want to continue our legacy. MLVF has a wonderful site, [www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org](http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org), 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](mailto:dianakroells@gmail.com) or [maryspille@gmail.com](mailto:maryspille@gmail.com).

## DG NANCY'S JANUARY TRAVELS



January 2 - New Prague Lions Club

January 3 - Waseca Lions Club

January 4 - Arlington (local club) Lions

January 5, 6, 7 - Conventions - 5M9, 5M6, 5M5

January 7 - Mid-Winter Convention meeting

January 9 - St Peter Lions Club

January 14 - Veseli Lions Club

January 15 - Brownton Lions Club

January 16 - NYA Lions Club

January 20, 21 - Conventions - 5M1, 5M7

January 22 - Plato Lions Club

January 23 - Cologne Lions Club

January 25 - N.E.W. Lions Club

January 26, 27, 28 - Convention - 5M4

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## JORDANESS LIONS PREPARE FOR "WADDLE WALK"

Jordaness Lions are excited to be on board for supporting PID Brian Sheehan's campaign for 3rd International Vice President by wearing their penguin hats! Don't they look great!! Would you like to participate in a one-of-a-kind fundraising activity for PID Brian Sheehan? The 5M2 Team Sheehan committee has come up with a brilliant idea of a "Waddle Walk". PID Brian is a huge hockey fan and evidently likes the Pittsburgh Penguins as he has used a penguin as his signature mascot for many years. PID Brian is all about penguins! What better way to support PID Brian than by purchasing a penguin hat for \$15.00 in order to participate in the first ever 5M2 Midwinter Waddle Walk. This will take place after the luncheon on Saturday, February 10th. To participate you must be wearing a penguin hat. You can buy your hat early from Lion Sue Vos (Cabinet Treasurer) or by contacting me and we will be sure to get the hat to you before the convention. Cost is only \$15.00 for this fashion trending head gear!. You can buy the hats at the convention on Friday night for \$15, but the cost will go up to \$20 on Saturday. Join the fun as the Jordaness Lions are ready to lead the charge of the penguins. Let's make history by helping PID Brian get voted in at the International Convention in Las Vegas in

July 2018 by participating in the Waddle Walk! If you can't attend the Midwinter Convention but still would like to purchase a hat to support PID Brian, we will be happy to send you a penguin hat.

P.S. Please send any pictures of yourself or your club sporting this penguin hat.

Lion Joan Blank lionjoanblank@gmail.com



This month, we would like to tell you about the important work being conducted at the University of Minnesota Lions Children's Hearing Center.

Back in 2005 the Lions Children's Hearing Center was founded by a generous grant from the Lions 5M Hearing Foundation.

Here are some interesting facts:

Hearing loss is the #1 sensory deficit children in MN are born with. About 200 babies are born every year in Minnesota with deafness or permanent hearing loss.

However, when a child is diagnosed and effectively treated before 6 months of age, that child can develop language skills at the same rate as their normal hearing peers. So early diagnosis and treatment can and does make a difference. That is the reason the Lions pushed the State for mandatory neonatal hearing testing. This way we can reach these kids immediately.

At the inception of the Lions Children's Hearing Center, back in 2005, the goals and mission statement were then and remain today as follows: To

offer a comprehensive state-of-the-art facility connecting providers and resources for children with hearing disorders.

What does State-of-the-art facility mean? It means a clinic that engages the highest levels of physicians and research doctors. It means a clinic that engages the latest technology to test, diagnose and treat hearing loss at any level. It means a clinic that allows that hearing impaired child and their family to see up to 6 different specialty doctors in one setting.

After the child is seen the doctors come together as a group to decide how to effectively treat the child based off the finding obtained.

This is your Mn Lions Hearing Foundation money at work. We will continue this story next month with some interesting facts about children's hearing loss.

Remember to contribute to the Parade of Green at the Lions Convention. We would like to see 100% of the 5M2 clubs contribute even if it is only a small amount.

PDG Marvin Grimm and  
Lion Jeff Williams,  
Hearing Foundation Trustees







## 2018

### 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 give well deserved recognition to 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 & community.

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2018 Spring Zone meetings. The club president or person designated by the president is asked to complete this application and return it to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Diana Kroells by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Send to: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Diana Kroells

17891 158<sup>th</sup> St, Hamburg, MN 55339

Please write a brief description of the nominee's service including such items as years of Lions service, involvement in club activities and involvement in the community. Attach a separate sheet or use the back of this form to complete this information. The club president must sign this form.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club President \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

# LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB

## LITPC Youth Scholarship Program

### *William A. Smith Fellowship Recognition*



Lion William A. Smith, PCC, is among the earliest members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) and its 7th President. Over the



years, with his counsel, foresight and leadership, the LITPC has improved its image with Lions Clubs International and with Lions throughout the world. Because of his many contributions to the Lions International Trading Pin Club, the Board of Directors named the Youth Scholarship Fellowship after him. We thank Lion Bill for his many contributions to our organization.

### *LITPC awards two Youth Scholarships in 2017*



Emma Bennett  
New York

Glynnis Santeramo  
New York



## Mission Statement

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) Youth Scholarship was established to foster the continuing education of a high school senior. Our goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. Students eligible to apply are the children, grandchildren of Lions, Lionesses and Leos. The scholarship amount is \$2,500.

## Vision Statement

The scholarship is funded by members of the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC). The fund raising program is a six year campaign to generate sufficient funds to make the program self sustaining. It is the hope that every member will participate. The slogan of the Lions International Trading Pin Club is "Lions First".





## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Graduating Leos or sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club) Youth Scholarship. Two (\$2,500) scholarships will be awarded. In 2012, the first recipient was a Leo from Pennsylvania. In 2013, the recipient was from Virginia. In 2014, the recipient was from Iowa. In 2015, the recipient was from Virginia. In 2016, there was 1 recipient from Georgia and 1 recipient from Minnesota. In 2017, there were 2 recipients both from New York. The 2018 recipients will be announced at the Pin Traders Annual Breakfast at the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in July, 2018.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org) In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, fill out ALL the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2018 to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman

5M Pin Traders Club and Board Member of LITPC

9-101st Lane NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55448

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-786-8072 or [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)



## 2017 LITPC Scholarship Winners



**NEW YORK**

**Emma Bennett** is from the State of New York. She has been accepted to Cornell University. Emma had been a member of her Leo Club since the 7th grade. She has participated in many athletic events and has held many positions within her school and has volunteered extensively in her

school, church and community. Emma has decided to take her commitment to learning and combine it with her passion for helping others and will pursue a career in medicine.



**NEW YORK**

**Glynnis Santeramo** is from the State of New York. Glynnis attends a special school for the visually impaired. She will be attending Brockport College because the school has a program in adaptive physical education so that she can get a degree to teach. Glynnis wants to open the doorways to athletics for children who are visually impaired.

## LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### LAFAYETTE LIONS HAVE DIRECT LINE TO SANTA

Scheduling Santa's visit to Lafayette is easy for the Lafayette Area Lions Club. That's because Santa just happens to be a member of the club – and its current president.

Joe Maidl, a 28-year Lion, has been playing Santa even longer. Since 1980, Joe has spent much of his time from November through early January being Santa Claus at events and homes in Lafayette, Winthrop, Gibbon, New Ulm and more. He is an exceptional Santa in that he knows virtually every kid in the area, calls them by name, and even knows what color (kind) of tractors their dads drive! That leads to many wide-eyed kids who can't figure out how Santa could possibly know so much.

At this year's Lions-sponsored Lafayette Santa Day, Tuesday, December 12, Santa greeted over 140 kids. With attendance holding steady at 110 to 129 kids over the last five years, the Lions prepared 144 goodie bags – and ended up with only one bag leftover!

When Santa arrived on a Lafayette fire truck at 4:30



*Lafayette Lions gathered for a photo with Santa after he finished talking to the kids.*

p.m. – driven by fellow Lion Brad DeBoer – dozens and dozens of anxious kids and parents were already on hand. After greeting the kids outside the Lafayette Community Center, Santa led some group singing before sitting down to listen to the little ones' Christmas wishes over the next two hours.

The Lions partner with Bernadotte 4-H and Citizens Bank Minnesota, Lafayette for the event. 4-H members provide Christmas coloring books or crafts and the bank serves doughnuts and milk. Lions members decorate the hall and pack goodie bags ahead of time. This year's bags contained a snowman ornament, an apple, a juice box, animal crackers and several kinds of candy.

The weeknight event has been a hit with parents. Held on Saturday for many years, a blizzard cancelled Santa Day in 2010. With Tuesday evening the only open date on Santa's busy calendar, that's when it was held that year – and parents loved it. It's been held the second Tuesday night of December – the regular Lions meeting night – ever since.



*Santa Claus greeted kids and adults outside the Lafayette Community Center on his arrival late Tuesday afternoon, December 12.*



*Before sitting down to talk to the kids, Santa always asks the group to sing a few songs – Jingle Bells and Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.*





## VICTORIA LIONS

The Victoria Lions in conjunction with its companion organization Lions Foundation of Victoria is working with the city of Victoria to create a new facility that will serve all Victoria Lions functions and offer a great facility for by residents of Victoria and the surrounding area. The facility is located in Lions Park in Victoria. When complete the facility will be able to seat over 250 for banquets, anniversaries, wedding.

The Victoria Lions Foundation will start a major gifts campaign in 2018 to make the facility a go to place in Carver County.

Due to its unique features it can be open air weather permitting and closed as needed.

The 2nd annual Victoria Lions poinsettia for seniors was held on December 2. Well of 250 plants were distributed. A great job of organizing the event by Lion Bryan Olsen and Lion Julie Page.



We had a huge turnout for our annual Christmas party on December 8 with over 150 registered. As usual Tail twister Lion Doug Dyer has a vast array of prizes for the drawing.

## WINTHROP LIONS PRESENT DICTIONARIES TO STUDENTS



Winthrop Lions Club presented Dictionaries to students in the third grade in GFW (Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop) school and Prairie Lutheran School, Gibbon MN. Pictured are Lions Carolyn Proehl, Marge Richer, and (the Lion) Reuben Rosnau.

## PLATO LIONS

Five Members of the Plato Lions have been named as Melvin Jones Fellows by LCIF. The presentation took place Dec. 18, 2017, during our annual Christmas Party.

*Pictured left to right are: Kari Graupmann, Dave Ruschmeier, Tom Smith and Stacy Sohns. Not pictured: Darlene Lilienthal*





## HAMBURG LIONS

### Peace Poster

Lions Diane Hoffman & Diane Mackenthun along with the winners Kalli Wischnack & Blake Aurich.



Write Off  
Lion Amy  
Chadwick with  
winner Audrey  
Kamps

2nd VDG Brian Thies and Lion Rose Thies were guests at the Hamburg Lions "Hawaiian" themed Christmas Party. Lion Brian presented two awards at the event- Lion Sarah Gruenhagen received a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lion Diana Kroells received a Helen Keller.



## JORDANESS LIONS

The Jordaness Lions club is thrilled to add eight new members to its roster! Pictured are: Nan Brandtner, Margaret Hennen, Stephanie Whipps, DG Nancy Mathwig, Claire Lightfoot, Diane Coan and Debbi Gray. Not pictured are new members Dawn Benko and Kristin Campbell.





## JORDANESS LIONS

The Jordaness Lions kicked off the holiday season with their 28th annual Holiday Fashion Show. The event, which is traditionally one of the club's biggest fundraisers, included a luncheon, a fashion show, entertainment by club members, and a silent auction of over seventy items. The theme for the event was "Flannel & Frost," and event goers were invited to sport ensembles that represented their interpretations of the theme. Amidst the fun and frivolity, money was raised for the Lions Eye Bank, the Jordan Holiday Basket program, and additional projects that support the Lions organization and the community of Jordan. Models included the current Miss Jordan, Alyssa Carlson, and Lion Colleen Eischens (both pictured.) Entertainment included a sing-off between the glamorous "Frosts," and the not-so-glamorous "Flannels!"



The Jordaness Lions in the March of the Penguins in Jordan's annual Jordan Dazzle parade. A great community kick-off to the holiday season.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Plato Lions

## Pork Chop Dinner

 Fundraising 4 **Plato Blue Jays** 

### Baseball Park Improvements

ALL proceeds + (up to) \$1000 Match from the Plato Lions Club

### King Pin Pub on January 1<sup>st</sup>

From 11 am –

**Chops are  
gone!**



\$12 – 2 Pork Chop Dinner

\$10 – 1 Chop Dinner

Chop(s), Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Beverage, & Dessert

\$4 – Kids Meal (Mac & Cheese, Hot Dog, Cookie

Bloody Mary Bar – Build Your Own  
4 PM – Music by Doug Stuedeman  
2 – 4 – Meat Raffles



THE LAFAYETTE AREA LIONS INVITE YOU TO

# Dad's Belgian Waffles

## and Benefit for Delsin Zamzow

A Lions donation plus proceeds of a SILENT AUCTION will go toward making Delsin's home handicapped accessible as he is paralyzed from a dirt bike accident

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

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

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Cologne Lions Club

## Winter Bingo

Friday, Jan. 19, 2018

Cologne Community Center

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5:30 pm - Food Service

7:00 pm - First Bingo Game

24 Games for just \$10

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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.



## Pancake Brunch sponsored by Hamburg Lions

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hamburg Community Hall  
Hamburg, MN

Pancakes, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, Apple Sauce,  
Beverages





## Jordaness Lions Bowling Fundraiser

**Saturday January 20, 2018**

**Louisville Lanes**

3020 W. 133<sup>rd</sup> St. Shakopee, MN 55379 952-445-8112

**Checking in:** 1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Bowl:** 2:00 - 5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$25/player up to 6-players per lane  
(you do NOT need 6 players to register)

**Registration Includes:** 3 Games, Bowling Shoes & FUN

Proceeds benefit the Food Shelf, MN Diabetes Association  
and other Community Events/Organizations

**\*\*Bring items for the Food Shelf and receive a free raffle ticket**

### Prizes for:

Men's & Women's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Individual Scores, High Team Score, Low Team Scores & More  
Other events include: Raffle prizes & door prize drawings

**Theme: Dressing to the 50's, 60's and 70's**

Email Amy Piotrowski at [jordanesslions@gmail.com](mailto:jordanesslions@gmail.com) for registration forms.  
Please Make Checks payable to: Jordaness Lions

### Send Registration and checks to:

Amy Piotrowski  
104 Arabian Court  
Jordan, MN 55352

**Deadline for entry is December 31, 2017 -- Secure your spot early, there are only 24 lanes!**



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**\*Up to 6 Players per form**

Lion Linnae Schansberg, 824 Bridle Creek Lane, Jordan MN 55352

Players:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information contact:

Lion Linnae Schansberg 612-518-7941 [linnsch@comcast.net](mailto:linnsch@comcast.net)

Lion Karen Riesgraf 612-247-4023 [skriesgraf@comcast.net](mailto:skriesgraf@comcast.net)

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**WANTED!!!**

**Host club(s) for the 2019  
Annual Jungle Days Golf Tournaments**

Proposals to be presented at the 2018  
Mid-Winter convention, annual business  
meeting on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Contact District Governor Nancy Mathwig for  
more information.

612-741-1026 or [nancy.mathwig@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.mathwig@gmail.com)



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Good to know: Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is a 501c3 organization. Because of our long and fruitful history, we are often commonly known as "Lions Eye Bank". Time to retire that name, please. The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank is one part of MLVF. As Lions and our clubs send in funds, it is critical to write checks payable to Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. You are serving the Eye Bank, Children's Hearing Center, MAC Center, Research Department, and more. Just a reminder as you plan Parade of Green and continual donations.

