

**FEBRUARY 2018** 

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### **5M2 VITAL SIGNS** REPORT

Lion Nancy Mathwig District Governor What a beautiful stretch of warm January weather we have been having! By the time you read this article the weather will have again changed and Mid-Winter Convention will be only days

away. All the months of planning by the Zone 4 committee will come to fruition beginning February 9th at the City Center Hotel in Mankato. I hope you have registered by now and plan to enjoy all the events we have planned for the weekend. If not, please do so ASAP and don't wait until arriving at the convention.

Friday evening begins with the opening ceremony followed by the Service of Remembrance. You no longer need to bring your club banner since the hotel does not have a place for us to hang them. Also, if your club has lost a member this past year who will be remembered during the service, I hope you have considered inviting that Lions' family to also attend. Following the Service of Remembrance, we will gather at poolside for the social part of the evening with The Tuxedo Band.

Saturday begins at 8:00am, with the morning seminars. We start off with "Who's on First and What Does It Matter" by PDG Dennis Kelly from District 5M6. Lion Dennis will discuss the effect Protocol has on our Lions Club; what is it, what can we change and how does understanding protocol affect getting new, younger members? We then move to session 2 with International Director Gwen White speaking on Partnering with the community to support a non-profit project. To begin our education on LCI's expanded service framework, our third speaker for the morning will be Dr. Brenda Weigel from the University of Minnesota pediatric cancer faculty speaking on childhood cancers. Rounding out the morning will be Deputy US Marshall Jane Lewis speaking on "Fraud - What can we do to minimize our exposure?" Saturday lunch will again focus on youth with the presentation of our three winning Write Off winners, District 5M2's winning Peace Posters recipients and a short presentation on the benefits of our very successful Liberty Day program. Immediately after lunch you won't want to miss the Penguin Waddle Walk for PID Brian Sheehan, followed by the annual business meeting or fun and games poolside for non-voting delegates not attending the business session, the Governor's Banquet followed by the ever popular "Family Feud" to complete the day.

Sunday brings the final day of the convention beginning with an ecumenical church service and the Sunday a.m. brunch. Our Sunday speakers will be Lion Jim Johansen and his son Thomas, who will speak about living with diabetes.

Wouldn't the educational and fun-filled convention weekend be a great time to orient our newest members to all Lions do? Since more than half the year has gone by, I want to update you on where we are with membership in District 5M2. The goals I set back in March for year 2017-2018 for membership were:

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# **BITS AND PIECES**



Lion Diana Kroells 1st Vice District Governor

As your 1st Vice District Governor I try to stay connected with all 5m2 Lions Clubs as well as trying to support various events in other districts such as conventions and special fund raising efforts. I do this so that I can learn from them and also walk away with new ideas.

I had the pleasure of attending 3 District conventions in January. At one event, I had an opportunity to hear a motivational speaker and author, David McNally. I walked away feeling inspired by his words. He said "we all need to have a purpose and we all want to do something to contribute to that purpose- we need to do something that matters. Our goal is not to live forever but to create something that will." Sounds a lot like our mission as Lions- "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs." We have a purpose, it matters and it will live forever- after all we are in our second century.

Just a reminder that the deadline for Zone Lion of the Year nominations is coming soon. Some zones have not yet had a person nominated. I know there has to be at least one person in every club that deserves this nomination so in a Zone the number should be much larger. Please consider nominating someone from your club. See more info in this newsletter.

I hope you are all considering attending the District 5M2 Convention. The committee & Zone 4 Lions have been working very hard to prepare for this event. I know that you will not be disappointed with the programs that DG Nancy has lined up and the message from the International Director is always worth hearing. Come for all three days or come for one- whatever fits into your schedule. Don't forget to stop by my hospitality room.

Where there is a need there is a Lion

"We Serve"



Famíly:

- Husband Líon Duane
- Chíldren: Dustín, Darren (Brídgette), Danny (Kerry), Donna (Todd), Daedra (Shane)
  - Grandchildren: Zach, Alí, Jack, Garrett, Morgan, Elle, Brady, Regan, Stella & Easton

#### Líons:

- 12 Year member Hamburg Líons
  - 11 years club treasurer & 1 year club president
- 2 years Zone 5 Chair 2010-2012
- 6 years Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation 2012-2018
- Graduate of Regional Leadership Institute 2011 & Bachelor Degree- Lions University 2017
- Awards:
  - Melvín Jones Fellow 2009, International Presidential Leadership Award 2014 Hamburg Lion of the Year 2008 & 2011, Silver Membership Growth Award 2013 Helen Keller 2017
- Hosted 4 Youth Exchange Students
- Attended 2 International Convention, 3 USA/ Canada Forums, 7 Multiple Conventions, 1 Northern Pride Forum and over 25 5M2 Mid-Winter Conventions



Elect Líon Díana Dístríct Governor 2018-2019

# **A NEW JOURNEY**



Lion Brian Thies 2nd Vice District Governor

2018 has certainly proven itself to be a wild roller coaster ride. First the Vikings get our spirits and hopes up with the Minneapolis Miracle against the Saints, only to let us down with their performance against the Eagles, followed up by the 2018 Blizzard for some of our

fellow lions. What a difference a few miles makes in snowfall! Hopefully in a short time things will turn around and we will have many days of sunshine, warmer weather and proof that we have survived another Minnesota Winter!

I want to thank everyone that came out to the Mid Winter Convention. It is always a great time to be a Lion from renewing friendships, to listening to great speakers to finding out what other clubs are doing to serve and seeing how generous our clubs are to the Parade of Green. Thank you to all who supported me in my bid to be First Vice District Governor Elect by stopping by the Hospitality Room for an adult beverage and snacks, purchasing a raffle ticket or casting their ballot for me. I couldn't be on this journey without the support of you my fellow Lions, my family and friends (especially Lions Sue and Mike who have running a hospitality room down to a science), my children Nick and Liz who came back to where they first began to learn about Lions at the Mid Winter Conventions. When Rose and I first became lions,

Mid Winters were a mini vacation for our kids. They swam and had fun all the while enjoying the company of Lions from across southern Minnesota. If you ask them, some of their fondest Lions memories were spent in Mankato.

Lion Rose and I have had the opportunity to visit some of our neighboring district's Mid Winter Conventions. It is always a treat to visit with other Lions and see how closely our Lions family really is. One such occasion was when we were in Morton for 5M4's district convention. At the evening banquet Lion John Kreft from the Elbow Lake Lions was honored with the second highest award that Lions International can bestow on any member, the President's Leadership Award. Lion John has close ties within our 5m2 district. His brother is a current Arlington Lions Club member and his deceased father was a long time Arlington Lion. It was fun hearing how much he has contributed to his local community knowing that those roots began in our district by watching his family members serve.

With the coming of Spring, comes the election of officers for the new Lions year. Please remember to include a club GST (Global Service Team) Coordinator and Club LCIF Coordinator on the ballot. These positions can be stand alone positions in larger clubs or dual positions such as the immediate past president can be the Club LCIF Coordinator.

Keep up the good work and thank you for all you do for your communities.

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- New members will add a total of 200 new members by June 30, 2018. To date we have only added 97. There is still time to meet our goal however.
- New clubs will start 2 new Lions and/or Leo clubs by June 30, 2018. To date this has been met since the Shakopee Leos chartered in July along with the Mayer Area Lions Club in October.
- District Women's Membership will increase our women's membership to 28%. To date this has been met. We are at 28.97%.
- Retention membership drops will not exceed 180. We are currently at 89 with 12 being due to death, 8 due to moved/transferred and 20 due to non-payment of dues. The remaining 49 resigned in good standing. These are the Lions we need to work on keeping interested in our clubs and projects.

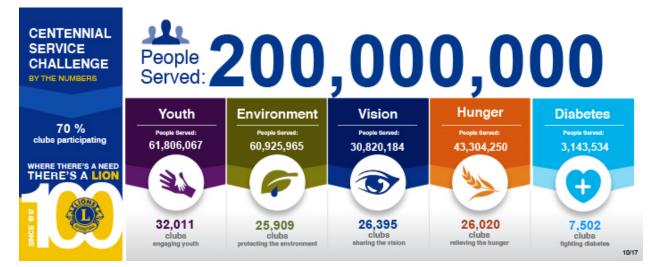
With 5 months remaining in our Lions year, let's all put on our welcoming Lions hats and Ask One to become a Lion and also make sure we are keeping the Lions we have in the club interested and pleased with serving others!

An observation as I present years of service chevrons to Lions during my club visits – are your clubs always presenting your new member with a Lions new member kit AND a Lions pin when inducted into the club? I have been surprised at the number of members who didn't know where to attach the chevron I presented them since they had never received a pin when they joined 10 or more years ago. Secretaries – I suggest you check with all your members to see if they have a Lions pin or may never have received one or possibly lost it. Pins are available from LCI supplies for a nominal fee. EACH LION SHOULD HAVE ONE!!!

Have a great February! And until next month...

# Centennial Update

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator



# Centennial Service Challenge:

We did it!!! Over 200 million people served in the Centennial Service Challenge.

We have twelve clubs that have already reported on completing projects in all five areas of the Centennial Service Challenge: Chanhassen, Cologne, Courtland, Ellendale, Glencoe, Lafayette & Area, Le Sueur, Mankato Sunrise, New Auburn, Northfield Cannon Valley, Norwood Young America West Carver, and Prior Lake. Congratulations Lions!

# **Centennial Community Legacy Projects:**

We are now up to 26 clubs having reported a total of 45 Community Legacy Projects. New during the month of December:

• Le Sueur Lions: Placed Lions signs at three entrances to Le Sueur (there has been one at another entrance for at least 10 years).

# **Centennial Celebration:**

MD5M is planning a Centennial Celebration for Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. 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

Centennial Celebration

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

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

MD5MIOOyears@gmail.com



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



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







# Feed My Starving Children' March 26, 2018

- What: Minnesota Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs along with their families, friends, coworkers and neighbors will come together to pack food for children in need around the world.
- Where: FMSC packing site: 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen.
- Invite: Friends and family to join us. *Give non-Lions a chance to experience the joy of service!*
- **Raise Funds:** To help pay for the supplies that we pack. Conduct a dedicated fundraiser to support this project. *Your club can help with a donation even if you can't help package food!*
- **Promote:** This in your community as part of the Lions Clubs International Centennial Service Challenge: "Feeding the Hungry"

## **Register:**

- 1. Go to the FMSC website (<u>www.fmsc.org</u>) and click in the white box in the upper right part of the screen that says "Volunteer".
- 2. Click on "Join a Group" about half way down the screen on the right side
- 3. Enter a "Join Code" in the box part way down the screen on the right.
  - a. 9:30 am 11:30 am: Join Code = 1213050
  - b. 12:00 pm 2:00 pm: Join Code = 1213051
  - c. 6:00 pm 7:30 pm: Join Code = 1213055
  - d. 8:00 pm 9:30 pm: Join Code = 1213056
- 4. Click on the "Search" button below the box
- 5. You should get a screen that says: "You are ready to join the Lions of MN group...". You should also see the day & time you have requested.
- 6. Click in the check box to agree to follow FMSC's guidelines
- 7. You should see the guidelines pop up, click on the "Accept" button at the bottom right
- 8. The guidelines will disappear, then click on the "Confirm" button
- 9. If you already have an account, you can log in, otherwise click on "Create an Account"
- 10. Fill in the form and click "Continue"
- 11. You should see the "Congratulations" page.
- 12. To add more names, click on "Add Member Names" in the box on the right side of the screen
- 13. Add your other members names, and click on the "Save" button below the boxes for names. Repeat as necessary.
- 14. You (or your club) can make a donation by clicking on "Donate" in the list on the left side of the screen.



5M2 GST District Chair Lion Debra Wasserman LionDebra@charter.net 612-718-8330





#### Minnesota Lions Eye Bank is now Lions Gift of Sight

In October, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank leaders made the decision to change the organization name to Lions Gift of Sight as of January 1, 2018. That day is here, and we invite you to celebrate the new year and our new name!

#### Why Change?

Several compelling reasons led to the name change decision, including the following:

- Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, now Lions Gift of Sight, serves a large area that is outside of Minnesota, and a name that is not statespecific will be more-readily accepted in these areas.
- The word "bank" often leads people to believe that we are involved in finance. The new name will not prompt the same misconceptions.
- As eye banks diversify, their services to surgeons include resources that do not fall under traditional "eye banking."

#### What Doesn't Change?

- Our relationship with the University of Minnesota and with Minnesota Lions club members is unaffected by the name change. Our staff are still University employees and our organization is still overseen by a 22-person board of directors, all of whom are Lions club members.
- We are still the only organization based in Minnesota that recovers eye tissue for corneal transplants, research, and medical education. As before, we cover parts of North Dakota and western Wisconsin.
- We still need your support! Please continue to spread the word about the benefits of eye donation. And please keep supporting our services and the wonderful programs of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.



Help someone else see. Be an eye donor!





The Start of Another Dog Gone Good Century

# **DISTRICT 5M-2'S 40th MIDWINTER CONVENTION**

There are approximately 10 days until District 5M-2's 40th Mid-Winter Convention at the City Center Hotel in Mankato, MN. Hopefully each of you has registered and reserved a room to enjoy the "whole" week end experience. Don't wait to register at the door as it is very possible that meals will not be available.

Also, remember to bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids. They will be picked up at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 10. Remember, too, to have your checks for the Parade of Green Box. Totals will be given at the Sunday Brunch. You can obtain the complete list below and on the 5M-2 web page. Be sure to use the "Memo Line" to indicate any specific destination of the check.

Zone 4 has worked hard to make this a "DOGGONE" good Convention. Help us enter the next 100 years of Lions with a "Howling Good Time". It is just the start of "Another Doggone Good Century"!

# \$\$\$\$ 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)
  - o 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)



#### 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					
1	Last Name:	First Name:	E-Mail Address:		
A	Address/P.O. Box:	Club Name:	Phone #:		
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G	uest #2 Information: Select One () Li	ion ()Lioness ()Leo ()Spouse/G	uest () 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 <u>lionjoanblank@gmail.com</u>, 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 before January 8<sup>th</sup>) \$15.00

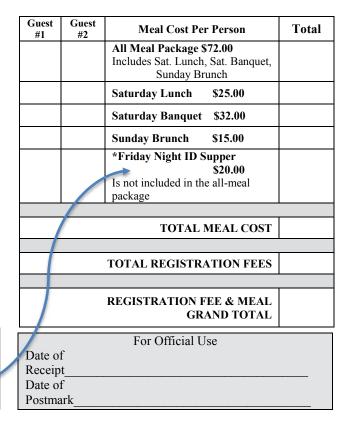
Regular Registration Fee (Post Marked January 8<sup>st</sup> or later) \$20.00

\*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\*\*\*\*



# 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

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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 Breitkreutz 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 5%1 -PCC Earl & Jane Orvik 5%2 -PDG Joan & Kevin Blank 5%3 -PDG Wayne & PDG Vickie Radloff 5%4 -PDG Kent & Judy Blessel 5%4 -PCC Todd & Ruth Neuman 5%5 -DG Rob & Rhonna Hed 5%6 -PCC Dave Dominick 5%7 -PDG Pat Kennedy 5%8 -PDG Bill & PDG Donna Mac Landwehr 5%9 -PDG Jay & PDG Linda Norby 5%10-PDG Larry & Sue Winner 5%11-PDG Wayne & PDG Joanne Swanson 5%13-PDG Bill & PDG Cheryl McKitrick Bird Island Club-Merlin Athmann

Stats MD5M Exec Sec Vickie Violet Happy New Year!!

Here is information on booking flights with Delta Airlines for Lions who are going to the convention in Las Vegas.

A discounted rate of 2-10% can be had by any Lion using the Lion booking code, NMRHD. They can fly on Delta any time between June 24-July 7, 2018, from any airport to Las Vegas. Reservations and ticketing are available via www.delta.com/meeting. Select "Book Your Flight" at the top menu bar and this will bring you to the Book A Flight page. Enter the meeting code NMRHD in the box provided, about half way down the page on the right.

Reservations may also be made by calling Tammy at Tam's Travel at 651-414-9485 or the Delta Meeting reservations at 800-328-1111 Mon-Fri 7am-7pm CDT.

Ticket prices will vary at any given time, so not all Lions will get the same price. Baggage fees are extra, as is the transportation to the hotel. Encourage Lions to use the booking code. For every 40 flight flown the Lions will get a voucher for a future flight.

ALSO CHECK OUT Sun County Airlines at suncountry.com. The cost of tickets may vary significantly.

The following dates are the registration deadlines for the LCI Convention. You can register now and book your flight later. You can change your hotel dates to match your flight dates if need be by May 1st.

- Registration Fee through January 12, 2018 is US \$150
- From January 13 through March 31, 2018 the regular registration fee is US \$200
- April 1, 2018 through onsite registration, the fee is US \$225.

Remember to get your voting certificate.

Sheehan Team Captains will be speaking at all the mid-winter conventions coming up

in January and February. They will be able to help you with any questions that you have regarding the LCI convention.

Brian and Lori visited a Lions Diagnostic Center in Chennai, India; offering very low cost testing to those in need.



# 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

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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

Freezíw' For A Reason 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 or 952-797-4116 or Lion Joan Blank @ lionjoanblank@ gmail.com or 507-304-5265. Come for a thrillin'-chillin' great time!

# Youth Camps & Exchange

# 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.

Lions Clubs International web site at lionsclubs.org can also answer many questions.



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, IMN 55387 IN PERSON at the following area businesses: Hometown Bank, Everson's Hardware, UFC Farm Supply, Mocha Monkey, Mackenthun's Fine Foods, Chumly's, Waconia VFW

For more information visit -

www.waconialionsclub.org/veterans-memorial-trip



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# Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation

Old ventures, new ventures, challenges. Lion service moves forward! Midwinter Convention in February is always "old home" month for Mary: it has been a decade since serving as District Governor; it was a venture of meeting and making Lions friends - an adventure never to be forgotten. February and Midwinter are new ventures (of sorts) for Diana - the ballots will be cast and then a great adventure is anticipated. For DG Nancy, the ride is in full swing!

Kind of works the same way for the Vision Foundation and our financial support. Lots of adventures begun, established, evolving, and moving forward. Repeating history so far: 1960, MN Lions Eye Bank; 1978, Children's Eye Clinic; 1993, Lions Research Building; 1998, the MAC Center; early 2000s, Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. And this month, we come to 2015 and the creation of Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center.

In 2015, Minnesota Lions pledged \$4 million to equip a suite within the newly constructed U of M Health Clinics Building. This building on campus houses clinics of all sorts. Currently, University ophthalmologists and staffs perform cataract surgeries on this location. More types of surgeries will be brought back to campus location as time evolves. The plan: all visual related procedures to exist in one location.

And this is where we continue to meet the challenge to be Knights of the Blind. We are marching forward. Repeating the message: LIONS EYE IN-STITUTE. 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. Actually, the \$4 million pledge to Surgery Center is partially complete; this dollar amount is part of the LEI (Lions Eye Institute) pledge. Clinics, procedures, research, eye banking all in one location – a dream becoming reality!

We are so excited to kick off the LEI campaign in 2018. Please, please visit our display at Midwinter. And, certainly, you will want to invite us to share the news with all clubs. This is literally groundbreaking and even earth shattering. We are Lions, we can do!

Repeating over and over that our goal is 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, 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.

# DG NANCY'S **FEBRUARY TRAVELS**



Save the Date

February 1 – Mankato Lions Clubs February 3 - District 5M8 Convention - St Cloud

- February 5 New Prague Lions Club
- February 8-11 5M2 Convention Mankato
- February 12 Gibbon Lions Club
- February 13 Belle Plaine Lions Club
- February 17 5M3 Convention Morton
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Leader Dog for the Blind has changed ous logo was over 10 years old and staff at

Leader Dog felt a change was needed to represent what they do and who they serve. The previous logo was drawn with lines, and was difficult for visually impaired individuals to discern.

The new Logo communicates what the organization does and emphasizes the mission of Leader Dog. The primary focus is on the Leader Dog in harness and the client's hand. The primary focus is on the dog, as guide dogs are the heart of what Leader Dogs for the Blind does and is. The image of the dog is placed in a circle to create a boundary and allows the arrows like a compass rose to indicate assisting in travel and a sense of direction. These arrows let us subtly represent our orientation and mobility (white cane travel) in addition to the guide dog program. This keeps the traditional core of the Leader Dog mission- providing the means to travel for people who are blind through guide dogs- and allows us to differentiate ourselves from other organizations.

The icons allow Leader Dog to identify the other essential pieces of Leader Dog for the Blind: Puppy Raisers, Breeding Stock Hosts, Ambassadors and Volunteers/Team Members.

Leader Dog often speaks about raising puppies, training puppies and matching dogs with clients. Leader Dog is working to identify the key issues that getting a Leader Dog, receiving orientation and mobility training or attending a Summer Experience Camp can address. As with any great organization, one must continue to work on striving to be better.

Many people who are blind or visually impaired experience isolation, loss of independence, depression, higher risk of health problems, lower chance of employment, and other difficulties. The ability to travel confidently, safely, and independently has a direct, positive effect on these problems. Leader Dog cannot solve all these problems alone, but they are making a difference in the lives of the visually impaired and blind in the world. There are very many worthy causes for one to support, we are asking your support for the Leader Dog programs. For any question you may contact, lmklenke@msn.com or phone 952-445-0289. Please leave a message if we are not home when you call. My other Co-chair is Lion Emmy Koch of the Hutchinson Lions. Her number is Cell 952-510-0588 or e-mail emmykoch@hotmail.com.





# HEARING FOUNDATION NEWS

Now for the rest of the story that I started last month: The mission statement of the hearing Foundation says...Connecting Providers & Resourc-

es. This means getting the word out to providers that when a child with hearing loss enters a clinic, they will know about the Lions Children's Hearing Clinic. Children can be referred to the Lions Children's Hearing Clinic.

Now for a quick quiz.

Approximately how many children are born a year with hearing loss? (about 200)

How long has Lions Children's Hearing Clinic been in existence? (since 2005)

Approximately how many children have been seen at LCHC? (close to 600)

It takes a lot of money to run a facility of this magnitude. It takes a lot of money to educate and



remind the medical personnel about LCHC. It takes a lot of money to fund research to find a cure.

Help us to keep this state of the art facility running with the necessary equipment and resources to meet the needs of these young children. Please make your contributions to the Parade of Green and the up coming Mid Winter Convention. Look for the Hearing Foundation display at the Mid Winter Convention. Remember to bring hearing aids to the convention for recycling. Used hearing aids are sent to Starkey where they recover any useful parts which can have a second life for someone who has a hearing loss. The district receives credit for the value of the parts and these credits can be applied towards the purchase of new or refurbished hearing aids as part of Lions Affordable Hearing Aid program.

Remember that Lion Jeff Williams or PDG Marvin Grimm are glad to visit your club. Just contact them and set a date.

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 <u>**not**</u> 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.

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# "Selling Your Lions Club!"

"Would you like to join my Lions Club?" "No, not right now."

How many of you have used this sentence in acquiring new members and it just doesn't get you the new members that you hoped for? What are you doing wrong?

Maybe it's the fact that the person doesn't know a thing about Lions. What do Lions actually do besides make pancakes and work at events all the time? It's time to change your approach in asking. I know many clubs have asked non-Lions to help in working food stands but how about asking them to help with your Special Olympics event, Easter Egg Hunt, or Bingo Fundraiser? Do you do a project with your school? Even if you have enough Lions working the event, ask them to help and give them a job to do. This is also the time to feed them bits of information about what your club actually does, not just in your community but in your District and Lions Clubs International. In MD5M we support the MN Lions Hearing Foundation, the MN Lions Vision Foundation (& Eye Bank), and we have joined the fight against Type 1 Diabetes to find a cure. The Clubs donations to these areas are what the fundraisers are all about. Our clubs also support LCIF- Lions Clubs International Foundation which is one of the first on the scene of a disaster to provide food, water and aid to those in need. In 5M3 we have used LCIF a number of times: for the flooding in Truman, tornadoes in Clarkfield, Granite Falls and Chandler – just to name a few so this international project does hit close to home in our communities.

I have found with the younger generations you need to "wine & dine" them, not just invite them to your meeting. For many, meetings are a waste of time and not productive. They will show up to work an event but will spend little time discussing it. So hosting a special event where you can sit down, visit and let them ask questions about Lions and enjoy each other's company. Of course, beverage and snack is always on the table. Now just don't put an ad in the paper and expect everyone to show up or you will be having a social gathering all by yourself. You need to choose who you want to have come, visit with them about this event ahead of time, sent them an invite, call them up or better yet- text them to get a definite yes or no that they are coming. Out of 15 couples, you might only get 3 couples to attend. Your event should last no more than 1 hour for they are busy and that is all the time they will want to spend. Remember, as PID Brian Sheehan's video says "Don't give up, keep asking".

Now get out there and "Sell Your Lions Club".

Lion Cheri Appel, 5M3 Public Relations

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

# RECYCLE TOYS: THROW A TOY DRIVE

Consider 'recycling' in a different way than your normal household goods, consider recycling by organizing a toy drive! Put together a toy drive with your club, reach out to other local clubs, and local organizations to help bring joy to children in need in an environmentally friendly way!

# How to put together a Toy Drive:

- 1) **DECIDE YOUR GOAL**: determine what types of toys you are looking for: age range, gender, wrapped/unwrapped, gently used vs new, etc
- PARTNER WITH LOCAL PROGRAMS: for added people-power and publicity link up with local police, firefighters, Toys for Tots, other clubs, that can add people and visibility
- <u>CONTACT GROUPS TO DONATE TO</u>: talk with local hospitals, shelters, Salvation Army, other local organizations, etc to coordinate where toys go following the drive
- 4) <u>ADVERTISE</u>: to be even MORE environmentally friendly consider paperless advertising (Facebook, Twitter, email, word of mouth) to spread the word!
- 5) **DESIGNATE DROP OFF POINTS/TIMES**: a good length of time is 5-day drive
- 6) COLLECT, ORGANIZE, AND DELIVER ITEMS COLLECTED!

# LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES LAFAYETTE LIONS BUSY

Members of the Lafayette Lions have been busy recently. They planned and held their annual Dad's Belgian Waffle breakfast and included a benefit for



Lions members took a break from their work at the waffle breakfast Sunday, January 14 to present the Lions Club's \$1,000 check to Delsin Zamzow. Proceeds from a silent auction, as well as donations, also went to Delsin to help in the renovation of his home to make it handicapped accessible. The breakfast/benefit was a huge success, with 536 meals served and many people lining up to place bids on the 125-plus items in the silent auction.



On Saturday, after setting up for the breakfast/benefit, five Lions members drove over to St. George to present a \$200 donation to Sewing for Sight. Proceeds from that event are used for sight-saving programs in Guatemala. Lions president Joe Maidl made the presentation to Ann Wendinger, with Sewing for Sight coordinators Cindy Wendinger on the far left and Jackie Forst on the far right.

Delsin Zamzow, they donated to Sewing for Sight at St. George, conducted bar bingo on Saturdays, and made donations to help area people.



The Lions made one bingo player very happy Saturday, January 13. Andrea Wortz of Fairfax won the \$500 blackout prize and received her check from Lions Tom Hayes and Joe Maidl.



A large group of Lions – including Santa – were on hand when the Lions recently presented a \$500 check to Kevin and Beth Fluegge and their family. The money will help the Fluegges recover from a tornado that did heavy damage to their home and farm buildings in July. Vice president Brad DeBoer made the presentation to Beth Fluegge.

Right: When Lions stopped at the Stolt farm Tuesday, January 16, Todd, second from left, and Rhonda, middle, shared the story of how they survived the storm that destroyed buildings, grain bins, trees, and more. Lions pictured are, from left: Mark Dick, Dale Bjorklund, Neal Hoffmann, Mark LeGare, and Joe Maidl. Not pictured: Ruth Klossner.



### LAKE CRYSTAL LIONS



#### Lake Crystal Lions serving lunch at Salvation Army

The Jordaness Lions held our 6th annual bowling event on Saturday, January 20th. 100+ bowlers along with family and friends to cheer the bowlers on were in attendance. The day consisted of bowling, raffles, door prizes, and of course fun! The bowlers also brought donations for the local food shelf.

## JORDANESS LIONS





Members of the Jordaness Lions club spent two evenings together selling hot dogs and walking tacos to Jordan High School basketball fans. Proceeds from the food sales will be used for JHS scholarships.

## MANKATO SUNRISE LIONS PRESENT AWARDS



January 4th the Sunrise Lions gathered together to honor two very deserving people with special awards. Community member Bob F. received the Dream Catcher Award for his work with diabetes. Bob has spearheaded the local diabetes walk for the past 19 years. In attendance were family members of Bob including his son who is the inspiration for his involvement.



The second award went to Sunrise Lion Ann. The Melvin Jones Award is the highest honor a club can bestow as it acknowledges a lifetime of dedication to what Lions stands for. The added bonus of this award is that it was given to Lion Ann as a surprise! She was so honored that she was speechless in the face of such acknowledgment.



# **NICOLLET LIONS**

On a very chilly January 15th night, the Nicollet Lions were warmed by a presentation by Lions Andrea and Tony Oldenburg, Can Do Canine Co-Chairs. Lions Andrea and Tony brought along Mike Haugen and his Diabetes Assist Dog, Charlie. Mike lives in Mankato and has lived with Type 1 for over 30 plus years. Mike talked about how Charlie is literally a "life saver" and couldn't imagine life without this Can Do Canine dog.

Lion Andrea also had a special presentation by awarding 5 "Top Dog" awards to the following Nicollet members: Lions Joan Blank, Denny Hewitt, Mike Holmin, Mary Pipping and Jerry Goodburn.



# VICTORIA LIONS BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Victoria Lions had another successful blood drive on January 15. This is one of two drives that we conduct each year. Lion Martin Teall has taken on the coordination of the drive after several years of leadership by Lion Brian Tjenstrom.

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Convention Hotel is the Victoria Inn, contact them directly (Alternate hotels on back) Rate \$129 CDN per night (+ taxes), Suites \$170. CDN, Block held Until March 12th, 2018 Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Ave. Winnipeg, MB, R3H 0G3 Website: https://winnipeg.vicinn.com/ Online GROUP #763221 PIN # is "lions" Call Hotel Direct at (204) 786-4801 (ask for Lions 2018 MD5M Convention Rate)

The Victoria Inn Winnipeg airport hotel is conveniently located next to the James A. Richardson Airport & only minutes from downtown. Once in our great city, the Victoria Inn is easy to find.

## Victoria Inn Winnipeg Airport Hotel - East Directions

When driving to the Victoria Inn from the East on Highway No.1, take a left on Lagimodiere Boulevard, (Highway 59 South); proceed south to the intersection of Bishop Grandin Boulevard. Turn West on Bishop Grandin and proceed West, Bishop Grandin will bend North and become Route 90. Continue to follow the airport signage until you turn left off Route 90 on to Wellington Avenue. The Victoria Inn is the last hotel on your left before entering the airport proper.

## <u> Victoria Inn Winnipeg Airport Hotel - West Directions</u>

If you are driving to the Victoria Inn airport hotel, entering Winnipeg from the West on Highway No.1, you will find yourself on Portage Avenue. Follow the airport signage that will direct you down Berry Street to Wellington Avenue. The Victoria Inn is located at the corner of Berry and Wellington Avenue.

## Victoria Inn Winnipeg Airport Hotel - North Directions

Traveling from the North on Highway 6, follow the North Perimeter East and proceed to route 90 South.

Highway 7 will become route 90 South, follow signs to the airport and make a right turn on Wellington Avenue, you will find us just before entering the airport property.

Highway 8, 9, and 59 North, continue west on the North Perimeter Highway to Route 90 South, following the airport direction signs, turn right on Wellington Avenue and you'll find us at 1808 Wellington.

### Victoria Inn Winnipeg Airport Hotel - South Directions

Entering Winnipeg from the South on Highway 75 (i29- from North Dakota) or Highway 59 proceed to Bishop Grandin Boulevard and take the west exit. Follow this route as it will bend North and eventually become Route 90. Follow the airport signage which will direct you to turn left off Route 90 on to Wellington Avenue. The Victoria Inn is the last hotel on your left before entering the airport proper.

### Victoria Inn Winnipeg Airport Hotel - Airport Directions

Whether arriving domestically or from an International flight you will exit from the centre of the James A. Richardson terminal. If you require our complimentary shuttle please ring the hotel directly from the hotel kiosk located at the main entrance.

Car rental agencies are located directly out the airport's front entrance in the south parkade.

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# The Victoria Inn online registration is available use Group # 763221 pin code is "lions"

<u>Alternate Hotels</u> are the Hampton Inn by Hilton and the Hilton Suites both are located across the Victoria Inn's parking lot. Please use this information to contact the Hotels for reservations.

## Hampton Inn & Suites

730 Berry Street, Winnipeg, MB R3H0S6 CA

Call Hotel Directly for Reservations: 204.772.3000

Lions Rate \$129.00 CDN per night(+taxes) Suites \$149.00 per night(+taxes)

## Hilton Suites Winnipeg Airport

1800 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3H1B2 CA

Reservations: 800-203-9534

Lions rate \$149.00 per night (King Suites) (online use Lions as the code)

The Victoria Inn & the alternate hotels information is on our convention website.



Here is the Victoria Inn front entrance

Below is the front desk area and beside it is the huge FREE parking lot and it also shows the Hilton Suite Hotel on the left and the Hampton Inn at the very back (looks small but it is right across from the NEW main entrance to the Convention Centre.





Check our website for information & updates on the 2018 MD5M Convention, www.MD5MConvention.com

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Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies	

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Full Hospitality Book (Includes Friday night Social, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet & Sunday Brunch)

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Friday Night Social	\$20 CDN	\$18 USD	\$25 CE	N \$22 USD		
Saturday Breakfast	\$25 CDN	\$21 USD	\$30 CE	N \$24 USD		
Saturday Lunch	\$30 CDN	\$25 USD	\$35 CE	N \$27 USD		
Saturday Banquet	\$50 CD <mark>N</mark>	\$40 USD	\$55 CE	N \$45 USD		
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Cancellations prior to March 12th, 2018 will have a \$25.00 fee applied, NO Cancellations after March 12th except for Medical emergencies which are accepted anytime with doctors letter (\$25.00 fee still applies).

For Convention Information contact: PDG Dave Hollyoake e.<u>dave@hollyoake.ca</u> or phone 204.642.4650 Check our website for information & updates on the 2018 MD5M Convention, www.MD5MConvention.com