



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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5M2 VITAL SIGNS REPORT

*Lion Nancy Mathwig
District Governor*

I want to thank everyone who made the recent Mid-Winter Convention such a success (despite the cold rooms and sometimes not great food) – Lions Lowell and Charlette Abbas and the Zone 4 planning committee, the Zone 4 members who worked the convention, those Lions who served on one of the convention committees such as Elections, Rules, etc, our Cabinet for their displays and reports, our speakers, our International Director Gwen and Lion Rhett, those who helped with one of the programs or meals, and you, the Lions who attended for fun, family, and learning. Special thanks go to my family – my niece and sister for serving as our photographers for the weekend; my daughter for traveling from North Carolina to support and help me for the weekend, my sons, mother-in-law, brothers, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law for attending the banquet to show their support. Recently someone told me they were so sorry I did not have a partner to serve with me during this year. Yes, it would have been so much better had Darwin still been here to experience my District Governor year with me; however, the support of my family has never waived and was evident by their attendance at the banquet. As I stated at the banquet, the bond of family, whether it is our personal family or our Lions family, “is a bond that links us together throughout all the experiences and changes we each go through, a closeness that allows for our faults and misunderstandings as well as our best times together”. Thanks to all of you for being part of my Lions family!

March – To me that means spring will soon arrive and this, sometimes beautiful white stuff, will be gone. Well, maybe not quite as quickly as I would hope. March also means we are in the last month of the 3rd quarter of our Lions year! Have you asked someone to join your Lions club and experience the fun and rewarding feeling it brings working together with others who believe in serving those in need? There is still time to bring in those new members. Let’s also work on retaining those members who are thinking about leaving “in good standing”. To date we are only at a plus 4 in membership for the year. We go up to +7 and then back down to +4 with the drops. Look at those members you are losing that are “in good standing”. Are you keeping

them involved in the service projects your club does or only involved in the working, fund raisers? Do these members know the true impact their work has on your community and the wider world?

March also means that we need to begin thinking about elections for the 2018-2019 year! Remember, club secretaries need to enter the new officers into MyLCI by April 15th or as soon as you have your elections. A copy of the MyLCI form should also be forwarded to me at nancy.mathwig@gmail.com. If your officers, such as secretary, have not changed in a number of years, consider electing someone new or maybe have co-secretaries. This can be particularly helpful if you have someone in your club who is willing to take the minutes but may not be comfortable with the additional, electronic work required by LCI. Give me a call if you have any questions! As always, lionsclubs.org has many, many resources available for all Lions but particularly for new officers. Check it out! lionsclubs.org, member center, resources. Have a great March and until next month

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BITS AND PIECES



*Lion Diana Kroells
District Governor Elect*

Zone 4- thank you for hosting the Midwinter with a fun theme- it truly was a "Dog Gone Good Time". You had everything down to a science from the planning meetings, to the gift bags- to the registration, the table decorations, the music and anything else that I may be forgetting. Lions Lowell & Charlotte- thank you for being the convention chairs- a big job done very well. The efforts of all committee members will not be forgotten.

I wish that every Lion in 5 M2 could have been at the convention to hear the great seminars and programs that DG Nancy planned. PDG Lion Dennis Kelly's presentation on "Who's on First and What Does it Matter?" will make me think twice about how I will react when younger club members want to present a new idea. I think we were all in awe when ID Gwen did her presentation on the Fishing Tournament for the Visually Impaired in North Carolina. The magnitude of this project is amazing. Hearing Thomas Johansen tell his story about living with diabetes made us realize the courage it takes to live with this disease every day. We all had lots of things to ponder as we left for home after the convention.

Congratulations to all of the Peace Poster & Write Off winners as well as all Lions who received awards at

the Saturday evening banquet. I loved watching the expressions on the faces as they walked up to receive their award - a look of feeling very humble and proud at the same time.

Thank you all for visiting my hospitality room and to all who assisted me in any way with food, raffle baskets or labor.

Speaking of conventions I hope that many of you are planning a trip up to Winnipeg for the Multiple Convention In April as well as the International Convention In Las Vegas in July.

I just finished a weekend of Area DGE training at the end of February and I am preparing for the next session of training the first week in March. I will also have a mini training in Winnipeg and then throw in a few online courses and webinars and training in Vegas as I prepare for my role of DG in July.

Thank You to all who sent in Zone Person of the Year applications. I received a very nice selection and will be awarding these at the Spring Zone meetings. I hope to see you all there. Never been to a Zone meeting??? I hope you plan to make this one your first of many.

Please continue to do great things in your communities and don't forget to ask someone to be a Lion.

Where there is a need there is a Lion

"We Serve"



Global Service Team

Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 GSTDC

THANK YOU to those who have signed up for shifts at the Lions Day at Feed My Starving Children on March 26. There is still time for you to organize your club members, family, friends and co-workers to participate in this fun and important event. Remember helping with this food packing event addresses the Centennial Service Challenge area of **"Relieving the Hunger"**.

There is plenty of room left and it's easy to register. See the instruction sheet in this newsletter.

See you there!

A NEW JOURNEY



*Lion Brian Thies
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

Wow! Over 200 Million People served in the centennial service challenge. This is "JUST" the centennial challenge. Imagine how many people Lions have served throughout their 101 years. How many lives have been touched? How many lives have been saved

by Lions?

To me, this makes me stop and think about how universal our organization actually is. Lions are not just in your town, county, state or country, but world-wide. It is not only our local communities that benefit, but the entire world. Awe inspiring.

Lion Rose and I have been able to visit three other District Conventions this past month. Everywhere you meet new Lions, you make new friends. Some

things are done similarly, while other things are done differently. All work. All are good. It is good to get fresh ideas.

Since I touched on the convention in the last newsletter, I just want to say it again. Thank you one and all for the support you have shown Rose and I on our Vice District Governor journey. Without our family, friends, and fellow Lions we wouldn't be able to do the things that we do.

Has everyone made their reservations for the Multiple Convention in Winnipeg? This is a wonderful opportunity to hear and meet, Gudrun Yngvadottir, our first Vice President from Iceland. Gudrun is the first woman slated to lead our organization. Let's have a great representation from District 5M2!

Keep up the good work and enjoy the extra sunshine. Each day is another day closer to spring. I for one cannot wait!

LIONS WADDLE THEIR SUPPORT FOR PID BRIAN SHEEHAN

101 enthusiastic Lions, including ID Gwen White and her husband, PDG Rhett White, participated in the Waddle Walk, led by head penguin PDG Tom Ferleman at the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention. One could feel the excitement in the air as Lions came together donning their penguin hats and penguin outfits to show support for PID Brian Sheehan who is running for 3rd International Vice President. Many Lions did waddle, but most walked a short course through the City Center Hotel, through a walkway and back again. Those walking contributed \$15.00 to purchase a penguin hat with proceeds going towards PID Brian's campaign. 5M2 hopes to donate \$1000 from this Waddle Walk! The PID Brian for 3rd VP Campaign Team from 5M2 would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all those who participated, especially those who were not from our district. It was great fun to see everyone in their hats and outfits.



(Left) Jordan Jordaness Lions in their Penguin outfits.

(Below) ID Bruce Beck in the background on one side and PDG Tom Ferleman on the right side hanging out with the Knutson family and friends from the Cologne Lions and Leos.



Centennial Update

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator



Centennial Service Challenge:

We now have thirteen clubs that have already reported on completing projects in all five areas of the Centennial Service Challenge, as the **Victoria Lions** joined **Chanhasen, Cologne, Courtland, Ellendale, Glencoe, Lafayette & Area, Le Sueur, Mankato Sunrise, New Auburn, Northfield Cannon Valley, Norwood Young America West Carver, and Prior Lake**. Nine other clubs have reported on projects in four areas of the challenge. Congratulations Lions!

Centennial Community Legacy Projects:

We are now up to having reported a total of 47 Community Legacy Projects. The latest reported projects include:

- **Gibbon Lions:** Purchased chairs for the library.
- **Ellendale Lions:** Collected and sent in from the pink pig for diabetes islet machine.
- **Waterville Lions:** Donated to the City of Waterville to purchase land adjacent to the Lions Park in Waterville, Mn.

Congratulations to these clubs, and to all who have reported Centennial Community Legacy Projects!

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

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

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

MD5M100years@gmail.com

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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



Lions Day

'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 (www.fmsc.org) 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. 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Join Code = 1364398 (*please note this shift has been added*)
 - d. 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm: Join Code = 1213055
 - e. 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.



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2018 Lions Clubs International Convention

June 29 – July 3, 2018
MGM Grand Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

Delegates:

Each club is allowed 1 delegate for every 20 members (who are in good standing and have been a member of the club for at least a year and a day) or major fraction thereof, however ***every club (in good standing) is entitled to at least one delegate.***

Registration:

Register online at www.lionsclubs.org. Click on "LCICON" in the top menu line then "FOR ATTENDEES" in the yellow menu line. You can also download a registration form from the same site. ***Please note that the registration fee will increase by \$25 on April 1. Get your registration in now!***

Registration Fee:

- ***Through March 31, 2018: \$200***
- April 1, 2018 through onsite registration: \$225
- Leo Registration is \$20 (for age 17 and under)

Hotel:

Our delegation hotel is the Luxor. A "Standard Pyramid" room is \$100 for Friday & Saturday, and \$56 other days. "Tower" rooms are \$118 and \$63. There is also a "Resort Fee" of \$18 per day. You can register for a hotel at the same time you do your convention reservation. A \$200 deposit is required to reserve your hotel room.

Flights:

Delta Airlines is offering a 2-10% discount for anyone using the Lions Booking Code (NMRHD) for flights to and from Las Vegas between June 24 through July 7. Go to www.delta.com/meeting and select "Book Your Flight" at the top menu bar. 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.

More Information:

Much more information is available on the LCICON section of the Lions Clubs International Website.

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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			\$65..00	

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Shipping/Handling	-0-
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Achieves More!

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A Message from Your Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



Ninth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update March 24, 2018

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

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

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

Following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists one on one, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

Saturday, March 24, 2018

11 a.m. Registration

11:30 a.m. Lunch and program

1 p.m. Meet and greet with scientists

McNamara Alumni Center

University of Minnesota

200 Oak Street SE

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Faculty Research Presentations:

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

RSVP by Wednesday, March 14:

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2018

Please contact Brittany Christenson at chri3187@umn.edu or 612-624-0893 with any questions.
A confirmation letter, including parking information, will be sent prior to event.



There is no charge for the program & lunch

POLAR PLUNGERS FROM 5M2 RAISE OVER \$10,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A huge, huge thank you to all the Lions from 5M2 who took part in the annual Polar Plunge hosted by the St. Peter Sheriff's Department on February 3rd. We were fortunate to have the weather be in the 20's that day, but there is no denying it was a shock to the system to jump in the water. Special shout out to Lion Paul Stephens who helped recruit and design the t-shirt many of us wore that was printed with "Freezin for a Reason" with the Lions logo on the back. Lion Paula was a great asset to this cause. The response for plungers this year went way beyond my expectations. The Shakopee Lions brought 25 plungers!! Thanks Shakopee Lions! Other Clubs that participated were: Prior Lake, Jordan, Jordan Jordaness, Alden, Winnebago, Nicollet, Cologne, Cologne Leos, Watertown Leos, New Prague, Veseli and New Auburn. It was great to have the Leos participate this year also. I think we all had a blast! Special Olympics

thanks each one of you for supporting their programs. The 3 to 4 minutes in the cold will help make a very positive impact on an athlete participating in Special Olympics.

With sincere gratitude,
Lions Joan Blank Paula Stephens.



PROJECT PILLOWCASE

Project Pillowcase is off and running! Our first delivery of pillowcases and Lion Lovey's was completed on January 11, 2018 to the MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic and the Lions Children's Hearing & ENT Clinic. After meeting with the staff and doctors, it became clear just how much this project will impact the children having procedures at the clinics. This small token of comfort given to each child, will help ease their recovery process in more ways than can be imagined. Without your support, financial or otherwise, this would not have been possible! Since this is an on-going project, our goal is to provide a combination of 1500 pillowcases and Lovey's for distribution per year. We look forward to your continued support to this project as it cannot be done without you. We are available to come speak at your club meeting if you would like to hear more about Project Pillowcase. We are in need of: 100% cotton and flannel fabric yardage in child or youth appropriate themes (please no RED or TIE-DYED as they tend to bleed), Shout Color Catchers, new white polyester/cotton blend thread, 100% cotton batting and monetary contributions. Thank you to those who stopped and saw our display at the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention. "Like" our Facebook page @Lions Project Pillowcase.

-Lions Denise Parish & Sandy Schneider





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!!!

Look to the right for a short bio of some of the youth coming to Minnesota this summer in need of host families.

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



Also, A HUGE Thank You to all clubs who donated \$\$\$ on the parade of green. Your support is much appreciated.

Lions International Youth Exchange—

Don't miss this awesome opportunity!

ID #	Youth's Name	Age-Gender	Country	Likes and/or Hobbies	Other Info.
3	Suvd-Erdene Byamba	17-Female	Mongolia	Basketball, reading, music, cooking	
4	Melina Pydd	17-Female	Brazil	Music, dance, outdoor activities	Evangelical Lutheran
5	Ting Yu Shen (Aora)	18-Female	Taiwan	Dancing	LEO
6	Chun-Chin Chien (Amelia)	19-Female	Taiwan	Singing	LEO
8	Leticia Gouvea Rodrigues	16-Female	Brazil	Dance, sports	
14	Eve Beaujean	17-Female	Belgium	Rugby, drawing, swimming	Catholic
15	Wakana Kaba	16-Female	Japan	Dancing, Singing	Buddhist
16	Runa Kuga	17-Female	Japan	Volleyball, Calligraphy	Study Industrial Chemistry
18	Magdalena Chlubeck	18-Female	Poland	Traveling, dancing, skiing, sailing	Catholic
28	Estafania Garcia	18-Female	Mexico	Traveling, meeting people	Vegetarian-Eats Fish
31	Lior Israeli	18-Female	Israel	Film Making, Drawing, Music	Jewish
2	Irmuun Odgerel	16-Male	Mongolia	Music, reading	
9	Juan Ignacio Loustaunau	17-Male	Argentina	Mountain biking, photography	
12	Hedi Saidi	18-Male	United Kingdom	Film, Reading, Music, Traveling, Badminton	
13	Ajit Kadam	20-Male	India	Reading , Computers	Parents are Lions
19	Maksymillian Laskowski	16-Male	Poland	Sailing, traveling	Christian
20	Alejandro Sanchez Ortegón	16-Male	Mexico	Soccer, all sports	Vegetarian-Eats Fish
22	Thomas Berbessou	17-Male	France	Sports, animals, cars	Catholic
23	Filippo Bulgarelli Menotti	17-Male	Italy	Tennis, fitness	Catholic
24	Mikkel Gjerlufsen	19-Male	Denmark	Handball, sports in general	Christian
25	Marius Sloth Poulsen	19-Male	Denmark	Windsurfing, skiing, fly-fishing	Christian
26	Jesse Reitsma	18-Male	Netherlands	Surfing, sailing, sports	
27	Luca Bertoldo	17-Male	Italy	Rugby, photography, outdoor activities, animals, music	
29	Bora Balut	16-Male	Turkey	Biking, swimming, robotics, hiking	Muslim
30	Kfir Unger	17-Male	Israel	Piano, drawing, swimming, biking	Jewish

Lions International Youth Exchange--Don't miss this awesome opportunity!

Host Families Are Needed!

Would You Say **YES** This Year?

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

Camp Spicer is a 501(c3) organization.

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

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

Lions and non-Lions may host. No youth in your home...TAKE 2!

CONTACT: LION JIM WALTERS - 952-239-2559; golfwithjim@gmail.com



KIDSIGHT REMINDERS/UPDATES

Lion Lori Klein – co-chair

As Kidsight approaches the end of year one, clubs have been busy doing screenings and wanting more information on getting started. As with any new activity, there are bumps along the road and changes in procedures and forms. However, throughout the last year, many positive comments have been received. The screenings are already proving to be impactful on children's lives. At one screening event in Prior Lake, a child was referred. The child had a vision procedure earlier in the year. When the family took the child for an exam, the eye doctor was so glad the screening had occurred. There were continued issues and if follow-up did not happen, loss of vision was very possible for this child. The family was so appreciative of what the Lions are doing and encouraging other families to come to future screenings.

As forms are updated, the most recent copies are available on the web. The most recent forms will be found on the MD5M Kidsight page (<http://www.lionsmd5m.org/lions-kid-sight.html>). Please go there to assure you are using the most recent forms for con-

ducting screenings. Other information on the page provides guidance on pulling data and directions on how to pre-enter child information.

A few other important reminders:

- Only Lions who have gone through training can operate the cameras. These certified screeners are NOT able to train new screeners.
- Follow-up with children who are referred must be completed.
- After a screening, a site report and referral follow-up form needs to be sent to Lion Rick Wagner or Lion Lori Klein.
- If your club is having first screening, coordinate with Lion Rick or Lion Lori on assuring a camera is available and asking for assistance at that screening.
- If you were trained and need a refresher on the camera, please contact Lion Rick or Lion Lori

Future trainings for screeners are being planned and information about those will be put in the 5M2 Newsletter and sent to club secretaries in the area. As requested, Lion Rick or Lion Lori are available to complete club visits to share more information about Kidsight.

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation

Per Helen Keller, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

Well, Minnesota Lions have vision! Through the last several months, we have talked about the many visions completed since 1960 when Lions were instrumental in forming the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank.

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 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. 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!

It is now 2018 and the new campaign has begun. We are Lions, we can do! The MN Lions Vision Foundation is the largest contributor the Department of Ophthalmology. Over the years, we



have contributed \$17 million. Of this, \$9 million has been contributed since 2010 (averaging \$1.3 million per year). However, these monies maintain the needs already in place. Now we step forward to place all existing facilities under one roof in the medical corridor at the University. Over twenty years, the campaign will travel through three phases. Core funding will be dependent on individual Lions known as sustaining partners. This will be better explained in our April column. And, better yet, it is time to invite your directors to visit all your clubs.

Repeating over and over that our goal is to contribute to vision care. 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.

Not to be forgotten – Parade of Green donations fantastically totaled \$15,908.89. And thanks to the many of you who visited our Midwinter display. You are very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

Together, "WE SERVE" continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation directors – dianakroells@gmail.com or maryspille@gmail.com.



**Press Release from
Delta for Traveling
with Dogs, including
service animals.**

We would like to update you on Delta Airlines' new rules on traveling with a service or support animal. These rules go into effect March 1, 2018.

We have discussed the requirements with our Delta contacts at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and how they affect our clients returning home after training with their Leader Dogs. Subsequently, we have put an internal process in place so clients returning home from Leader Dog will not have any issues getting their dogs through security and onto their flights.

We are working with Assistance Dogs International and the Council of US Dog Guide Schools regarding how to address the new rules as an industry. We feel that responding to Delta as a united, organized industry will have the most impact on making Delta understand how the new rules do not follow ADA regulations. A uniform response from all guide dog organizations is especially important as we expect other airlines to follow suit. We will keep you updated on the steps taken in the future.

In the interim, we would like to clarify a few of the requirements Delta has put in place.

1. There are two forms you must complete prior to your flight.
 - o A Service Request Form available at delta.com/mytrips. You must attach a Veterinary Health Form (see b. below) to the service request.
 - o You must submit a completed Veterinary Health Form at least 48 hours prior to your flight. Your dog's Veterinary Health Form is good for one year from the date your veterinarian signs the form.
2. Upon arrival at the airport you must have your request verified by a Delta Representative at the Delta check-in counter.
3. You must keep the completed paperwork with you while traveling at all times.
4. You can review the entire guidelines at https://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/traveling-with-us/special-travel-needs/service-animals.html.

We understand that the requirements constitute a major inconvenience and create discriminatory issues. We will continue to work towards a resolution that is equitable for all involved.

Regards,
Susan M. Daniels
President and CEO



"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, MD5M Public Relations

*Public
Relations*



Hi Tech!

IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Technology Chair



What's new?

- The latest revisions to the 5M2 Constitution & By-Laws as adopted at the Midwinter Convention are now posted on the 5M2 Website.
- The "Clubs" page on the 5M2 Website has been updated. All clubs should now have links to both their Website and Facebook Page if they exist. If I have missed yours or have an errant link, please send me an email (LionSteve@Charter.net) and I will add it.
- Additional links have been added to the 5M2 Website for MD5M and LCI Convention Information.
- The 5M2 Map has been updated. If I (still) have errors, please let me know.
- I am working on updating the District Organization and Historian sections of the 5M2 Website.

Facebook Tips:

- **Advertise!** Advertise upcoming activities on your Club Facebook Page by creating an "Event". It's not a difficult thing to do. If I spot your event, I will share it to the 5M2 page.
- **Post!** Take photos of your activities with your cellphone and post them on your Club Facebook Page. Pictures of Lions in action are especially effective. Cellphone videos are easy to do too! Use the Facebook App on your cellphone.
- **Follow!** Encourage your club members to follow your club Facebook Page. Follow other Lions related pages such as other Lions Clubs, 5M2, MD5M, LCI, Vision, Hearing, & Diabetes Foundations, etc. I follow all of the Lions Club pages in the district, and often find things to share to other pages where I am an administrator or editor.
- **Share!** Ask your club members to share posts from your club page on their timelines. All their "friends" will then hear about it.

DG NANCY'S MARCH TRAVELS



March 1 - Arlington Lions meeting

March 5 - Montgomery Lions visit

March 6 - Watertown Lions visit

March 7 - Blooming Prairie Lions visit

March 8 - Albert Lea (noon) Lions visit

March 9 - 11 - Council of Governors

March 11 - Midwinter Convention wrap-up

March 12 - Kiester Lions visit

March 13 - Hutchinson Lioness visit

March 14 - Blue Earth Lions visit

March 15 - Prior Lake Lions visit

March 18 - Leo task force meeting

March 19 - Northfield (noon) Lions visit

March 19 - Glencoe Lions visit

March 20 - Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions visit

March 21 - Lonsdale Lions visit

March 22 - Zone 4 meeting - St Peter

March 26 - Feed My Starving Children

March 28 - Shakopee Valley Lions visit

March 29 - Zone 2 meeting - Chanhassen



HEARING FOUNDATION NEWS

The 5M2 Mid Winter convention is history. Thanks to Charlotte and Lowell Abbas and Zone 4 for an excellent weekend. District Governor

Nancy did a fine job leading and kept the schedule going.

A little report on the Parade of Green for the Hearing Foundation. Dollars donated: over \$13000. Did not make 100% of clubs donating. Seven club did not donate. However you can still send your donation to PDG Marvin Grimm or PDG Mike Vos, if your club chooses to do so.

The monies raised at Parade of Green and at the upcoming D-Feet walk will be used for raising awareness for hearing loss and the isolation associated to those inflicted with hearing loss. Your financial support allows us to implement and endorse programs such as the Lions Children's Hearing Center, Lion's Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic, Lions Professorship, research, and Diagnostic equipment.

Please help us support the important clinical care, research and programs pledged by the Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation. Thanks for your support.

Join us for the seventh annual MD5M Hearing Foundation Walk on June 2, 2018 at the Mn Landscape Arboretum. A great day is being planned for all attendees from MD5M. But I more importantly

want to invite Lions, families and friends from 5M2 to come and enjoy the day. The Arboretum is so close to you and it is a good opportunity to explore the Arb as well as support the D-Feet Walk. Your \$25 donation gets you free entry to the Arboretum, (children 12 and under are free), event tee shirt, free lunch & root beer floats, Teddy Bear Band, children's games with prizes. Fun for all ages. Plus you get to enjoy the Arboretum grounds and all the flowers, etc. Arboretum will be 60 years old this year so there will be special displays.

This is the Hearing Foundation's biggest fund raiser. Your donation will fund all the areas that the Hearing Foundation supports.

Remember, 5M2 has had the most attendees at this event. So let's keep this honor going and come and enjoy.

You can contact PDG Marvin Grimm or Lion Jeff Williams for a club visit.



MINNESOTA EYEGLASSES RECYCLING CENTER, INC

1201 Oak Pond Drive, Sartell, MN 56377

320-253-1371

skhovanes@gmail.com

Thank you for your donation of used eyeglasses for recycling. We appreciate your collection efforts and bringing those glasses to the Mid-Winter convention where we picked them up to continue their cycle of the "gift of sight".

After receiving the eyeglasses we sort out the cases, broken plastic frames and loose lenses. These are not recyclable at this time and end up in a dumpster. A special thank you to everyone who sorts out the garbage before we receive your boxes!

We pack the glasses in apple boxes and store them until we have a trailer load to go to the WI Lions

Recycling Center in Rosholt, WI. There they are sorted, cleaned, categorized, bagged and boxed in preparation for shipment to developing countries. At the mission site, trained Lion volunteers and eye care professionals perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to needy children and adults.

Please note our new contact information:

MN Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center, Inc
1201 Oak Pond Drive, Sartell MN 56377
320-253-1371

President PDG Joe Steinemann

Secretary Lion Karen Hovanes-skhovanes@gmail.com

Visit our website: mnlrc.org and Facebook page

Please check out the many collection locations in Minnesota and contact us with any additions or corrections. Thank you.



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

2017-18 FOLLOW UP!

5M2 had a great first year of involvement in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest! 2015-2016 was the first year our district participated and this year was the last year of the photo contest as we currently know it; on an International Level the Photo Contest project is being reworked. Currently details as to the Environmental Photo Contest and/or its replacement have not been settled upon by International but once details are set we will make sure 5M2 knows. Following are the results from 2017-2018:

1st PLACE: Lion Ruth Klossner, Lafayette Lions- winner of \$100 prize

The winner of 5M2 automatically is entered to compete in 5M Multi District competition



2nd PLACE: Lion Norma Musel, Faribault Lions- winner of \$50 prize



3rd PLACE: Lion Lisa Gault, St Peter Lions- winner of \$25 prize



Thank you for all the clubs that participated in 2017-2018: Montgomery, Alden, Winsted, Waterville, Faribault, St Peter, Hamburg, Chanhassen, Arlington, Mankato, Hutchinson, and Lafayette.

LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

LAFAYETTE LIONS SUPPORT NEW AMBULANCE

The Lafayette Lions Club provided a big boost to efforts to raise funds for the new ambulance being purchased by the City of Lafayette. The club donated \$10,000 to the cause, helping the Lafayette Ambulance Department as it works to raise \$40,000 of the cost through donations—helping to hold down the amount that must be assessed to local residents.

Lions President Joe Maidl, second from right, presented the check to Ambulance President and Lions member Mark Dick at a recent meeting. Also pictured, from left: Lions Alan Youngblom, Ruth Klossner, Scott Portner, and Mark Haler.



COLOGNE LIONS RECEIVE 25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP PINS



*With DG
Nancy are:*

*Lion Don
Wickenhauser
(Left)*

and

*Lion David
Tellers
(Below).*





Help Support The Carver County KOREAN & VIETNAM Veterans Memorial Trip



Washington, DC April 25th, 2018



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.

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

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



Sponsored By The Waconia Lions Club



WATERTOWN LEOS



NEW PRAGUE FISH FRY HELD ON FEB. 2, 2018



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



Green Isle Lions Club

Annual Breakfast

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Green Isle Community Room

8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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

No Advance Tickets-Free Will Offering
Carry Out Available



Jordaness Lions



Friday, March 9, 2018

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church-Louis Hall
Jordan, Minnesota

Adult \$10 Children (12 and younger) \$5
take out available

**Eat
More
Fish!**



**Come support the
Jordaness Lions**

proceeds go to
Lions Diabetes Program
Jordan Community Projects

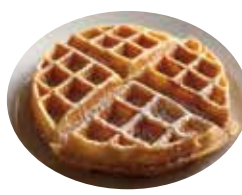
**Fish Dinner
includes:**

**All you can eat fish
Coleslaw
Potato Salad
Beans
Bun
Dessert
1 milk or soda pop**



Lafayette

Area Lions



Pancake and Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, March 11

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

Lafayette
Community Center



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

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

*Proceeds go toward Lions' community
projects in the Lafayette area*

Glencoe Lions Club Annual

SPRING BRUNCH

Menu Includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Ham, Eggs, 100% Pure Maple Syrup, Milk, Juice, & Coffee



*All you care
to eat!*

Sunday



We Serve

MARCH 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 P.M.

Pla-Mor Ballroom - Glencoe, MN

Adult (11 & Up) - \$10.00

At Door - \$11.00

Children ages 4-10 - \$5.00

(Children's Tickets available at door only)

Children 3 and under FREE

Tickets are Available at:

Franklin Printing • Coborns • Lions Club Members

Proceeds Go To Community Projects

Collection boxes will be available for used Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids



Plato Lions Club

35th Annual Spring Brunch

Sunday March 18, 2018

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

All You Can Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Toast and Beverage

Free Will Donations Accepted

With proceeds going to
Community Project Fund



Hamburg Lions

Spring BINGO

25 Games for \$10 – door prizes, meat and half the pot raffles



Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 P.M.

Doors open at 5:30 P.M.

Hamburg Community Hall

Hamburg, MN



Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Pulled Pork, Rootbeer
floats, beverages



HUTCHINSON LIONS CLUB

JUNGLE DAYS

2018

Where: Oakdale Golf Course (13 miles So. Of Hutchinson)

When: August 6, 2018

Price: \$85 per person which includes golf for 18 holes, cart, driving range balls, lunch (approx. at 12:00), dinner (approx. at 5:00) and gratuity.

Lunch: Brats, chips and non-alcoholic beverage.

Dinner: 2 meat buffet including potato, salad bar and dinner roll.

Format: Golf is a scramble with shotgun start beginning at 1:00

There will be several on-course games including longest putt, a chipping contest and more.

If further information is necessary, feel free to contact **Lion Dave** at 320-583-2964 or **Lion Jim** at 651-295-3451.



Save the Date

Share the Date



November 2-3, 2018

Shooting Star Convention Center Mahnommen MN

36 Informative Seminars

Dynamic and Motivating Guest Speakers

More information to come.

Find us on Facebook

Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum

Like and Share

"Winnie the Pooh" invites you to **"Winnie-peg"** and asks you to bring your *"Hunny"*

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**)

**Please
advise the
Hotel if you
need a
handicap
room or
access
within the
hotel**

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.

Victoria Inn Winnipeg Airport Hotel - West Directions

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.

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

"Winnie the Pooh" invites you to **"Winnie-peg"** and asks you to bring your "Hunny"

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

Alternate Hotels 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.



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99th Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

April 13th - 14th - 15th, 2018, Winnipeg, MB, Canada



2018 Registration Form

Your District & Club Name: _____

Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest ☐ 1st Timer ☐

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal _____

Phone (w / area code) _____

Email _____

Registration form also on
<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>
plus Newsletters and Website

****Will you require Braille documents at the convention ?**

Please advise the hotels if you need a handicap room or access within the hotel

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies _____

I am attending the convention but **NO** meals are required, \$0.00 cost to attend ☐

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

EVENT	Before Mar. 1st 2018		After Mar 1st 2018		# ATTENDING	\$ AMOUNT
Full Hospitality Book	\$135 CDN	\$115 USD	\$145 CDN	\$125 USD	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Friday Night Social	\$20 CDN	\$18 USD	\$25 CDN	\$22 USD	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Breakfast	\$25 CDN	\$21 USD	\$30 CDN	\$24 USD	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Lunch	\$30 CDN	\$25 USD	\$35 CDN	\$27 USD	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$50 CDN	\$40 USD	\$55 CDN	\$45 USD	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sunday Brunch	\$30 CDN	\$25 USD	\$35 CDN	\$28 USD	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Totals	***NO meals available after April 1st, 2018				<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Make cheques payable to: "Lions Convention"

Mail form & payment to: **Winnipeg Beach Lions Club, Box 725, Winnipeg Beach, MB, Canada R0C 3G0**
Registration information contact Winnipeg Beach Lions @ lionswpg2018@gmail.com or phone 204.389.5395

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. dave@hollyoake.ca or phone 204.642.4650

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