



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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5M2 VITAL SIGNS REPORT

*Lion Nancy Mathwig
District Governor*

WOW – what a month April has been!!! From snowstorms/blizzards to Journey for Service to the Multiple Convention to Zone meetings to the Waconia Lions long awaited Veterans DC trip as well as the many, many last quarter events all our clubs are hosting. Lions are busy and it's so wonderful to hear all of you "toot your own horns" during Zone meetings as you let all of us know how you impact your communities!!!!

I would first like to congratulate two of our Past District Governors for receiving awards at the Multiple Convention in Winnipeg. Past District Governor Mike Vos of the Green Isle Lions was chosen as the 2018 5M2 Hall of Fame recipient at our Mid-Winter Convention in February. Lion Mike was formally inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame during the recent multiple convention. Also, PDG Orville Trettin of the Steward Lions was awarded the Lion Al Jensen Award during the banquet at the Multiple Convention. See additional information along with pictures of both included in this newsletter. Congratulations to two very deserving Lions who continue to serve beyond their home clubs!!! (See page 15.)

District 5M2 again received a "coveted" membership trophy for 3rd quarter membership during the Council of Governors' meeting in Winnipeg. District 5M2



was again awarded the "Plus Net Membership trophy". This recognition is thanks to all of you for your work in not only bringing in new members, but also in retaining the members we have and reinstating former members. As I write this article, our end of March totals showed 5M2 at 2460 members or a net of plus 7 for the year. Let's continue

to involve our current members in our ongoing service projects in order to retain them as members.

A huge shout out to all the Lions, Lioness clubs and Leo clubs who met us for Journey for Service and donated to the event. We had 100% participation from the Lions clubs in the District and raised just short of \$15,000. A breakdown on where your donations are designated will be in the June newsletter. Again, thanks for a wonderful 2 ½ days! I can't forget to thank Journey for Service Lion Mike and Lion Sue for driving me to all your clubs. We had a safe and uneventful drive despite the snowstorm the previous day (and I didn't even act as a "backseat driver"). Thank you to the Faribault Lions for starting our journey with breakfast, the Minnesota Lake Lions for the delicious noon meal on Wednesday and the Prior Lake Lions for your friendship following our Thursday journey.

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BITS AND PIECES



*Lion Diana Kroells
District Governor Elect*

Spring a season for everything to come alive again. Time to clean up the yard, open up the windows to air out the house and start marveling at nature as it takes on the job of transformation. Well okay- that would be in a normal spring but we all know this is not a normal spring. I feel so

bad (not) that I missed another "blizzard of the century" in April. We happened to be in Winnipeg for the Multiple Convention. Who would have thought that one needed to go north to get out of the cold & snow!! All things considered, I am happy everyone made it home safely. Lion Duane & I did okay until about 100 feet from the garage when the car got stuck.

I wish everyone in the District could have experienced the excitement as we all rallied to give PID Brian Sheehan our support as he runs for 3rd Vice President of Lions International. Brian is so proud and humble to be representing our Multiple District.

Meeting & hearing 1st Vice President Gudrun Yngvaddottir give her message was so inspiring. I know that we are all going to be in good hands in July when she becomes the International President. (Did I mention that she will be the first female International President!!). She has a great sense of humor but yet very serious about the work that needs to be done in Lions. She is excited about increasing women membership and, equally as important as getting new Lions, is retention of current membership.

After experiencing an "old fashioned Manitoba social" on Friday and listening to 3 seminars on Saturday with topics of "taking care of yourself to maintain happiness", "childhood cancer" and "emergency medical & trauma air rescue", we had the opportunity on Sunday to hear from Michelle Sawarsky-Koop a Volleyball Olympian who gave an inspiring presentation that made us laugh and cry as she related her struggles to prove to others her ability to play volleyball but the important message was that everyone is an important part of the team- even if you are on the bench. T.E.A.M. work has been talked a lot this past year and I know we will be hearing it more.

Congratulations to the Zone Lions of the Year presented so far -Zone 2 -Lion Dallas Schneider, Cologne Lions, Zone 3- Lion Jason LaMont, N.E.W. Lions, Zone 4- Lion Vic Johnson, Nicollet Lions, Zone 5-Lion Dale Sunderman, Le Sueur Lions, Zone 6 - Lion Lori Klein, Faribault Lions, Zone 8- Lion Margie

Jacobson, Waterville Lions. Photos appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please plan to attend the Leadership/Officer training on May 5 at Bethany College in Mankato. All club presidents have received a letter about the training and hopefully shared with club members. This training is not just for new officers but for anyone who may be interested in serving in one of the officer positions in the future or is currently a president, vice president, director, secretary or treasurer of their club. Your experiences of the positions will benefit new officers. Please look for more information about the training elsewhere in this newsletter and respond to PDG Sue Bowman. (See page 15)

As always, continue to do your best serving your communities and don't forget to advertise your summer activities in the newsletter so that we can try to attend. As Lions, we are always looking for something good to eat!

Where there is a need there is a Lion

"We Serve"



Save the Date

Share the Date



November 2-3, 2018

Shooting Star Convention Center Mahnomon 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

A NEW JOURNEY



*Lion Brian Thies
1st Vice District Governor Elect*

"On the Road Again"

On the road again seems to be the common theme for me. When Lion Rose and I anticipated our trip to the Multiple District Convention in Winnipeg, we were worried about running into cold weather and snow the further north that we traveled. That was hardly the case when we returned on the 15th. Mother Nature certainly showed her strength as we were able to enjoy three days of temperatures in the 30's with plenty of sunshine, only to return to our home and three days snow. Let us hope that will be the last weather reference that I need to begin my articles with for at least a couple of months.

While in Winnipeg, we attended Vice District Governor training and the council of governors' meeting. On more than one occasion did we hear how fortunate we are to be a part of MD5M as we have some of the best training in the entire Lions' organization. The International Trainers look to our leadership as well as training materials that we have developed to train Lions throughout the world.

In addition to our training, we were able to hear some great presenters. One of the keynote speakers was First Vice President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir of Iceland. She will be installed as the first female Pres-

ident of Lions in Las Vegas. VP Yngvadottir spoke of the importance of women in Lions and increasing our membership not just in quantity but also in quality. She is a motivating speaker and we look forward to a great year with her as our leader.

Another highlight of the weekend was when we were able to congratulate two of our own Past District Governors Orville Trettin and Mike Vos on receiving multiple district awards. First PDG Mike was honored as he was inducted into the Multiple District Hall of Fame while PDG Orville was honored with the Al Jensen Award. Both men are well deserving of these honors and we are proud to say they come from our district of 5m2.

PID Brian and his campaign committee encouraged us all to attend the International Convention in Las Vegas and bring a friend. What are you doing June 29th thru July 3rd. We need to show our support of PID Brian as he is running for the highest office in Lionism. The Lions of our multiple district will be on hand to walk in the international parade, hand out campaign literature and go to other delegation and give speeches endorsing him. Rose and I are looking forward to this getaway and hope you can join us. Airfare is reasonable as are the hotel rooms. This will be one of the most reasonable international conventions for the next few years.

Back on the road again, this time for work. Until next time.

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Congratulations to the Waconia Lions on a very successful Korean and Viet Nam Veterans trip to Washington DC. This was a huge undertaking for the club and it was amazing to see in person and via Facebook throughout the day!

The crowd that gathered to welcome the buses as they returned to Waconia, the Carver County Lions clubs and Cologne Leos who marched in the mini-parade along with the Waconia band, area fire departments, the police escort and area fire departments who escorted the buses as they traveled through their Carver County cities to Waconia and the families and friends who turned out to cheer for their loved ones all brought tears to my eyes. As a family member of Viet Nam veterans and the mother of a recent Navy veteran, I know how serving in the military changed their lives and how reluctant they can be when recognized for that service. As Lions "We Serve" in a different manner and the Waconia Lions served these

veterans by giving them a group opportunity for recognition for what they accomplished while in the military and a chance for some to put closure to a period in their lives that may have been more traumatic for them. Great job Waconia Lions!! (See page 11.)

We still have two months left this Lions year to increase membership. Please consider asking someone to be a Lion or at least ask them to join you on a service project to show them what Lions do for others.

Have a wonderful May and until next month -

DG Nancy

Centennial Update

By IPDG Steve Wasserman, 5M2 Centennial Coordinator



Centennial Service Challenge:

We are now at fifteen clubs having reported on completing projects in all five areas of the Centennial Service Challenge: **Albert Lea, Chanhassen, Cologne, Courtland, Ellendale, Glencoe, Green Isle, Lafayette & Area, Le Sueur, Mankato Sunrise, New Auburn, Northfield Cannon Valley, Norwood Young America West Carver, Prior Lake, and Victoria.** Twenty-four other clubs have now reported on projects in four areas of the challenge. **52 clubs (80%) have reported on projects in at least two areas, qualifying us for our fourth District Patch.** Congratulations Lions!

With Childhood Cancer just being added to the CSC this year, it is understandably an area where we don't have a lot of experience reporting on projects. Five clubs have reported on projects. To give you an idea of what your fellow clubs are doing, here is a brief description of those projects:

- **Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions** donated the use of the club's Ring Toss Stand to Relay for Life, and donated pop to their event.
- **Prior Lake Lions** donated to a benefit for a person with Stage 4 Cancer.
- **Blue Earth Lions** assisted with conduction of a local annual cancer walk fundraiser.
- **Watertown Lions** helped cook and serve food for a fundraiser to help a person who has cancer.

Remember:

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



Global Service Team

Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 GSTDC



THANK YOU DISTRICT 5M2!

Lions, Leos, friends and families who participated in the FMSC food packing event on March 26 made the day a great success and helped "Relieve the Hunger" around the world. Clubs sending participants included: Arlington, Carver, Chanhassen, Faribault, Green Isle, Hamburg, Hutchinson, Jordan, Jordanness, Mayer Area, NEW, NYA, NYA West Carver, Prior Lake, Shakopee, Shakopee Valley, and Watertown. With so many people coming and going, if your club was missed in the above list, please let me know so we can acknowledge your efforts. Please be sure to report your club's participation on MyLCI and check the "Relieving the Hunger" box.



Below is a recap of the day by the numbers.

Chanhassen: 3 packing sessions, 310 total volunteers, 126 were Lions & Leos total boxes packed = 399, total meals = 86,184, total # of kids fed for a year = 234 The total food cost = \$18,960. The food is going to Haiti. Lion Wanda Breimhorst reported that their session was one box short of breaking a record for the number of boxes packed in a session. Lions truly do roar!

Coon Rapids: 5 packing sessions, 548 total volunteers, 178 were Lions & Leos total boxes packed = 596, total meals = 128,736, total # of kids fed for a year = 353 The total food cost = \$28,322. The food is going to Haiti.

Eagan: 3 packing sessions, 481 total volunteers, 180 were Lions & Leos total boxes packed = 508, total meals = 109,728, total # of kids fed for a year = 300 The total food cost = \$24,140. The food is going to Guatemala.

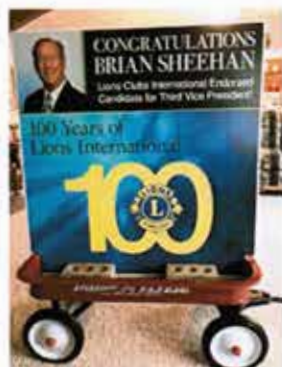







Approximately \$12,000 has been donated so far to this Lions Day event!! We do know that more monies are coming in.

It's hoped this multi-district event will be the first of many, so watch for information in the future.






BE A PART OF LION'S HISTORY



ENTER YOUR CLUB'S "LITTLE RED WAGON(S)"
AND HELP MD5M BREAK THE WORLD'S
RECORD FOR THE LARGEST PARADE OF TOY
RED WAGONS.     


WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.


AT OUR 100TH CELEBRATION AT THE ANOKA FAIRGROUNDS ON JUNE 10TH, MD5M
WILL ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE WORLD'S RECORD ON THE LARGEST PARADE OF 
EACH CLUB (LION, LIONESS, LEO) IS ENCOURAGED TO ENTER UP TO 5 
COST IS \$20 FOR EACH  DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH.




ANY RED TOY
(CHILDREN'S) WAGON IS
ACCEPTABLE- OLD OR
NEW-DOES NOT NEED TO
BE A SPECIAL BRAND.



EACH CLUB IS ENCOURAGED TO
DECORATE THEIR  - OR
KEEP IT SIMPLE. JUST AS

LONG AS THE  IS
VISIBLE. PLEASE BRING USED
EYE GLASSES TOO!



EACH  MUST BE PULLED BY ONE
INDIVIDUAL- CHILD OR ADULT-DOES NOT NEED
TO BE A CLUB MEMBER. THE PARADE WILL BE
LESS THAN ½ MILE OF WALKING.

THE "PARADE" WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE FAIRGROUNDS

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10AM- "PARADE" WILL START AT 1PM.



MD5M Centennial Celebration.

Sunday June 10th 2018

We will have over 20 different Activities

As you know it costs money to get the word out to the MD5M Lions, and the Public.

So the Steering committee is asking each Club to

Donate! \$100.00

To the committee, to defray cost.

Make check to:

MD5M Centennial Committee

Mail to

Bob Wharton

9043 Glen Edin Lane

Brooklyn Park MN 55443

All Lions Golf Outing for PID Brian Sheehan



Lion Brian E Sheehan for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International

All proceeds to:

PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign

Friday, July 20, 2018

Kimball Golf Club

11823 County Road 150, Kimball, MN. 55353

9am Registration

10am Shotgun start

- 4 - Person teams— limited to 36 teams \$240.00 per team
- Individual Golfers are welcome @ \$60.00 ea. Will assign to a team at event
- Entry Fee maybe paid on the day of event, but must preregister
- Contact: PDG Duane Finger at fingerelec@meltel.net or call at 320-980-6219
- Make checks payable to: Watkins Lions Club
- Registration includes Mulligans, Skins, & Lunch
- Lions and /or Spouses of Lions Only

Hole Sponsorship

Clubs or Individuals may sponsor a hole. \$50.00 ea. A sign with your name will be displayed at a hole

Sponsorship for a hole must be sent to PDG Duane Finger by July 6, 2018

Registration Form

Team Name _____

Members

Lions Club

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

☐ Hole Sponsor / Name or Club @ \$50.00 ea. Hole _____

Send registration & Hole Sponsorship to:

PDG Duane Finger

Make Checks out to Watkins Lions Club

11764 120th St

Kimball, MN. 55353

Or email to: fingerelec@meltel.net



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.

MD5M Council of Governors, April 2018

The Council of Governors meeting was held at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg on Friday, April 13, 2018. Political Liaison opened the session at 8:00 a.m. PID Mike Molenda gave a Brian Sheehan Campaign financial report. PCC Bert Nelson stated that 500 were registered to attend the 101st Lions Clubs International Convention from MD5M. Everyone is to ask 1 friend to join us so we can 1000 Lions at convention to support Brian. Lion Brian Sheehan reminded everyone of the International Convention meeting on Sunday morning at 7:45 a.m. so you can pick up your hats/visors, towels, etc. International Parade attire is the Sheehan shirt, black pants & black shoes. It was announced that the Lions of Saskatchewan are taking donations for the Humboldt Hockey Team. A large donation will then be given to them from Lions.

Council of Governor meeting was called to order by Council Chair Dennis Heinen at 8:15 a.m. Global Membership Chair PCC Todd Neumann announced that in 3rd quarter Districts 1, 2, 4 7, & 9 ended in a plus membership. District 5M1 had the highest in membership; 5M5 had a new club; 5M8 had the highest in new membership; 5M9 had the most new women members and 5M13 had the best membership retention.

The Lions License plates request to the State of MN will need to be reintroduced to the State Legislature for a second time in 2019 year so is on hold for now. The MD5M Eyeglass Missions are slowly being organized. We need to recruit 10-12 to go to El Salvador or Nicaragua in 2020. If MD5M can get their own missionary group together we will have Guatemala to service in the future. We are in need of finding Ophthalmologists who are interest in traveling for this project. LCIF grant will be needed to obtain equipment for this project.

Mexico City has been awarded the 2025 Lions Clubs International Convention and will be voted on at the convention in Las Vegas. For future conventions sites please refer to the MD5M website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Can Do Canines- requests the Lions to sponsor their Woofaroo in September. The cost of the annual event is \$12,000.00.

Diabetes Foundation- has given \$235,000 in grants. A Builders Award was received from the U of M for donations of over \$1 Million. They participated in Wal-Marts Wellness Days and also at Cub Foods. They are holding a Diabetes Raffle.

GLT- The Northern Pride Leadership Forum will be held November 2-3, 2018 at Mahnomen Shooting Star Casino Resort.

Cost is \$75.00 per person with the opportunity to participate in 6 out of 36 seminars. Keynote speaker will be PID Brian Sheehan. Hotel room costs are \$65.00. Be sure to "like" the Northern Pride on Facebook.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute- Will be held in March 2018 at Mahnomen. This event allows 6 Lions from every District to participate. If you

have not attended this event, now is the time to mark your calendars and watch your district newsletters for detail or check out the MD5M website. It was decided to allow the 6 Lions from ND & SD (4 Districts) to participate in our RLLI as their Multiple RLLI is 21 hours of travel for them and ours is closer.

MN Lions Hearing Foundation- The annual Defeat Hearing Walk will be held on Saturday, June 2 at the U of M Arboretum. They are hoping for 700 walkers and to raise \$130,000.

September 30 will be the Cochlear Implant Picnic. Project New Hope- has purchased a trailer for their supplies and games for storage for their camps.

2019 MD5M Multiple Convention will be hosted by the Vergas Lions at Mahnomen Casino Resort on April 26-28, 2019. Registration is \$95.00. MD5M Centennial Celebration- will be held on Sunday June 10 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. This event is for ALL Lions in MD5M. Pancake Breakfast is at 8 a.m., followed by a Little Red

Wagon parade, music, booths, games, displays, food, inflatables, food packing, KidSight screenings, and much more. Watch your newsletters for details.

2018 MD5M Multiple Convention- 521 full registrations with 22 from outside of the Multiple visiting. 5M11 had 144 Lions registered.

USA/Canada Forum- will be held in Columbus Ohio September 20-22, 2018.

Friday night party is a Tailgate Party so bring your sports jersey with. Youth Exchange- we have 35 students visiting Minnesota in July with 7 Minnesota students traveling to other areas. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact the Exchange Chairs.

CORRECTION: from the March Council of Governors report: The report of MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids reports that the Directors of the MN Lion Vision Foundation do help in collecting/supporting the Lions Eyeglass Recycling program, but the MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling is their own Foundation and not part of the MN Lion Vision Foundation.

THE CARVER COUNTY KOREAN & VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL TRIP SPONSORED BY THE WACONIA LIONS CLUB TOOK PLACE ON WED., APRIL 25th.

As many of us have experienced when traveling, there were a few logistical issues that occurred during the day which presented challenges to the original agenda planned by the Waconia Lions. However, taking a page from the US Marine Corps playbook, the project team was able to improvise, adapt & overcome the issues that occurred. Ultimately all of the objectives for the trip were met and the Waconia Lions were able to provide our Korean & Vietnam Veterans the experience that they deserved.

The Waconia Lions would like to thank everyone who supported this project. Simply put, we could not have made the trip a reality for our Veterans without all of the support that organizations and individuals provided to the project. A special thank you to all of the Lions & Leos club of Carver County whose combined donations to the project total approximately \$35,000!





KIDSIGHT SCREENER TRAINING

When: SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

**Where: JORDAN COMMUNITY CENTER
500 SUNSET DR. (upstairs)
JORDAN , MN.**

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm (approx.)

If your club is interested in doing a KidSight screening project, someone from your club MUST be trained.

Questions – contact Lion Lori Klein or Lion Rick Wagner

PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO

Lion Rick Wagener rrwags@embarqmail.com



LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

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

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

ID #	Youth's Name	Age-Gender	Country	Likes and/or Hobbies	Other Info.
4	Melina Pydd	17-Female	Brazil	Music, dance, outdoor activities	Evangelical Lutheran
6	Chun-Chin Chien (Amelia)	19-Female	Taiwan	Singing	LEO
14	Eve Beaujean	17-Female	Belgium	Rugby, drawing, swimming	Catholic
18	Magdalena Chlubeck	18-Female	Poland	Traveling, dancing, skiing, sailing	Catholic
28	Estefania Garcia	18-Female	Mexico	Meeting new people	Vegetarian, eats fish
31	Lior Israeli	17-Female	Israel	Communications, social studies, movies	Jewish
32	Cemile Ceren Akgul	19-Female	Turkey	Art, cello, reading, sports	Likes psychology
2	Irmuun Odgerel	16-Male	Mongolia	Music, reading	
12	Hedi Saidi	18-Male	United Kingdom	Film, Reading, Music, Traveling, Badminton	
13	Ajit Kadam	20-Male	India	Reading , Computers	Parents are Lions
23	Filippo Bulgarelli Menotti	17-Male	Italy	Tennis, fitness	Catholic
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, Animals, photography, outdoors	
29	Bora Bulut	16-Male	Turkey	Riding bike, Frisbee, swimming, robotics	Muslim Was born in US
30	Kfir Unger	17-Male	Israel	Piano, drawing, swimming, bike riding	Jewish
35	Aivo Kuldmae	16-Male	Lithuania	Music, games, reading	Roman Catholic
37	Stanley Chang	16-Male	Indonesia	Futbol	Buddist

“SELLING YOUR LIONS CLUB!”

Do you attend your Lions District events? I am talking about Officer Training, Guiding Lions, Mid Winter Convention, Northern Pride Lions Leadership, MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Multiple Convention (it is a District event), International Convention (also a District event) and the USA/Canada Forum, just to name a few. If you have NEVER attended one of these, WHY NOT?! Many clubs believe that Lions is a community organization and you do not go beyond your town's boundary. This is so untrue and why is this still a belief? Your local Lions club is the base that Lions Clubs International is built on. It is the foundation of the largest service organization in the world. Like a foundation of the house that you are building, you need to have good materials to hold up the house and make it stand tall and firm. Your Lions club is that foundation that holds up your District, Multiple and International organization. Without your clubs help, the rest of the layers will crumble and fall. It is for this reason you need to build your club, give it the support it needs to grow strong and contribute support to the rest of the organization.

How do you do this? By attending your District events! These events are planned with YOU in mind. They teach you things, let you see where your contributions are going and what great things Lions are doing for your community and for others outside of your community. It refreshes your spirit, gives you the understanding and motivation it takes to make changes within your own club to help it grow and bring new ideas for your own community.

The next time you see one or more of the above events offered, take the opportunity to register and attend. These events involve you. EVERY event can involve you and you will walk away with a new outlook on Lions. Instead of saying “why has our club become comfortable doing the same old thing”. How about saying, “I’m trying something new to bring new information to my club and to motivate it”.

~Lion Cheri Appel, MD5M Public Relations



Viewing Forward



MN Lions Vision Foundation

True confessions – I missed Lion Cindy's deadline. But I bet she will be kind enough to print this – I am thankful. Distractions of life. So many things seem to prevent us from doing all the things we want each day. And it gets worth with age – dah!

Thinking positive, isn't it great to know that, as Lions, we are busy trying to give a little bit of service. Don't know about you but it keeps this aged Lion in a circle of Lions family with energy and fun. One “distraction” for me this week was chauffeuring two ladies to their periodic vision appointments for their macular degeneration issues. Each receives an injection in the eyeball with a medicine that prevents blood vessels from causing more havoc. I know nothing about this medical wonder except that these patients would be even more visually impaired without treatment. Major quality of life improvement! I also know that, as we live longer lives, many of us will develop aging eye diseases and will truly benefit

from the wonderful medically advanced age we live in.

Of course, this reminds us of the MAC Center and also all the other research areas within the Department of Ophthalmology at the University. And how much our Lions dollars add to their ability to fund fellows and research. Just a little example of Lions “we serve” ability.

Our goal is to contribute to vision care. We want to continue our legacy. Earlier, we mentioned that we have given lots and plan to do more as the Lions Eye Institute project unfolds. More particulars will follow in the coming months. Remember to visit www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org, for good information. You may even want to invite your Facebook friends to “like” our site.

Reminding you again that now is time to plan your cabinet visits for the coming year. Please, please give us a shout. Together, “WE SERVE” continues. Remember that Lions Diana and Mary are your Vision Foundation directors – dianakroells@gmail.com or maryspille@gmail.com.

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

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



Mark Your Calendar
Saturday, May 5, 2018



Calling all Newly Elected Officers (Rookies)
Returning Officers (Seasoned Veterans)
Club Members (Fans)

Lions Spring Training Camp
Saturday, May 5, 2018
Bethany College, Mankato
Meyer Hall of Science & Mathematics

Warm Up 9:00am Game ON 9:30am
Batter Up for:
President/Vice President/Board Members Club
Members
Secretaries (bring your password)
Club Finances/Treasures

Admission \$10 (checks payable to 5M2 Lions)

RSVP to Lion Sue Bowman, Global Leadership Team (GLT)
s.bowman@frontiernet.net or 507-256-4669 by April 28, 2018
Please submit questions or ideas prior to training.

DG NANCY'S MAY TRAVELS

May 1 – Zone 7 meeting – Amboy

May 2-7 – Yea!!!! Visit my daughter in NC!!! – Personal DG goal Completed!

May 8 – Waconia Lions

May 10 – Lester Prairie Lions

May 14 – Amboy Lions

May 14 – Courtland Lions (non-official visit)

May 15 – Le Center Lions

May 21 – Winthrop Lions (non-official visit)

5M2 LIONS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AT MULTIPLE CONVENTION

PDG Lion Mike Vos was inducted to the MD5M Hall of Fame during the recent MD5M Convention in Winnipeg. L to r - LCI 1st VP Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir, PDG Mike, PID Lion Mike Molenda.



PDG Lion Orville Trettin of the Stewart Lions Club was awarded the Lion Al Jensen Award at the recent MD5M Convention in Winnipeg. Left to right- Council Chair (CC) Dennis Heinen, LCI 1st VP Gudrun Yngvadottir, Past CC Kathy Jensen, PCC Todd Neumann.

The Lion Al Jensen Award is selected by the current and two immediate past CC's from applications submitted by the current District Governors regarding the applicants leadership characteristics - vision, creativity, courage, initiative, unselfishness, teamwork, and effectiveness in leading others.





LEADER DOG NEWS

The following is a request from the Multiple Leader Dog Chair Lion Bunny Talbot. Only one person participated in this unique event for the blind and she is requesting our multiple district increase the participation from our district. Do you know of any legally blind 16-17-year-old in your community, if so please communicate this message to them...

SUMMER EXPERIENCE CAMP

Summer Experience Camp is a week of outdoor fun, friendship and skill building. The program combines activities like rock wall climbing and tandem biking with leadership building exercises and things exclusively Leader Dog. GPS training and spending time with Leader Dogs in training. The combination helps increase independent travel skills, interpersonal skills and leadership skills.

The free program is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. Leader Dog covers all costs including airfare to Michigan and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker Breeze+ GPS device. The 2018 camp dates are June 23 - June 30. Applications are due by March 31, 2018.

For more information and to download an application, go to www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-777-5332.

PRESS RELEASE:

Leader Dog is working with The U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Council Administration to add sound requirement for all newly manufactured hybrid and electric vehicles to protect pedestrians. This new safety standard will be effective September 1, 2019 to assist pedestrians whom are blind or with low vision to detect presence of these vehicles and prevent about 2400 pedestrian injuries each year.

LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG IN 2017

Clients referred to Leader Dog by Lion's in 2017 included: 55 Guide Dog Clients, 6 Accelerated Orientation and Mobility Clients and one Summer Experience Camper.

Leader Dog for the Blind would like to express a grateful Thank You to all Lions and Lion's Clubs for their continual support for their program. Leader Dog is fulfilling the request by Helen Keller to "become knights for the Blind."

Any questions about the above information, please contact the 5M2 Leader Dog District Chairs. Lion Loretta Klenke at lmklenke@msn.com or phone 952-445-0289 or Emmy Koch at emmykoch@hotmail.com or phone 320-510-0588.



In March, Can Do Canines attended the Capitol to support legislation that would make fake service dogs illegal. Accompanied by two Can Do Canines graduates, executive director, Al Peters, and the graduates testified as to why fake service dogs should be illegal. MPR covered the legislation in depth.

Can Do Canines also created a petition that called for the Governor and Minnesota Legislature to institute legislation that would make it illegal to have a fake service dog. So far, it has received more than 2,600 signatures from fellow Minnesotans who agree that fake service dogs are harmful. Share your voice and sign the petition to make it known that Minnesotans are against fake service dogs.

JOURNEY FOR SERVICE

Jordaness club members, Wanda Breimhorst, Hedy Joachim & Betty Huebner, were thrilled to present a check to DG Nancy Mathwig in support of Lions programs and Journey for Service."



ZONE LIONS OF THE YEAR...CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



**ZONE 2
LION OF
THE YEAR
LION
DALLAS
SCHNEI-
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THE CO-
LOGNE
LIONS**

**ZONE 5 LION OF THE YEAR LION DALE
SUNDERMAN FROM THE LESUEUR LIONS**



**ZONE 3 LION OF THE YEAR - LION JASON
LAMONT FROM THE N.E.W. CLUB.**



**ZONE 4 LION OF THE YEAR - LION VIC JOHNSON
FROM THE NICOLLET CLUB.**



**ZONE 6 LION OF THE YEAR - LION LORI KLEIN
FROM THE FARIBAULT CLUB.**



**ZONE 8 LION OF THE YEAR LION MARGIE
JACOBSON FROM THE WATERVILLE LIONS**



HEARING FOUNDATION NEWS

Do you have your club team signed up for the 7th Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk?

The walk takes place June 2 at 9:30 am at the MN Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN. You can do a personal walk, also invite family members, bring your children, under 12 get in free. Your \$25 registration fee will give you free admission, light lunch, free tee shirt, children's activities, Teddy Bear Band and many mascots (U of M Goldie Gopher, Lions and others). Your \$25 entry fee will "Help a Child to Hear".

The Arboretum is celebrating 60 years this year. Many special events planned for the Diamond Anniversary. Flowers of many colors, origami sculptures in the Garden (40 metal sculptures outdoors and more indoors). There are signs to follow for the D-Feet Walk. But there are many other areas to walk, such as the three mile drive, the gardens around the buildings and the Bog Walk. You are welcome to explore the whole Arboretum that day. You can have a very busy day at the Arboretum. There is also a great gift shop and a café for your enjoyment.



Lion Marvin Grimm was presented with this award by DG Nancy Mathwig for his outstanding commitment to starting two new Lions Clubs - New Prague Lions and Mayer Area Lions. PDG Marvin is the Guiding Lion for these clubs. **Congratulations PDG Marv.**



Event Details:

- **Date:** June 2, 2018
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.
- **Place:** Landscape Arboretum
Chaska, MN

FEATURING:



**TEDDY BEAR
BAND**

MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!
June 2, 2018

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ♦ Free entrance to Landscape Arboretum for the day
- ♦ Free event t-shirt
- ♦ Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- ♦ Dance to the Teddy Bear Band
- ♦ Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- ♦ Fun for families of all ages
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LIONS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

5M2 Lions

I know its hard to think about golfing, let alone being outside on grass, with Mother Nature holding onto winter as she has. Despite Mother Nature's spite we do have several clubs planning on golf tournaments. Since getting approval from 5M2 Board, a trophy has been up for grabs to all the clubs in 5M2. For a quick reminder here is how your club earns points:

1. 50 points for each member attending a 5M2 Club tournament.
2. If more than one 5M2 Lion Club participates in a 5M2 Club tournament there will be a tourney inside the tourney and a chance for more points.
 - a. Top Finishing 5M2 Club team will be awarded 50 points
 - b. Second best 5M2 Club team will be awarded 40 points
 - c. Third best 5M2 Club team will be awarded 35 points
 - d. Fourth best 5M2 Club will be awarded 25 points
3. If less than four 5M2 Clubs play then the only those spots will be awarded points. No points will be awarded if there is only one 5M2 Club in the tournament.
4. A qualifying 5M2 Club for the tourney inside tourney must have at least three members from a particular Club.
5. Any 5M2 Lions Club that hosting a tournament will be awarded 300 points and does not get additional points for members playing in their tournament.
6. Participation in Jungle Days will result in all points listed above being doubled.

5M2 Clubs that will be hosting a golf tournament are listed below with dates too. As I write this, I still have a few clubs that have not notified me of date and time of their tourney. Check the website for updates as I get them and the newsletters for their fliers.

- Hamburg Lions – 5/19 – Glencoe Country Club – 8 am shotgun start
- Victoria Lions – 8/27 – Deer Run – Noon shotgun start
- Chanhassen Lions – 7/16 – Island View – Noon shotgun start
- Plato Lions – TBD
- Le Sueur Lions – 6/11 – Le Sueur Country Club – Noon shotgun start
- Jungle Days – 8/6 – Hutchison Lions – Oakdale Golf Club
- N.E.W Lions – TBD
- Northfield Lions – TBD

Best of luck to all 5M2 Lion clubs and please, please, please don't let the Hamburg Lions win again!

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

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

RESOURCES SHARED AT FOCUS ON VISION EVENT

SUBMITTED BY LAFAYETTE AREA LIONS CLUB

People came from Winthrop, Arlington, St. Peter, New Ulm, and Lafayette to learn about resources available to deal with issues of vision impairment and blindness Wednesday, April 25. They gained information from a panel of experts from the Minnesota State Services for the Blind as well as trustees from the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation.

Lafayette native Charlene Guggisberg was the main presenter. She is the daughter of Lafayette Lion Wally and Louise Guggisberg. As training coordinator for the State Services for the Blind, Guggisberg works statewide and trains people to do just about anything — from basic to recreation skills, even tying a fishing lure. She commented, "I'm always willing to learn. I may have to practice a while before I can teach a skill."

SSU staffer Meghan Kern is a blind rehab specialist, based in Mankato, and is available to assist people with vision issues in this area.

As head of the Communication Center for SSU, Jay Maruska is based in St. Paul. The communications department provides services for seniors, as well as students. His department provides "radio talking books" — newspapers, magazines, and books — through a network of radio signals available as a free service to those who qualify. He's also the Braille Supervisor for the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, with 14 people on staff. It has a K-12 contract with the Minnesota Department of Education, creating all Braille textbooks needed in the state. Minnesota is one of only a few states with a Braille department.

Maruska noted that of the 1.3 million blind people in the U.S., only 10 percent can read Braille — but that Braille is important for employability and independence.

"Charlene is a testament to that. She's been a Braille reader since age four and has been fully employed all her life," Maruska said.

Lions trustees Mary Spille of Norwood Young America and Diana Kroells of Hamburg shared information on Lions-sponsored research efforts. They noted that, while the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation does not provide low vision equipment, local Lions clubs can help. Lions clubs have had vision as a mission since 1925 when Helen Keller asked the group to be "The Knights of the Blind."

Minnesota Lion efforts began with the idea of cornea transplants in 1960. The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank

was formed and globes were harvested and taken to the University of Minnesota for corneal transplants. The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation now includes a children's eye clinic, research facilities, macular degeneration center, a surgery center, and more.

Bonnie Schirlinger of New Ulm is blind as the result of diabetes. She demonstrated a new piece of equipment that audibly reads the directions on pill bottles. She told the group that she — after getting a special computer through Minnesota State Services for the Blind — is now able to communicate via Facebook... maybe more than her friends would like!

Schirlinger told the group, "We may not have a door open to the visual world, but we have a great big window," and "Blindness is not terminal. We just have to be given the right tools."

Following the panel presentation, participants visited with and asked questions of the presenters at resource tables.

The program, held at First Lutheran Church, was co-sponsored by the Lafayette Area Lions Club and Fields of Grace Churches of Lafayette. The event was planned and organized by First Lutheran member Bonnie Dinsmore and Lion/Fields of Grace Minister Heidi Hagstrom.

See following page for Photos

STEWART LIONS

The Stewart Lions held an Easter Breakfast on Palm Sunday at the Stewart Fire Barn. Pictured is Soren Kuvaas of Hutchinson with the Easter Bunny. About 320 were served and 100 goodie bags given out to children.





Visitors gathered at First Lutheran Church April 25 to learn about daily living skills, assistive equipment, mobility options, support services, and research into vision problems.

Lafayette native Charlene Guggisberg, now training coordinator for Minnesota State Services for the Blind, was the main presenter at the resource fair at First Lutheran Church.



Program planner Bonnie Dinsmore, right, visited with Louise and Lion Wally Guggisberg, who are Charlene's parents.



Lafayette Lions, from left, Sally Webster, Heidi Hagstrom, and Ruth Klossner with 5M2 Minnesota Lions Foundation trustee DGE Diana Kroells.



5M2 Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation trustees Mary Spille and Diana Kroells prepared this display for the resource fair and visited with participants after the opening program.



Bonnie Schirlinger demonstrated a new piece of technology that can audibly read the labels on pill bottles that have special labels.

JORDANESS LIONS

Cold toes, warm hearts! Nearly three hundred wonderful folks joined the Jordanness club for its annual Bingo fundraiser. Club members are extremely grateful for the generosity of community members, and for those who traveled from other places -- especially the Lions that visited from area towns! Thank you, everyone, for kicking off Spring with Bingo in the Barn!



JORDAN AND JORDANESS LIONS CELEBRATE JORDAN

The Jordan and Jordanness Lions spent a Sunday afternoon greeting community members at the town's annual Celebrate Jordan event. This event showcased local businesses and talent, and provided the clubs with a great venue for advertising upcoming events, soliciting new members, and socializing with residents of the community.



Celebrate Jordan showing Lion Luke Hennen (who also happens to be Scott County Sheriff) getting his blood glucose checked as part of the annual Diabetes screening Jordan Lions provide at Celebrate Jordan using a nurse from St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee.



COURTLAND
LIONS
ANNUAL SPRING

PANCAKE, EGG, SAUSAGE BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

ADULTS: \$8.00 CHILDREN 5 – 12: \$5.00 UNDER 5: FREE

COURTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
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SERVING 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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BRING A FOOD ITEM FOR THE FOOD SHELF
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A portion of the profits goes to the Memorial Flag Fund and the New Ulm Emergency Food Shelf.

Eggs donated by Michael Foods

HAMBURG LIONS GOLF SCRAMBLE

1st **\$500** CASH

7th & 13th **\$200** CASH

BASED ON 15 TEAMS

OPEN TO EVERYONE

SATURDAY MAY 19 2018

\$70 PER PERSON NON MEMBERS, \$60 PER PERSON
MEMBERS, INCLUDES GOLF, CART, FOOD AND MOST ON
COURSE GAMES

7:00a.m REGISTRATION 8:00a.m SHOTGUN START

If you need help filling a team we will try to help you.

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JOEL 952-237-7057

JFRANCK@EMBARQMAIL.COM

GLENCOE COUNTRY CLUB

OR

GLENCOE C.C. 320-864-3023

ALL PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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Event Details:

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9:30 a.m.

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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.



21st Annual Northfield Lion's Club Golf Tournament

Northfield Golf Club



Monday, June 4th — 12:00 Shotgun Start — Dinner at 5:00

- Entry Fee:** \$80.00 per person (Carts and dinner included)
- Dinner Only:** \$20.00 per person
- Hole Sponsorships:** Individuals and Businesses—\$75 and \$150
- Format:** 4 person scramble for men and women
Optional cash skins game @ \$20 per team (90% pay back)
Prizes for Low Gross and Low Net Teams (Peoria)
Individual Special Event Prizes
Optional Mulligans Available @ \$5 and 3 for \$10 per person

21st Annual Northfield Lion's Club Golf Tournament Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Additional Dinners: _____ (enclose \$20 for each extra dinner)

Check Payable to: Northfield Lions Club
Send Payment to: Rick Hucka
5225 124 Court East
Northfield, MN 55057

For questions call:
Northfield Golf Club (507) 645-4026 Ext. 1
Rick Hucka(507) 663-1530