



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



December 2019

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Driven to Serve

Lion Brian Thies, District Governor

A time to be thankful

As we gather with family and friends for the holidays, please reflect on the many people who are thankful that you are a Lion and for all that Lions do not only in our communities, but state and throughout the world. It is because of you and your work in Lions, we are

helping the visually impaired to see, the deaf to hear, the hungry to have nourishment, those with diabetes to fight their disease and improve our environment. Thank you for all you do!

Thank you to the Club Secretaries for their extra efforts to bring their club's MyLion Reporting up to date. If you are still having issues, please feel free to reach out to 2nd Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann at glenny98@hotmail.com or me at roseco@frontiernet.net or by phone at 612.756.1315. VDG Glenn and I will be contacting those clubs that we haven't heard from to assist them in their reporting. It is such a good recruiting tool for your club to use to showcase everything you do.



As last month came to a close, Rose, our daughter Liz and I enjoyed the hospitality of the Lions of 5M13 in Russell, Manitoba. What a great time we had. We started the weekend with a roaring 20's themed event and was followed by a day filled with seminars on the Canadian Lions Projects (insert the distinct way our Canadian friends

say project) . One project is STARS air ambulance. STARS (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society) began in 1985 as a project of the Alberta Lions Clubs. The Lions saw a need for emergency medical services in the distant rural areas of Canada. They started with one helicopter which the Lions helped purchase and which proudly displayed the Lions logo. The service has now expanded to include the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. They average

eight calls a day. To this day, the Lions are the only logo they will display on their aircraft even though they have many sponsors.

December is here and with that brings the end of our Membership Contest. This was announced at Officers Training back in May. The individual that sponsors the most members as well as the club that has the most new members by December 15th wins a free convention registration package.

Right around the corner and coming up fast is the Mid-winter Convention. The committee has chosen the theme "Driven to Serve - Loads of Fun". Registration forms can be found in the newsletter. Please make sure to submit them by the deadlines.

Friday night will start off with an opening ceremony, followed by the memorial service, honoring the Lions whose earthly service has been completed, and topped off by music and fun celebrating YOU, the lions of 5M2. Please remember to send to PDG Eunice a photo and short biography on your deceased member. They can be emailed to king70@frontiernet.net.

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Get Your Lion On!



Lion Anna Wickenhauser
1st Vice District Governor

"Ready or not for Christmas"

It's time again for me to find my stylish "stretchy pants" for the next month. For the first time in a couple of years I did not have a Thanksgiving Party. I am trying to simplify my life. I will let you know how that is going in the January Newsletter. But I seem to take on something else to replace what I am giving up?? How does that happen??

In the photos I have sent with the Newsletter I wanted to share that DG Brian and Rose, 1VDG Anna and Don and 2VDG Glenn and Lisa were able to attend the Jordanness Lions "Denim and Diamonds" Fashion show. We were treated like royalty-must of have something to do with DG Brian's Crown and my Tiara...lol. I was struck again with the Lions Community and the sense of family that Lions carry wherever they go. We met new Lions, chatted with Lions we knew and helped support the Jordanness Lions. It was a great way to spend a couple of hours.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Zone Lion of the Year Award. I have received 1 application so far. It can be found in this Newsletter, On the District Website and by contacting your Zone Chairs. We have changed the guide-



lines this year and the date has been bumped up-please I know every single club has someone they feel that would be an excellent nominee for this award. Please include a detailed accounting of what they do for your Club and Community. I am looking forward to reading them.

Tis the season to attend local Lions Events. There is a pancake breakfast, tree lighting ceremony, dazzling lighted parades, bingo etc. near you. Always a good way to get out of cooking and help support other towns Lions Events. Plus, it's FUN.

The Fall Zone Meetings are completed and I want to Thank everyone who attended, hosted and gave me a hard time (Doug-Victoria Lion). I always go away from these meetings learning something new-whether it be a new service project idea, to AWESOME fundraising ideas and to how clubs choose to donate their time, talents and financial support to help others. We truly are an active District.

In keeping my Newsletter short and to avoid some tail twisting fines from the Victoria Lions, I just want to wish Everyone a Joyful Christmas!



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Saturday morning starts off at 8:00 am with the Magic of Service. Encourage your new and not so new members to register for this exciting event. Only the first 50 people are eligible for the drawing of wonderful prizes. See the article in this newsletter for more information.

We have great speakers to complete our Saturday morning sessions followed by a fabulous lunch celebrating our youth, the future of our club. We will even squeeze in a little convoy for service before we get to vote on some issues affecting our district (changes to our constitution and by-laws and the future of Jungle Days to name a few). Clubs be sure to have your dues current and elect your delegates so all are able to VOTE.

From Lion Rose and I and our family to each of you and your family, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Did You Know...



*Lion Glenn Kaufmann
2nd Vice District Governor*

Hi Lions. The holidays are fast approaching and like many of you, Lion Lisa and I will travel to see our families across the state. With Lisa's in Clara City and mine in Gaylord, it feels good to see family and it's sometimes hard to load up, get back into the car and tell everyone it's

time to leave.



Hi! I'm your new Lion and I'm leaving! Have you ever heard this at your club? Along with welcoming your new members, it's important to make sure they begin participating in club activities right away. We don't want new members going out the back door as fast as they are

coming in the front door. We worked hard to get them here, let's work to keep them. If our club members feel welcome, comfortable and are involved in community service, they will remain part of the club for a long time. If the number of ex-Lions in our community is greater than the number of active club members, it's time to look at how we're doing business.

Did you know that one way to make a member feel involved is if we ask their opinion? Seems like a Duh Moment, but we sometimes take our members for granted. Ask your members: Why is our club here? Do our activities demonstrate this? If a non-Lion looked at one year of our activities, what would they think was important to our club?

When we have a club member leave the organization do we say Good Riddance and move on with our lives? Or do we talk to them and find out the reasons they left? Sometimes asking a Zone Chair or cabinet member to reach out to them helps keep emotions out of the equation. Without finding out why members are leaving the club, we have no way of improving. Please consider giving this a try.

When we all have skin in the game, we are more likely to feel part of the club and want to contribute to its successes. When our clubs have the same folks involved with the same events year after year, things have a chance to go stale. Bring your new members into committees right away. They don't need to be in charge of the event, but get them involved. If everyone is involved, they are less likely to leave the club.

LCI has a lot of information on its website to help our clubs and 5M2 with member retention.

December Governor's Travels

- December 2 Green Isle
- December 3 Albert Lea
- December 5 Arlington
- December 7 Arli-Dazle
- December 8 Lester Prairie, Shakopee PDG
- December 10 Belle Plaine
- December 11 Jordan/Jordaness
- December 12 New Richland
- December 13 Cookie Frosting
- December 14 Cookies w/Santa
- December 16 Nicollet
- December 17 Hutchinson/Lioness
- December 19 Mankato
- December 24-25 Christmas
- December 31 New Years



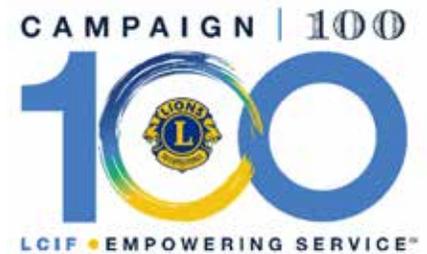
The Pink Schoolhouse

One of the many things to see as we travel the District.





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

2019 has been a busy and impactful year for LCIF. Providing immediate and ongoing relief after natural disasters, supporting humanitarian projects in our main service areas, and of course approving a grant for Camp Sweet Life requested by 5M2. LCIF is empowering Lions next door and around the world to meet the needs of neighbors near and far.

At this giving time of the year, if you would like to make a personal donation to LCIF, you have several options. You may donate online by credit card either as a one-time gift, or as an automatically recurring gift. Currently, there is no option to have money automatically taken from a bank account. Due to PCI (Payment Card Industry) Data Security Standard Compliance, credit card donations cannot be taken over the phone or in writing. Here are the step-by-step directions for making a credit card donation:

1. Go to the Lions Clubs International Website (www.lionsclubs.org).
2. Click on the "Donate" button on the upper right of the screen.
3. Click on "Give to Empowering Service Fund" or "Give to Disaster Relief Fund"
4. Choose the amount you would like to donate.
5. Choose from "One-Time-Gift" or one of the recurring gift options.
6. Choose the type of donor (Member, Non-Member, Club or District, or Business).
7. Fill in the edit fields with the appropriate information.
8. Choose whether you would like the "Lions Share" pin or not.
9. Indicate whether or not your gift is to be anonymous
10. Select the form of Recognition you want, if any. If so:
 - a. Fill in the edit fields with the relevant information
 - b. Fill in the Shipping Address
11. Indicate your payment preference (currently only Credit Card) and fill in the Name and Card Number.
12. Click "Submit"
13. Receive the gratitude of LCIF and the people "We Serve"!

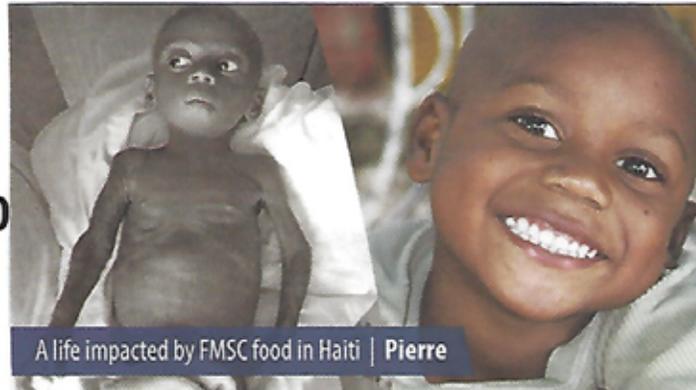
Of course, you can still write a check and mail in a donation. Include the "Donor Recognition Form" and/or the "Melvin Jones Fellowship Application Form", and mail to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, Illinois 60122-4547

**If your club would like to learn more about Your Foundation, please contact:
Lion Debra Wasserman at LionDebra@charter.net or 507-332-2792**



LIONS DAY
APRIL 20, 2020



A life impacted by FMSC food in Haiti | Pierre

LIONS DAY
APRIL 20, 2020

LIONS ALL. The picture above shows a before AND after of Pierre in Haiti. We Lions, Leos, Lioness, family and friends as we come together on Monday, April 20, 2020, can make a HUGE difference in SO many lives of children around the world!!!

Besides asking for volunteers on LIONS DAY, we are also asking for donations to help cover the cost of the food that is packed that day. Here are some examples of what our \$\$ cover - \$52 PROVIDES ONE BOX of 216 meals, \$88 FEEDS A CHILD for a year, \$365 FEEDS A FAMILY for a year, \$1,866 PROVIDES A PALLET of food and \$10,000 FEEDS A VILLAGE!!!!

Please feel free to start signing up now for the shift/shifts that you would prefer. The hungry children of the World say "THANK YOU"!

CHANHASSEN – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – 70 volunteers – Sign-up Code V7L70G

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70 volunteers – Sign-up Code PDPD3E

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM –100 volunteers - Sign-up Code GV4VPL

COON RAPIDS – 401 – 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM - 70 volunteers – Sign-up Code WN8N3K

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70 volunteers – Sign-up Code XXBXMP

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM - 140 volunteers – Sign-up Code L272X2 (Leos)

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - 100 volunteers - Sign-up Code 9D5DPK

EAGAN – 990 Lone Oak Road, Suite #136, Eagan, MN 55121

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – 70 volunteers - Sign-up Code 2W4W24

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70 volunteers - Sign-up Code M2N23V

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - 100 volunteers - Sign-up Code B787G3

Tech Tips

Steve Wasserman
5M2 Technology Chair

This is the third of a series of articles for the 5M2 Newsletter that I have written about cybersecurity. To refresh your memory, the first was primarily about phishing and how to avoid being a victim. The second touched on password managers and alerts most banks credit card companies make available to their customers. For this article, I hope to offer further suggestions to make your online life more resistant to hacking and identity theft

No Really, Who Are You?

Beyond using secure passwords, more and more websites that allow access to financial or other sensitive information offer their users the option of employing **“two-factor identification”**. There is no charge for this service, but the user must enroll in the two factor identification option on the website and provide an email address or cell number. Once two factor identification is engaged, no one can log into your account on that website without providing proof positive that you are the legitimate owner of the account. Here’s how it works:

1. You log into the website with your username and password.
2. The website sends a code (usually six numbers) via text to your cell phone or via email.
3. You must enter the code provided into the website much like an additional password.

The codes are typically good for only 10 minutes and are different every time you log in. An alternate method requires you to enter a code from an authenticator app on your phone that changes every 30 seconds. Either method provides near certainty that you are who you say you are.

While two factor identification results in an additional burden on the user, it is minor indeed when compared to the extra assurance that no one else will be able to access your online account. **I strongly recommend that you sign up for and use two factor identification wherever it is available.**

Lock It Up!

It seems like we hear a lot about data breaches these days. We all remember the big Equifax data breach, but companies large and small have their computer systems hacked and have personally identifiable information about their customers compromised. The danger is that armed with your name and social security number, a nefarious individual could potentially file taxes, open a credit card account or take out a loan using your identity. Even if you have all your existing accounts secured (or even if you have no online accounts) you could end up being a victim. There are several precautions you can take to mitigate your risk of loss through identity theft:

1. Monitor your credit rating and obtain the free credit reports to which you are entitled. Your credit report will reveal any new credit or loan applications made in your name. You can get one free credit report each year through www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling 877-322-8228. Beware of other “free” credit reporting sites or services. They usually come with strings attached or may even be fraudulent sites that will steal your data.
2. Put a freeze on your credit. You can do this by going to the three credit reporting sites (TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian) and filing a request to freeze your credit. Once done, no one (including yourself) will be able to open any new credit account or take out a loan. You will still be able to use your existing credit cards, but you have to file a similar request to “unfreeze” your credit should you want to open any new account. There is a small charge for the service.
3. Engage a credit monitoring service such as LifeLock or IdentityForce. These services charge a fee from about \$10 to \$30 per month. Engaging such a service does not actually make you less susceptible to identity theft, but they do provide credit monitoring, insurance against financial loss, and help restoring your credit rating and identity should you become a victim.

Viewing Forward

MN Lions Vision Foundation



November days moved by so quickly! We enjoyed attending zone meetings this year. The new zone arrangement made for interesting new interactions. Change can be fun! This month I am not inspired with much new scoop but the holiday season should give us time to reflect on good and happy thoughts. Every year at Thanksgiving for Vision, the program ends with a favorite and very appropriate tune. Please read the lyrics below – food for thought.

What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom, for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world
I see skies of blue, and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces, of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, saying "how do you do?"
They're really saying "I love you"
I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world

We do live in a wonderful world, made so much better by our Lions pledge as Knights of the Blind. Read the words one more time and smile that Lions smile!

Lions Christy and Mary are anxious to visit your clubs and share the passion of Lions' original mission. As directors, we continue to View Forward. Our past is great and our goals will continue to be met. We are your directors ready to serve. Give us a shout – maryspille@gmail.com or christy1135@gmail.com. Together, "WE SERVE" continues.

Hearing Foundation News



What do the Minnesota Hearing Foundation Trustees do? Their appointed term is for three years with a maximum of six years served. Their year starts in July with Foundation Board training held at the U of M cam-

pus. This is where new trustees are introduced and join a committee. There is a guest speaker from the U of M, goal settings and plans for the coming year. That evening a banquet is held with the Vision Foundation and Diabetes Foundation. The next day a Foundation Board meeting is held. After business is conducted the committees meet.

The second Board meeting is held in St. Cloud in early October. At this meeting funding requests are made by the U of M Department of Otolaryngology, Lions Children's Hearing Clinic and Hearing Research.

The third meeting is held in St. Cloud in late January. At this meeting Parade of Green and D Feet Walk are discussed and planned for. The fourth meeting is also in St. Cloud in early April. The D Feet Walk is the main topic, as we want to have all the plans ready for June 6, 2020 D Feet Walk at the Arboretum. This will be the Ninth Annual Walk and we want to make it better than ever.

Your Trustees will have a table at the Mid Winter convention with information about Hearing Foundation. We are also asking clubs to donate to the Parade of Green. Remember the new name: Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. 100% of the clubs donating would be great. All amounts are appreciated. The money raised will help with adding another Hearing Testing sound proof room at the Lions Children's Hearing Center. They presently see about 5000 patients a year, 60% birth to 5 years, 40% K to 18 years. This room addition will allow for 5 full time audiologists, meaning they can see more patients. So your clubs donations do count. Thank you for what your clubs can do!!

Your Trustees also track your clubs donated dollars so your club can give Hearing Foundation Awards for each \$1000 donated.

Your Trustees are available to come to your club to tell about our Hearing Foundation story. Also on the Hearing Foundation Board from 5M2 are Lions Mike and Sue Vos as Foundation Treasurers.

Lion Vern Breamer 507-462-5318

PDG Marvin Grimm 952-448-9465

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SAVE THE DATE!

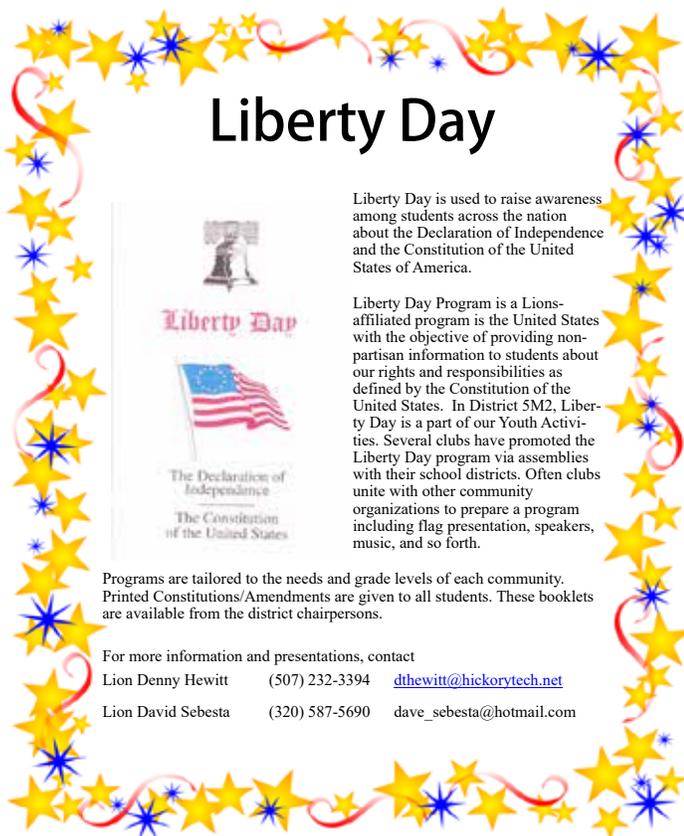
NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM

MARCH 27-28, 2020

St. Cloud River's Edge Convention
Center/Kelly Inn
10 4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN

Watch for additional information in future
newsletters!

PDG Nancy Mathwig, 5M2 GLT Coordinator



Liberty Day

Liberty Day is used to raise awareness among students across the nation about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Liberty Day Program is a Lions-affiliated program in the United States with the objective of providing non-partisan information to students about our rights and responsibilities as defined by the Constitution of the United States. In District 5M2, Liberty Day is a part of our Youth Activities. Several clubs have promoted the Liberty Day program via assemblies with their school districts. Often clubs unite with other community organizations to prepare a program including flag presentation, speakers, music, and so forth.

Programs are tailored to the needs and grade levels of each community. Printed Constitutions/Amendments are given to all students. These booklets are available from the district chairpersons.

For more information and presentations, contact
Lion Denny Hewitt (507) 232-3394 dlhewitt@hickorytech.net
Lion David Sebesta (320) 587-5690 dave_sebesta@hotmail.com



PROTOCOL PLEASE!!!

The U.S. Flag should always be placed to the RIGHT of the speaker when he/she is facing the audience. If you are in a situation where the Canadian Flag is also used, that flag would be placed to the LEFT of the speaker.

If you happen to be in Canada, the flags would be reversed: Canadian on the right of the speaker and the U.S. flag on the left!!

Lions Mary & Tom Ferleman, Protocol Co-Chairs

Liberty Day booklets are now available and all interested Lions Clubs should contact Dave Sebesta or Denny Hewitt to get the booklets they need.



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

IT'S BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Join in on the Lions Environmental Photo Contest!

Internationally the Environmental Photo Contest was cancelled but this year MD5M is planning on bringing it back! The Environmental Chair for MD5M is finalizing details on how the contest would work but while we wait **START TAKING THOSE PHOTOS!** Below is the information that was distributed for 5M2 in the years past when we participated in the International Contest guidelines which **may change this year**. Once finalized rules are made **they will be posted in the newsletter**

we also always encourage email submissions as to reduce the environmental impact of mail delivery, but do understand limitations in technology use/ access can be difficult for emailing

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment.

Photos should focus on the following themes:

Animal Life

Landscape (urban or natural)

Plant Life

Weather Phenomenon

This year an important improvement to the process is being made: option of EMAIL SUBMISSIONS! Email submissions can be sent to

lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

Submission emails will need to include the signed submission form. One way to attach this signed form is by printing and signing the form, either scanning or taking a picture of the completed form, and then attaching that image/document along with your photo in the email.

Each club is allowed only one photo submission, so please communicate with your club before submitting. Photo submissions, either by print or email, need to be submitted by TBD

Those interested and with questions can inquire for further details to

lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

All photos must be submitted with the following form:



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

2019-2020 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM

All submissions due by TBD

DISTRICT _____ CITY OF CLUB _____ STATE _____

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER _____

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER _____

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

*Please note: Only one photo will be accepted from each Lions Club in the 5M2 district
*photos must be original photos, unaltered and without people in the images**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my individual club. By signing below I certify the photo is an original, unaltered photograph taken by myself and I grant permission for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to use my attached photo for submission to further judging and any other showings and uses.

Club President (please print) _____

Club Secretary (please print) _____

Photographer's signature _____

8"x10" printed submissions must be sent to the following by TBD:

lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com

Email submissions will need to include attached signed submission form along with photo

*****email is preferred method*****

**Lion Kate Pattison
506 W 10th St
Mankato, MN 56001**

There's No Politics in Lions!

But Lions have been, and should be, involved in politics. Imagine the world without newborn hearing screenings. It was the MD5M Lions who were responsible for getting legislation requiring those hearing screenings enacted.

Occasionally, such as now, there occurs an issue that requires Lions to take action. Outside organizations are attempting to put Lions Gift of Sight, formerly known as the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, out of business. This means that eyes donated in Minnesota will be shipped to the west coast and the valuable eye research done at the University of Minnesota in fields such as Macular Degeneration will be without valuable tissue.

The Council of Governors has added an Advocacy Coordinator position to help coordinate Lions efforts when needed throughout the Multiple. All directors in all supported foundations, from the Vision Foundation, Diabetes Foundation, Hearing Foundation, KidSight Foundation, Special Olympics and Canadian foundations need to be ready to be advocates for their respective activities to their legislative bodies.

But more than that, MD5M needs Lions who are willing to write their legislators, follow up and perhaps even attend hearings to show their support for issues affecting Lions and their programs. It would be wonderful if 30 or more Lions would volunteer to be Advocates besides those who are Foundation directors. Sample letters, talking points and prompt notice of hearings will all be provided.

If you can help, please email your name and email address to the address listed below so I may get in touch with you when needed. This doesn't occur often, but when it does, we need to be ready.

Thank you for your consideration, help and service!

Lion PID Mike Molenda
MD5M Advocacy Coordinator
MD5MAdvocates@gmail.com

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2019-20 DISTRICT 5M2

Zone Lion of the Year



Do you have a club member who deserves a pat on the back? **This is your easiest opportunity to take care of them.**

Zone Lion of the Year is a project unique to District 5M2. It gives each District the opportunity to give well deserved recognition to one Lion in each Zone who exemplifies our motto “We Serve”.

Each club is asked to nominate a Lion who has earned the respect of his/her peers & community.

The Zone Lion of the Year will be presented during the 2020 Spring Zone meetings. Any club member can complete this application and return it to 1st Vice District Governor Anna Wickenhauser by January 31, 2020.

Please write a brief description of the nominee’s service including such items of years of service as a Lion, involvement in club activities and involvement in the community. Use a separate sheet to complete this information and attach the bottom of this form. You cannot nominate yourself.

Nominee: _____

Club: _____

Zone: _____

Club Member: _____

(Signature and Date)

Mail nomination and signed completed form to:

1st Vice District Governor Anna Wickenhauser

13650 County Road 41

Cologne MN. 55322

2020 5M2 Mid-Winter Lions Convention

Lion Brian Rykhus and Lion Lori Klein (convention co-chairs)

The Clubs in Zone 5 are busy planning a fun and informative convention. Plan to spend time with your Lion's family to celebrate Valentines Weekend at the City Center Hotel in Mankato. The convention theme is "Driven to Serve..... Loads of Fun". We are fortunate to have the Tuxedo Band on Friday night and ask that you dress as your favorite trucker, informal (jeans and tshirt). On Saturday, there will be informative seminars and a childhood cancer patient packing service project.

Clubs need at convention:

- Prior to the convention, please send in a photo of club banner and a picture that demonstrates a service project or fundraising event held in the community – send to Rose Thies @ rose.thies@sibleyeast.org

- Door prize \$15-\$25
- Club Placemats (Let Lion Lori Klein or Lion Brian Rykhus know) about 10-15 to be turned in at registration.
- Parade of Green donations
- Items for childhood cancer packing service project – list will be on website and January newsletter

Anyone who needs a display table at the convention should contact Lion Brian Rykhus (brian@community-resourcebank.com) or Lion Lori Klein (lion.lori@yahoo.com)

A flyer about the convention, along with registration forms are included in this newsletter. The Clubs of Zone 5 hope to see you in Mankato.

H. PARADE OF GREEN.

The District will encourage all clubs to make a donation to each area of the Parade of Green at the District Convention. Parade of Green areas are to include:

1. Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) – 501(c)(3)
2. Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation – 501(c)(3)
3. Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation – 501(c)(3)
4. Leader Dogs for the Blind – 501(c)(3)
5. Can Do Canines – 501(c)(3)
6. MD5M Kidsight Foundation – 501(c)(3)
7. Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
8. Diabetes (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation (501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Diabetes – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
9. Youth Exchange (Can be given to either or both)
 - a. MD5M Youth Exchange Foundation – 501(c)(3)
 - b. 5M-2 Youth Exchange – funds stay in 5M-2, NOT a 501(c)(3)
10. 5M-2 Youth Outreach (Leos, Peace Poster Contest, Lions International Essay Contest, Liberty Day and Write-Off contest)
11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of Minnesota – 501(c)(3)



Lions 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 14-16, 2020
City Center Hotel, Mankato Minnesota

NOTE: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

Guest Information: () Lion () Leo () Spouse/Guest () 1st Time Attendee

Last Name	First Name	E-mail address
Address or PO Box	Club Name	Phone Number
City	State & Zip Code	Dietary Needs
Guest or Spouse Last Name	Guest or Spouse First Name	Address if Different

Please follow these instructions to register for the convention:

- Return Registration Form completed in full. Registration fee to apply to all attendees including non-Lions. *Visiting dignitaries and invited guests will be the only exceptions.*
- Enclose payment for registration and meals (all meal prices include tax and gratuity)
- Checks made payable to: Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
 1. Check and form(s) mailed to:
 Lion Loretta Klenke
 602 East 170th St.,
 Jordan, MN 55352
 2. Call Lion Loretta (952) 445-0289 with questions – leave a detailed message
- **Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be directed to Lion Loretta at the above address or leave a detailed phone message.**
- Refunds will be sent in the form of a check following the convention and will be honored as follows:
- Postmarked on or before January 12, 2020– Full refund
- Postmarked between January 14 and February 2 – 90% refund
- After February 2 – no refund

Convention Fees:

- Early registration (postmarked before January 8) \$15.00
- Regular registration (after January 8) \$20.00

NO MEALS GUARANTEED AFTER FEBRUARY 3, 2020

- **Meal Packages:**

Guest #1	Guest #2	Meal Cost Per Person	Total
		All Meal Package \$69 (Includes Sat. Lunch, Sat. Banquet and Sun. Brunch)	
		Saturday Lunch \$22	
		Saturday Banquet \$34	
		Sunday Brunch \$15	
		Friday Night ID Supper (by invitation only) \$20 (Note: not included in all meal package)	
Total Meal Cost			
Total Registration Fees			
Grand Total Meals & Registration			

*** Name tags will be distributed with your convention materials at check-in and must be worn to allow entry to meals and events.



Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
February 14-16, 2020

MAIL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL

Reservations will be accepted by mail, fax, or phone.

Please complete and return this form to Mankato City Center Hotel with payment information no later than January 13, 2020.

Mail to:
Mankato City Center Hotel
c/o Lions 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
101 East Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-345-1234
Fax: 507-345-1248

One-night reservations will be based on availability

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so 24 hours in advance of the date you wish to cancel.

****CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY TO CANCEL****

Special Requests: _____

Special Requests cannot be guaranteed but we will try to accommodate as best we can.

Poolside rooms are subject to hearing noise from the Fri. and Sat. evening events, including band music. If this is a concern, it is best not to request poolside

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____
Email: _____

Name of Person(s) Sharing Room: _____

Only send one registration form if sharing a room

Payment methods:

Check \$ _____

Money Order \$ _____

Credit Card – Circle One

Visa MC Amex Diners Discover

CC# _____ - _____ - _____

Exp Date: _____ / _____ (mm/yy)

TO GUARANTEE ROOM:

Credit card number is required
(credit card authorized upon arrival at hotel)

OR

Pre-payment by check for one-night stay
(with remaining balance due at check in)

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please note that your reservations must be received by January 13, 2020 to receive the Lion's 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention discounted rate.

Reservations received after this date will be booked at standard rates.

Arrival Date – Select One

____ Thursday, February 13
____ Friday, February 14
____ Saturday, February 15

Cost for Three Nights

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

Cost for Two Nights

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

Cost for One Night

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

***Taxes of 10.875% are included in the price
*** All rooms are non-smoking and are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators

We will confirm your reservation by sending you a postcard with a confirmation number. If you do not receive a postcard, please call the hotel. Please give us three weeks from the date you send in your registration form for processing. If e-mail confirmation is preferred please include e-mail address. _____

MD5M Hall of Fame (October 2003)

Purpose

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There will be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

Exception:

During the 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 Lion years, each district will be allowed two (2) Hall of Fame recipients, at least one (1) of which must be honored posthumously. Following the 2005-06 Lion year, beginning in the 2006-07 Lion year, the number of Hall of Fame recipients per district will return to one (1) per district.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon. The first honorees will be inducted May 21-23, 2004 at the MD5M Multiple Convention.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients will appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, will be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees will be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club in MD5M at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District. There will be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee will be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction will be sent to MD5M and will be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Mid Winter Convention.

Each individual District will annually hold an election at their Mid Winter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor will have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame will not be announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations will use the standard form, no others will be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination will not be considered.

All successful candidates will be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor will ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

(October 2003)

District _____

Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____
Address _____

Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Club _____

Nominee’s Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service Family Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects. Attach additional sheet if more room is needed.

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

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Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District’s annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and the nomination will only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2019 - 2020 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. **Last year the recipients were from Minnesota, Ohio and Oklahoma.** The 2020 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2020.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

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

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2020** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application **OR** call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

“WE SERVE”

LIONS', LEOS' CLUBS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Carver Lions Club sponsors in Trunk & Treat



Chanhasen Lions Club

The Chanhasen Lions hosted a successful Food Drive at Cub Foods in Chanhasen on October 26th. They collected 1,200 lbs. of food and \$510 in cash donations for Bountiful Baskets Food Shelf in Chaska, MN.



Lake Crystal Lions Club

The Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center and the Lake Crystal Lions once again sponsored a Halloween Trick or Treat Street and Obstacle course. The event was held Oct

25th at the Lake Crystal Rec Center where kids of all ages visited local business booths to pick up their treats. Over 900 people attended with over 500+ being youths.



LCIF Grant Report From Plato Lions Club

In November 2018, the Plato Lions Club applied for a Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Grant. The Project was for the Plato Fire Department to upgrade their Communication Devices. The LCIF Grant was received earlier this year, and the project was completed weeks ago.

Our 25-Member Volunteer Fire Department in Plato responds to fires, medical responses, and natural disasters. The Fire Department is committed to our small agricultural community and backs up other communities in two other counties. Sometimes, our firefighters became delayed in their response-time because of address locations.

The Plato Firemen researched this need and discovered other departments are using a computer program designed for firemen to pinpoint the exact route to the responding area. The address and fastest route would be presented on a Smart TV at the Fire Hall. The responding Firemen would come to the Hall to get their truck(s) and the Route would be available for everyone to see up on the Smart TV, which



would be hanging up on the wall. There wouldn't be any conflicts or confusion at getting to the right location. The lead fire truck would take the iPad, which is the mobile version of the Smart TV. The latest technology improves their response-time thereby saving lives and/or buildings.

The expense of this project was met with the help of the LCIF Grant, The Plato Lions Club, and the Community's support. It was a project that our firemen only "dreamed" about, but the reality happened with our Community's help.

Hamburg Lions Club

Hamburg Lions were excited about the opportunity to donate \$1000 to the Sibley East Elementary School in Gaylord to assist with the purchase of a horizontal climbing wall for the students. Pictured are Brian Biermann, Phy. Ed teacher, Hamburg Lions Treasurer Diana Kroells & Kirsten Guentzel, Phy. Ed teacher, along with numerous students.



Veseli Lions Club



Veseli Lions were at Holy Cross School in Webster for the Peace Poster competition. Pictured with their members John Kubes & Jennifer Malecha are our winners: 1st Charlotte Benolkin; 2nd Lucy Havlicek; 3rd Jocelyn Sumones

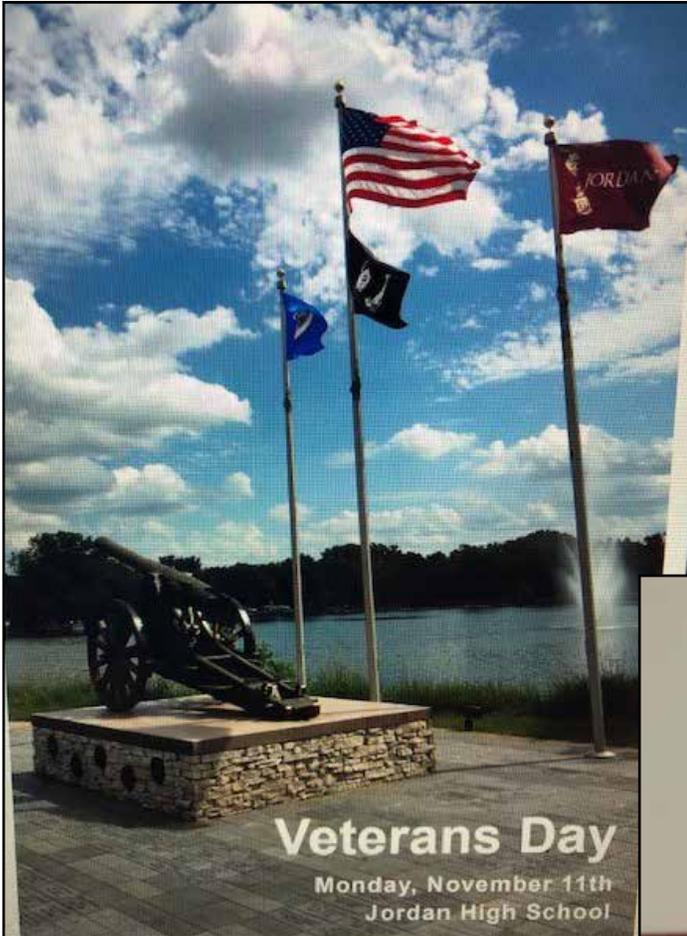
Waterville Lions Club

5M2 newest Melvin Jones Fellow

Troy Wetzal of Waterville Lions



Jordaness Lions Club



The Jordaness Lions were proud to sponsor of a Veterans Day Program on November 11th, honoring our local Veterans and active duty military. The Jordan schools band and choirs performed and the speakers delivered wonderful messages about service, in a multitude of ways, not just through the military.



Lafayette Area Lions Club



Lions Strides Diabetes Walk crosses district lines

Lions from New Ulm and Lafayette partnered to host the fifth annual Strides New Ulm Diabetes Walk. The one- and two-mile walk began at the Civic Center on the Brown County Fairgrounds and continued on the sidewalks around the grounds. Teams and individuals raised about \$16,000 for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and Camp Sweet Life scholarships. The Lafayette Lions Club presented a \$2,000 check to the cause. The walk honored the memory of Whitney LeGare, daughter of Lafayette Area Lions president Mark and Patty LeGare. Many members of the Legare family took part, along with other local Lions.



Lions and school group co-sponsor community Halloween Party

From crafts to games, and from face & hand painting to the bounce house, the kids had fun at the annual Lafayette Community Halloween Party. As usual, there were a variety of cute costumes. Lafayette Area Lions co-sponsored the party with the LCS PROS. The PROS served a taco salad or hotdog meal before and during the party and PROS volunteers organized the event.

Lafayette Area Lions Club continued!

The Lafayette Area Lions Club supported two youth programs at the Lafayette Charter School Thursday, November 7. They presented dictionaries to eligible students and recognized the winners of the Lions Peace Poster contest.

Five members of the club were on hand to present Webster's Dictionary for Students to ten third grade students.

The presentation was made in conjunction with The Dictionary Project, a national program that traces its roots to 1992. Over 30 million children have received



Ten Lafayette Charter School students received their own personal dictionaries through the sponsorship of the Lafayette Area Lions Club November 7. The students are front, from left: Peyton Lyimo, Benjamin Turbes, Teagan Tauber, and Ivrin Hendrickson. Second row: Peyton Marozik, Eve Peters, Serena Muscatello, Kaydence Jutz, Levi Schwark, and Brec Reinhart. Lions Sandy Hartley, Mark LeGare, and Neal Hoffmann made the presentation. Not pictured: Lions Stacy Reinhart and Ruth Klossner.



Lafayette Lions support Lafayette Charter School
On behalf of the Lafayette Lions, Andrew Maidl presented two checks to Lafayette Charter School. The checks help fund a number of projects at the school. A check for \$2,448.13 covers the cost of document cameras, gym mats, and motors for the technology program. The second check for \$1,327.74 will alleviate the shortage in the school's snack fund.

dictionaries because people and organizations like the Lions have seen the need in their communities.

The Lions also recognized students who created posters for the annual Lions Peace Poster Contest and presented awards to the winners.

Contest winners were Olivia Krajewski of rural New Ulm, daughter of Chuck and Joni Guggisberg, first place; and Rachel Lund of Lafayette, daughter of Phillip Lund and Amanda Casper, second place. They received cash prizes of \$25 and \$15, respectively. Olivia is an eighth grader, Rachel a sixth grader. Olivia's poster has been sent to the district where it will compete for additional honors.



Lafayette Charter School Peace Poster contest entrants are pictured with their posters. The students are sitting, from left: Robbie Lund, Rachel Lund, Aiden Hendrickson, Davian Simmons, and Alden Khan. Kneeling: Alexander Williams, MyKayla Weston, Emma Natysin, Shelby Marozik, Taylor Grant, and Jayda Fosse. Standing: Jayden Roy, Olivia Krajewski, Caiden Rose, Ava Natysin, Lion Mark LeGare, Anna Peters, Lion Neal Hoffmann, and Lion Sandy Hartley. Not pictured: Lions Stacy Reinhart and Ruth Klossner.



Top winners of the Lions' Peace Poster contest at Lafayette Charter School were Olivia Krajewski, left, and Rachel Lund. They received \$25 and \$15 prizes, along with special certificates.

Breakfast with Santa

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:15 a.m.)
Location: Willkommen Park Pavilion, Norwood Young America

The hot breakfast is optional, and will be available for purchase (while supplies last) starting at 8:30 a.m. at the cost of \$1.00 for visitors age 10 and under, and \$3.00 for visitors age 11 and up.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at 8:30 a.m. Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be conducted on a first come, first served, basis.

*Celebrating 30 Years!!
In the spirit of the season, food shelf donations will be accepted at the event.*

Sponsored by the
NYA West Carver Lions



We Serve



VESELI AREA LIONS ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY (10 and under)

Saturday, December 14th, 2019

1:00 - 2:30 pm

(Santa arriving at 1:15)

Holy Trinity Church Basement ~ Veseli

~~ Pictures with Santa ~~

(bring your cameras)

~~ Refreshments ~~

~~ Games by Webster 4H Club ~~

~~FREE EYE SCREENING by KidSight USA~~

~~ Please bring a food shelf donation ~~



2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR



PLATO LIONS PORK CHOP DINNER



KING PIN PUB

January 1, 2020

11:00 a.m. – Chops are gone!

ALL Proceeds to Local Projects!



\$12 – 2 Pork Chop Dinner

\$10 – 1 Chop Dinner

Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Beverage & Dessert

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



Meat Raffles

Bloody Mary Bar – Build Your Own!

4PM – Music by Doug Stuedemann



Rochester...

... Our VISION is 20/20

Go to MD5M
Website:
Events Tab
for Links

2019-20 District Governors: Someone from the host committee will attend the Mid-Winter Conventions! Please arrange with the venue to have a secure wi-fi connection so registrations can be safe. Remember: Online Registration ONLY.

88 Current Registrations

The convention prices listed are valid through July 31, 2019

2019/2020 Multiple District Convention and Registration Information...

<https://www.experiencerochestermn.com/rsvp/?action=details&noredirect=1&eventid=352>

For Hotel Booking, click the following link...

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=9733&nights=1&checkin=04/30/2020&group=LIONSCLUB2020>

- May 1-3, 2020—Rochester, MN
- Rochester Civic Center Venue
- Kahler Hotel for Housing—being renovated!
- Working on transportation between the main venues
- 60th Anniversary of the Lions Eye Bank (now known as Gift of Sight)
- Use the 20/20 theme for vision references
- Dr. Erik van Kuijk will update us on the Lions Eye Institute
- Vision speaker—corneal transplant for example
- Post Town Winery (4 miles from Civic Center)
- Salem Glen Winery (10 miles from Civic Center)
- Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo (13 miles from Civic Center)
- 'O' K walk incorporating Rochester's famous Canadian Geese population
- World famous Mayo Clinic across from the Kahler Hotel (tours available)



Please feel free to share this document so others may have the links!!

SAVE THE DATE

5M2 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020

Driven to Serve.....Loads of Fun



Friday:

- Welcome
 - Necrology
 - Entertainment:
The Tuxedo Band
- Dress casual to truck into the night - jeans and t-shirts are acceptable and encouraged

NOTE:

Parade of Green

See separate list in newsletter

Saturday:

- Seminars
- Business Meeting
- Afternoon Activity
- Banquet
- Entertainment:
Minute Games

Sunday - Brunch



The "Magic" of Service

Come celebrate Lions and our service!

Newer members, sponsors and any Lion wanting to know more about our awesome organization, we invite you hear about magic moments and magic facts that will leave you feeling inspired to help make magic within your own Lions Club and District!

Place: City Center Hotel

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM sharp

Limit of 50 Lions so please sign up early

And RSVP by 12/31/19 (Registration form is attached)



Come for: Coffee, rolls, laughter and learning

Chance for: gifts cards, prizes, Twin tickets and Wild tickets

Questions? Please contact either Lion Christy Trutnau at christy1135@gmail.com or PDG Joan Blank at lionjoanblank@gmail.com



MAGIC OF SERVICE

February 15th, 2020 from 8am to 8:40am
City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN 55352

Name (Last, First, M.I.):

M F

Club:

Address:

Sponsor:

Years of Service: 1 year or less

1 year to 3 years

3 years to 5 years

5 years to 10 years

10 years or more

RSVP to Lion Christy Trutnau at: christy1135@gmail.com or 110 Rebecca Dr Jordan, MN 55352