



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Get Your Lion On!!

*Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor*



As I write this article to you as your District Governor, I want to Thank You for your trust in believing in me. The trainings, mentoring, friendships have been phenomenal! I know that I can reach out with a question, get an opin-

ion on something or just to blow off some hot air that it is just a phone call away. The world is going through some major challenges-as is Lions International. The International President's Theme for 2020-2021 is "United in Kindness and Diversity". I think it really is an impactful theme with what is going on in the world.

We are being challenged as Lions as to where we go from here. Because of Covid the impact felt around the world is significant. I know typically the District Governor shares their goals with the members. I am not going to do that this month. Our North American Membership Team has been working to come up with a plan and how as Lions we are going to implement them, so stay tuned for Exciting Updates. There are some new faces on the District Cabinet as well, I will be introducing them via August's Newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family, Lions family and friends for making my District Governor Oath special. I have received gifts, texts, emails along with sending me cards with words of support and encouragement. Council Chair Brian and Lion Rose were there to "Officially" pull my borrowed ribbon. I had all areas of the district there with me and even a Lion from St. Paul. My heart was full as I looked at the people who were there. I have a few pictures to share with you, or if you are on Facebook most of them are on there.

I have a few club visits lined up and Zone meetings are being scheduled. I look forward to being your District Governor and am excited for the challenges that we are going to overcome together.

If you haven't guessed my theme yet....
"Woo Hoo!
Get Your Lion On"



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Did You Know?



Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor

Hi all. Lion Lisa and I just spent a long weekend up in Duluth celebrating our 5th wedding anniversary. It's nice to get away, take some time to relax, and to reflect on how lucky I am to hang with someone who gets me, challenges me to be a better person and makes me want to belong.

Maybe not in quite the same way, but we want our members, both new and seasoned, to have similar feelings about their Lions Club. Along with welcoming new members, it is important to engage them in club activities as soon as possible. If your club members feel welcome, comfortable and involved in community service, they will remain part of your club.

Research has been conducted on new members with less than three years of experience as well as members with longer tenure as a Lion. The research shows that regardless of the length of tenure as a Lion, there are some key needs, listed in order, that most members want to have met to remain a part of your club:

- 1) Being able to "take pride" in service activities
- 2) Being confident that they are "making a difference"
- 3) Being informed of club goals.

In addition, new members require some special attention their sponsor should provide in order to be highly satisfied with their experience:

- 1) Be able to develop friendships
- 2) Feel like they have a sense of belonging.

How can your club provide the experiences your members are seeking? Keeping your club efficient, productive and meaningful to your members results in many benefits:

- A club that is a vital and respected part of your community
- The ability to provide and support both local and global service
- The ability to offer personal and professional growth opportunities to your members
- A club that provides enjoyable fellowship



Did you know one thing you can do is ask your members! Members feel involved when you ask for their opinions. Consider conducting a Member Questionnaire. Ask your members:

Why is the club here? Do our activities demonstrate this? If a non-Lion looked at one year of our activities, what would they think is important to our club?

- You can find the Member Questionnaire on line or ask me for a copy and I'll send it your way.

As a club leader (board member or not), you have opportunities to shape the future of your club and the direction it goes. Make your club something you ALL can be proud to be part of.

Introducing:
NAMI
The North American Membership Initiative
Be part of an exciting new movement in Lions! See club letter at end of newsletter.

Introducing our New 2nd VDG...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor*

When Lion Glenn let me know a month ago that I needed an article for the newsletter. I was OK it is official I am now the 2nd Vice District Governor of 5M-2!! So here I sit a few days before Cindy needs an article from me. Trying to figure out what to say. So, I start with the basics

Hi! I am Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg I was born and raised in southern Minnesota, have lived here most of my adult life except for 12 years of living in Texas.

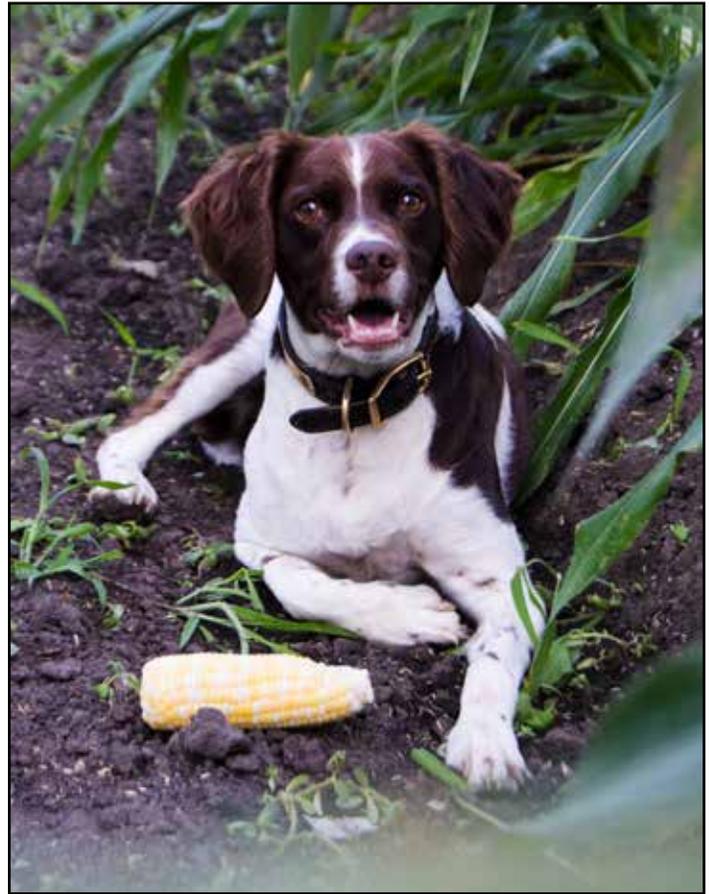
I was a city girl until I meet my husband John, it was a true "Green Acres" story, he took me away from the city and I became a country girl. John and I have been married for 15 years; we have 4 fur babies.

I have a couple of real jobs, but my passion is vegetable gardening. Grow vegetables, strawberries, and apples. I sell at the Albert Lea Farmers Market from May to October.

My second passion is Lions, when I became a Lion 9 years ago, I found a second home. Being a Lion to me is my social outlet and my way of giving back. Connecting with like minded people to make my community, State, and country a better place to live.

I am looking forward to working with DG Anna and 1st VDG Glenn to continue serving 5M-2. Because right now the world needs LIONS more than ever.

Really looking forward to being able to see all of you in person again!!!



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky has been cancelled

It is with great sadness that the Forum Executive Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. As we said earlier in the year, the safety of our attendees is our number one concern. We had hoped for a significant flattening of the curve on cases of COVID-19 throughout our geographical area but that has not been the trend. Travel between the United States and Canada has also been a concern.

Although the planned Forum is still three months away and conditions could improve over the summer, there is enough uncertainty that we feel it best to make the decision to cancel now.

The Forum will offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum. You can make that choice in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at registrar@lionsforum.org or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709-0723. Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021.

Our goal for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has always been to provide a rich learning experience and

a social environment where we see our old friends and make new ones. This 44th Annual Forum promised to be one of the best as the City of Louisville has so much to share with us.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the City of Louisville and to the Kentucky Lions for inviting us. We hope to be back soon.

Lion Harvey Whitley, PID
2020 Forum General Chairperson





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Fellow 5M2 Lions

As Lions year 2020-2021 begins we are still dealing with unprecedented events in our communities and the world. Many Lion and non-Lion events have been canceled. Available information changes from morning to evening. Emotions are heightened. It's been overwhelming at times and often we are just trying to get through each day.

I recently received an email from a PID friend that contained thoughts that described the state of Lionism. (Paraphrasing)

“Within every club, zone, and district, we have three types of Lions.

Red Light Lions - We are sheltering in place until the virus is eradicated from the face of the earth. Each of these Lions want to stay engaged and help as they can. As a leader, we need to be mindful that they are important to our organization. We must be respectful of their thoughts.

Yellow Light Lions – We will meet and serve if safe practices are in place. Each of these Lions want to begin to adjust to a new normal and move past the self-imposed quarantine. As a leader, we must capture their excitement and enthusiasm, or risk them leaving our clubs.

Green Light Lions – We are ready to serve, meet and lead as we have always done. Each of these Lions want everything to be just like it was for the past decade. As a leader, we must also build upon their willingness to take action.”

Our clubs are trying to figure out how to conduct meetings safely. They are considering which fundraisers can be held reasonably. And assessing community needs and how they might be able to meet them.

Be assured LCIF has been and will continue to support Lions as we figure out how we can meet emerging needs as well as needs in the traditional service areas. The LCIF Board of Trustees continues to meet to review and approve grants. Already, LCIF has approved 45 Covid-19 Relief Grants totaling \$623,984 in Constitutional Area I, and 288 grants worldwide totaling \$4,708,432. Our continued support of LCIF is important. If you wish to make a personal donation, you can click on the “Donate” button on the LCI website or click the link below.

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/donate>



LIONS DAY

AT

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



NEW DATE - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

Districts 5M2, 5M5, 5M6 and 5M7 will join together at the 3 FMSC facilities in the Twin Cities Metro area. Our Mission is to pack food for the malnourished children of the World!

Our goal is to have EVERY club in the 4 Districts participate in one or more shifts on that day. Collaboration among LIONS, LEOS, LIONESS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY will make this an achievable goal! IF YOU HAD ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR THE APRIL 20, 2020, EVENT, ALL OF YOUR NAMES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE LOCATIONS AND TIMES THAT YOU HAD SIGNED UP FOR – SO YOU ARE GOOD NOW FOR OCTOBER 20!!

Donations of any amount would be VERY much appreciated!! You can bring your personal donation AND/OR your Club donation to one of the sites on the day of the event OR you can mail it ahead of time to the Feed My Starving Children Coon Rapids location. Be sure to indicate in the MEMO area – LIONS DAY 2020.

Promote this in your community as part of the Lions Clubs International Global Service Framework.

Co-Chairman of the Event and District 5M7 Chairs: Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, email us at: bmguthrie9@q.com or call us at: 763-786-8072

THANK YOU!! WE SERVE!!

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



Our daily life routines are finally getting a little more normal. As I write this today I still miss not being at the Landscape Arboretum for our D-Feet Hearing Walk. I always looked forward to the D-Feet Hearing Walk

to walk the trails at the Arboretum. I miss walking in this beautiful place and visiting with all the people that come to the walk and enjoy all the side events for the children to participate in.

More important is your Minnesota Hearing Foundation loses that income source. That could mean a child might not receive the help they need at the Children's Hearing Center. It might mean a research project not being funded and some new breakthrough will go by the way side. Like most Foundations we have made commitments to fund some major programs at the University of Minnesota.

The D-Feet Hearing Walk is one of our biggest fund raisers each year for the Hearing Foundation. Some clubs have budgeted donations to the Walk and those donations can still be made. They would be greatly appre-

ciated. Clubs are encouraged to still make donations even if they had not been budgeted. Every donation, big or small, will make a difference in the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation efforts to serve those in need. Send your donation to either of your Trustees: Lion Marvin Grimm, 523 Skyview Lane, Carver, MN 55315 or to Lion Vern Breamer, 200 Higbie Ave East, Minnesota Lake, MN 56068.

Let's all hope that the Covid-19 virus can be conquered and next year we will be back to normal and we can make the 2021 D-Feet Hearing Walk the best ever! Thank you to all the clubs for your continued support. When we get past this Covid-19 virus and club meeting get more normal we would like to come to your club and update you on what the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation has been doing. Remember our new official name is Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. The MD5M was dropped as Canada has their own hearing foundation.

We are always available for club visits. Please contact one of us to set up a date.

Trustees:

Lion Marvin Grimm 1-952-448-9465
Lion Vern Breamer 1-507-525-3850



Childhood Cancer

The Lions of Multiple 5M completed their "virtual" head shave fund-razor on May 30. 15 Lions from Minnesota and Canada sacrificed their hair to raise money to fight childhood cancer. The MN Lions raised over \$18,000 with this event! Wow!

We are very proud to announce that we have met our fundraising goal for 2019-2020 of \$100,000! This will be matched by the University of Minnesota Foundation and the Children's Cancer Research Fund for a total donation of \$300,000!! The funds will be used by the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital for research and services for survivors of childhood cancer, who very often experience other significant health issues as they mature. More info on these exciting programs will be forthcoming.

The Childhood Cancer Foundation is pleased to partner with the Diabetes Foundation for the Raffle Room at the Multiple District Convention in 2021 at Mankato! Look for more details as we approach that great event!

Thank you, Lions of 5M2 for your amazing support for this new Lions program!



Fellow Lions,

Multiple District 5M is looking for individuals with Human Resources experience in writing and administering HR Policies and Procedures. We are forming a HR Consultant Committee to serve our Multiple District and report to the Council of Governors on the HR administration of MD5Ms contracted employee.

Ideally this committee would be comprised of 2-3 Lions from different Districts across our Multiple. If you have experience and are willing to assist your Council of Governors, please contact:

Council Chair Elect
Lion Brian Thies
roseco@frontiernet.net

or

Council Chair
Lion Rob Rand
Robrandmn@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Executive Secretary

Lions Clubs International Multiple District 5M

Organization Summary

Multiple District 5M, second largest Lions Clubs International District in North America consisting of 20,400 members serving local communities in Minnesota, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, while meeting humanitarian needs, encouraging peace, and promoting international understanding through 637 Clubs is seeking an Executive Secretary.

Location: Minnesota **Closing Date:** July 15, 2020

Job Type: Part Time **Job Category:** Administrative Support Services

Salary: \$30,000 - \$35,000

Primary Duties:

This position reports to the Council Chair with direction of the Council of Governors. Executive Secretary shall perform such duties as specified or implied by the Constitution and By-Laws of MD5M. This position provides direct administrative support to volunteers. These duties include but not limited to receiving correspondence, receiving and depositing funds, preparing checks, maintaining financial accounts, books, and records of MD5M, serve as an ex-officio member of standing and appointed committees of the Council of Governors and shall generally assist the Council of Governors in conducting the business of MD5M.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate will be a self-starter, extremely organized, have strong writing and verbal communication skills, Microsoft Office skills and have keen organizational and time management skills. This job requires local and international travel. Candidates must have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs. and must be bondable. The successful candidate must be able to pass a background check.

Experience:

The ideal candidate will have a track record of getting things done, experience with working with volunteers and boards, experience with QuickBooks and budget management. Work experience in Association management preferred but not required.

Additional Info:

For specific tasks and duties visit MD5M Bylaws and the MD5M Policy manual. Specific sections are available below and the entire documents are available from the MD5M Website:

[MD5M Bylaws Article 1 Section 4](#)

[MD5M Policy Manual Section VI, Chapter 7, Subsection A](#)

To learn more about MD5M and to download our job application, please go to our website at: www.Lionsmd5m.org

To learn more about Lions Clubs International, check out the website at: www.lionsclubs.org

How to Apply:

If this position excites you, send a cover letter with your resume and job application to: CC Rob Rand, 6600 Lyndale Avenue South #600, Richfield, MN 55423 or via email at robrandmn@gmail.com



Left: First stop to meet the Faribault Lions and Lion Shermayne and PDG Steven Wasserman at Lake Roberds Resort which has been in Lion Shermayne's family for 83 years. Thank you for the fresh homemade donuts. DG Brian and Lion Shermayne practiced socially distancing with their tongs and grabbers. We also thank Lion Jack Webster who began this journey so many years ago on his bicycle. Lion Jack passed away June 1st. Rest In Peace Lion Jack we will continue your service.



Some representative photos from the recent

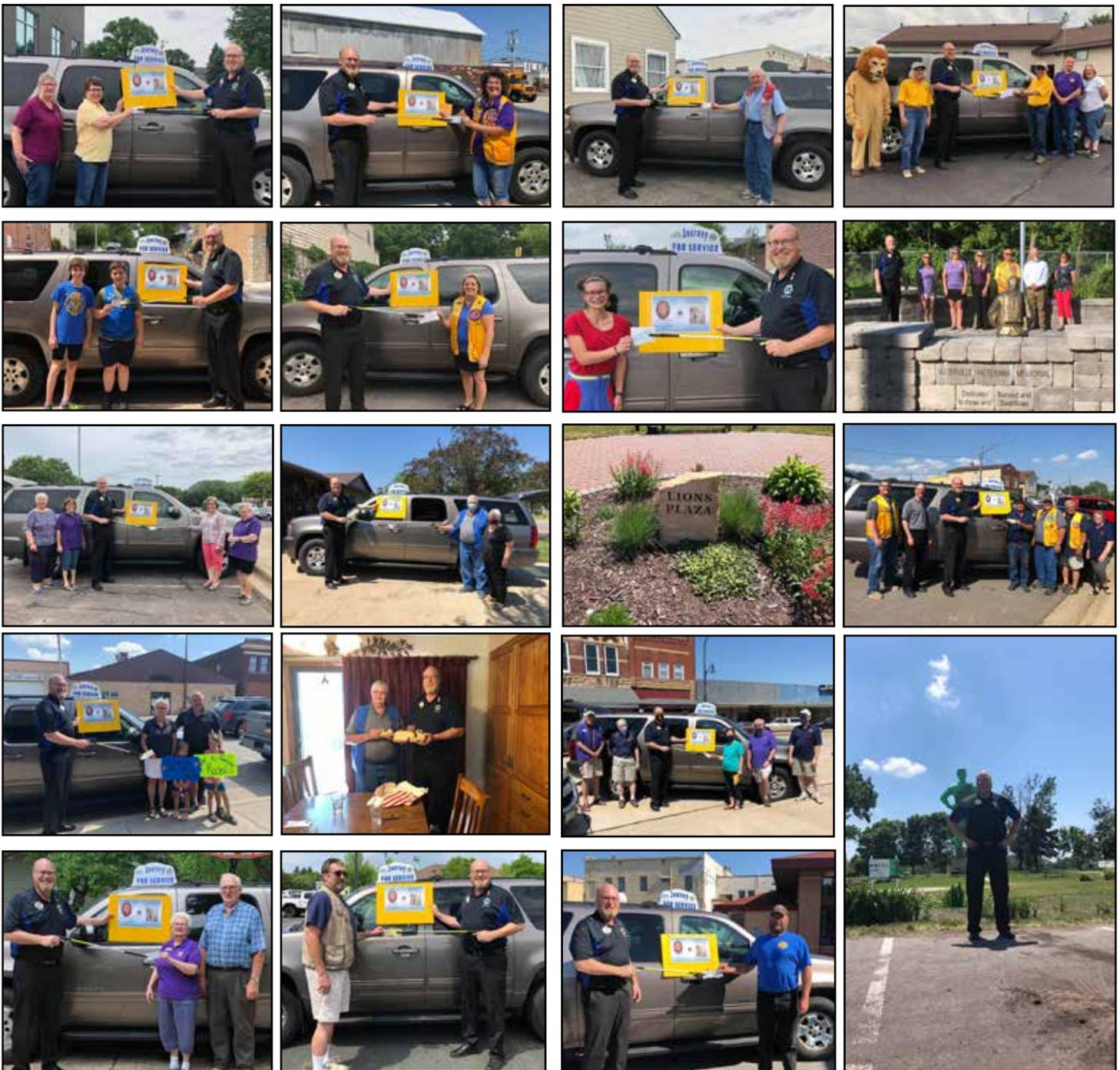
Journey



FOR SERVICE

Sorry we are unable to print them all but thank you again for participating!!!





That's a wrap. Home sweet home. The 2020 Journey for Service is in the books. 700 miles, 3 days and still smiling. We want to thank our chauffeur PDG Mike and Lion Sue for their excellent navigation (only got lost once today) due to



construction and not one of Mike's shortcuts, conversation and dedication to this project. We also remember Lion Jack Webster, who for so many years carried this project both on two wheels and then on four. Thank you to all the 5M2 lions who took time out of their day to meet with us, prepare us lunch, special treat bags, and even homemade donuts and cookies. A huge thank you to the clubs for your generous donations. We don't have a final total because a few checks were sent in the mail but we are over \$12,000 thus far. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Say it with me. "We are Lions...We are Lions...ROAR!"



2019-2020 District 5M2 Lions/Lioness/Leo Clubs Application for 100% Secretary Award

In order to receive the 100% Secretary Award, each Club Secretary who has qualified must fill out this form and have it approved and signed by the Club President and by their Zone Chair. The completed form must be mailed to 2019-2020 District Governor Brian Thies by July 15, 2020. Please keep a copy for your records.

Club Name

Secretary Name

TO QUALIFY, EIGHT (8) OF THE FOLLOWING NINE (9) MUST BE FULFILLED:

1. ____ Submitted all Membership Reports on MyLCI by the 1st of each month.
2. ____ Submitted all Service Activities Reports on MyLCI by the 1st of each month.
3. ____ Attended at least one (1) of the three (3) Zone Meetings
4. ____ Attended at least one (1) of the following:
 - a. ____ The 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention
 - b. ____ MD5M Multiple Convention
 - c. ____ Lions International Convention
 - d. ____ USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
5. ____ Reviewed/updated all club membership information on MyLCI.
6. ____ Filed New Club Officers on MyLCI by May 1, 2020
7. ____ Completed at least one (1) of the following
 - a. ____ District 5M2 Club Officer Training
 - b. ____ LCI Secretary Training PowerPoint Module
 - c. ____ LCI Secretary Webinar (live or recorded)
8. ____ Kept accurate minutes of all Board of Directors Meetings.
9. ____ Prepared this form, signed it, had it signed by the Club President and the Zone Chair, who is to mail or email it to District Governor Brian by July 15, 2020.

(Signed by Club Secretary)

(Approved by Club President)

(Signed by Zone Chair)

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

DG Brian Thies
21515 371st Ave.
Green Isle, MN 55338-2027
roseco@frontiernet.net

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Courtland Lions

The Courtland Lions had a very unique installation of officers...by "rolling" into the next Lions year. Lion Shirlene Hvinden proceeded to install the 2020-2021 Courtland Lions Officers.

It has been quite the end of the 2019-2020 Lions year. Not being able to meet as a club, not having fundraisers, making motions and voting via email, texting, or phone calls, learning to ZOOM, and wearing masks have all been challenges for so many organizations. Yet, the Courtland Lions have been able to ROLL with it.

With that, each Courtland Lion received a roll of the most sacred "TP" indicating each one's "roll" in the Lions organization. Lion Lucy was ready, anticipating the rolls that were directed to her. She represents the unity our club. In unison, TP rolls were directed towards Lion Lucy with the pledge of "I will" fulfill our desire to do all we can to serve our community, district, state and nation to the best of our ability.

The following Officers were installed: New Officers are: President-Lowell Abbas, Vice President-Greg Juberien, Secretary/Lion Tamer-Charlette Abbas, Treasurer-Dawn Juberien, Tail Twisters-Dennis Schaeffer/Mary Nicklay, Gambling Manager-Randy Jones, Assistant Gambling Manager-Rusty Christopherson, and Past President Shirlene Hvinden. Lions Gene & Sharon Retka and Lion Brenda Jones also pledged as members to serve.



Lion Lucy surrounded by her "roll" supporters.

Below-Modeling their TP Sashes (from l-r): Lions Gene Retka, Sharon Retka, Mary Nicklay, Charlette Abbas, Lowell Abbas, Brenda Jones, Randy Jones, Dawn Juberien, Greg Juberien, Dennis Schaffer and Rusty Christopherson. Absent for Picture: Lions Bruce Hendrycks, Shirlene Hvinden, Hillard & Mary Johnson, Orville Johnson, Tom Jones, Frank Kilibarda, Orville Rannow, and Wally Sagmoen.



5M2 Lions' News Newsletter Deadline: 15th of each month...

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

What are your clubs doing for Service? Get Me the NEWS!!

More Courtland Lions...

Members of the Courtland Lions spent some time working in the Courtland Lions Park. Lions Rusty Christopherson and Dennis Schaffer cleaned and painted the picnic tables and did touch up in the shelter. Lions Gene Retka and Charlette Abbas did weed destruction and raking in the playground area. Dave Ubel sprayed weeds around the perimeter. The park is in good shape for use.

KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING IN MIND.



Hamburg Lions

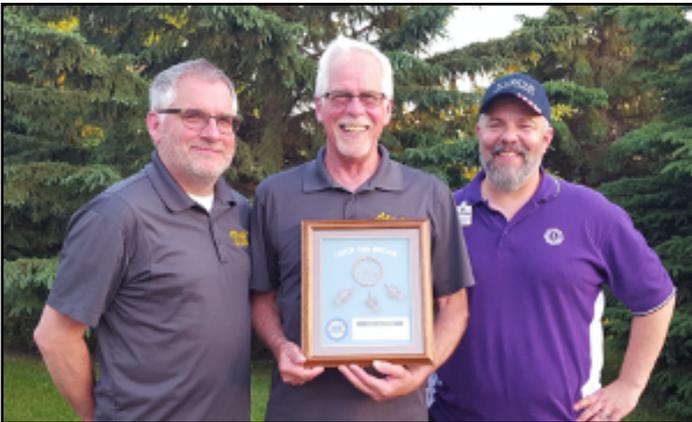
Hamburg Lions awarded 4 \$500 scholarships to these 2020 graduates. Pictured with the graduates are Hamburg Lions scholarship committee members Lion Todd Bentz & Lion Duane Kroells.



Nicollet Lions...



Nicollet Lions Honor Graduating Seniors - Graduation for the Nicollet High School Class of 2020 was held on Friday, May 31st. It was held in the parking lot with many restrictions. To show support for the graduates without being able to be there, the Nicollet Lions had posters made up for each senior student and posted the signs along the drive to the school that night. The students thought it was a great idea!



Nicollet Lions Present Dream Catcher Award - At the Nicollet Lions Annual Picnic meeting on Monday, June 15, Lion Mark Christensen was awarded the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Dream Catcher Award. It is the dream of the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation that one day there will be a cure for diabetes. Lion Mark Christensen was presented this award for the many ways Lion Mark dreams of how to help in any way in any community. Lion Mark is an asset to the Nicollet Lions Club with his positive input and support of the many projects undertaken by the Lions. Outside of the club, Lion Mark and his wife, Diane have impacted countless soldiers serving overseas by sending care packages for years and running a volunteer program called Chaplain's Wings. In the coming year, Lion Mark will be dreaming about how to best lead the Nicollet Lions as he is the incoming President. Presenting the award is outgoing Lion President Jerry Goodburn, Lion Mark Christensen and 1st Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann.



Nicollet Lions present scholarship awards - The Nicollet Lions Club took a bus tour Wednesday, May 27, visiting the homes of its nine scholarship winners. Ten Lions boarded Becky McKinley's bus at the school, then traveled from home to home to inform the students that they would receive a Lions scholarship.

Marisa Arndt, in bottom picture, was named Lions Student of the Year and received a \$1500 scholarship; each of the other eight received a \$750 scholarship.

Each student told the Lions about their future plans when they received their awards. The scholarships are usually presented at senior awards nights but—with school events cancelled—the Lions did the next best thing, taking the awards to the students (whose parents had been told that the Lions would come). It was a fun way to make the announcements.





Waterville Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

(Serving the Third Sunday of each Month)

2020 dates



**Serving
8:00 am til 12:00 noon**

**May 17th
June 21st
July 19th
August 16th
September 20th**

**The Village in Waterville
205 N 1st St
Waterville MN 56096**

Goodwill donation appreciated



Hosted
By the
Hamburg
Lions

The Final Jungle Days Golf Tournament

18 Hole Tournament
4 Person Scramble

Monday, August 3rd, 2020
Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

Glencoe Country Club
1325 1st Street East
Glencoe, MN

Prizes awarded
for Men &
Women teams
(Co-Ed teams =
Men category)

\$75.00 per golfer - includes golf cart, dinner and prizes
11:30 AM - Registration & Driving Range
Lunch will be available for purchase
Dinner @ approximately 5:30 pm

Additional Dinner Only Tickets available: \$20.00

Registration Deadline Monday, July 27, 2020

Player Name (Teams of 4)	Dinner Y/N <small>Included with registration</small>
Name:	
Name:	
Name:	
Name:	

Extra Dinner Tickets x \$20 per Ticket = _____ Total Payment Included: \$ _____

Check Payable to: Hamburg Lions Club
Send Payment to: Lion Chris Lund
612 Kim Ave

For questions, please email:
radahs71@msn.com

18 Hole – 4 Person Scramble

August 10th Noon Registration; 1 p.m. Start

Glencoe Country Club



If you are not able to golf, please consider becoming a hole sponsor at \$25 or more.

ALL PROCEEDS will be used for local projects. Thank you from the Plato Lions Club

We Serve

Prizes will be given

Contact Lions at 320-310-5056 for Registration Form

Plato Lions 24th Annual Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 26th, 2020

THE WACONIA LIONS CLUB IS
CELEBRATING THEIR



75th



Waconia Lions Anniversary

75 years of supporting
the Waconia Community

SOCIAL HOUR, DINNER AND PROGRAM

SOVEREIGN WINERY - WACONIA

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW IN JULY

Contacts:
Ricky Wagener
612-701-0346 • rrwags@embarqmail.com



“Get Your Lion On”

Clubs of 5M2,

We are excited to introduce to you a new program called **NAMI (North American Membership Initiative)** being rolled out for 2020-21 year. The 5M2 Leadership Team has already started and when July 1st rolls around, we will be ready to hit the ground running. Basically, NAMI is a coordinated effort between the Global Membership team, Global Service Team, Global Leadership Team and the 5M2 Leadership Team (District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, Zone Chairs and club Lions).

There are four areas that we will be concentrating on:

- 1. Rejuvenate District 5M2 with New Clubs**
- 2. Revitalize Clubs with New Members**
- 3. Re-motivate Members with New Fellowships and Exciting Service**
- 4. Support District and Club Leaders**

We are adding a new position to the district, the NAMI champion, who is PDG Joan Blank who will coordinate the efforts of all the district teams. It has been almost 40 years since we have seen a positive growth in North America. It is time to turn this around and show the world that Lions are still as important to our communities in North America as it has ever been.

Here is what we are asking you as a club to do. We would like your Leadership Team to “opt in” by signing the attached form stating you will incorporate the NAMI Initiative into your club. District goals are:

1. Each club to end the 2020-21 year with a plus membership. In July we will send you a report stating where you ended the 2019-2020 year in membership, and we want to see at least a growth of plus one member.
2. Encourage your members to step up into a leadership role in your club or district. Remember that each of us has our own personality and that Lions need to be able to do it their way. Getting new members involved as soon as possible makes them feel like they are part of the club. (Contact your GLT Coordinator or Zone Chair for Help)

As we get into the new Lions year, we will have more information for you to work with. We look forward to sharing your success stories with the District.

DG Anna Wickenhauser
“Get Your Lion On”

PDG Joan Blank
NAMI Champion





District 5M2

Get Your Lion On

NAMI (North American Membership Initiative)

Club Name _____

Date _____

The North American Membership Initiative has been discussed with our Lions club and we agree to participate in the 5M2 NAMI Program.

President _____

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

Mail/Email Completed forms to:
PDG Joan Blank – 5M2 NAMI Champion
44995 490th Street
Nicollet, MN 56074
lionjoanblank@gmail.com



If there's somebody who feels like they are losing everything, support them. Remind them that trees lose their leaves every year but still stand tall and better days will come.

