



5M2 LIONS' NEWS



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Get Your Lion On!!

*Lion Anna Wickenhauser
District Governor*

September brings back fond memories of the kids going back to school, going to orchards and doing some fall baking. It always used to signal to me the end of summer. Summer was filled with going to town festivals, county fairs and the Big One "The Minnesota

State Fair" along with frantically scrambling to get school shopping done and haircuts etc. I have had to adjust my priorities to having those traditional summer outings to my new reality.

When we are leaving the house, we have to do a check-do you have a mask? Is the place we are going even open? Do you have a Debit Card with you-they might not accept cash!!!! So many different things to think about when a person leaves the house. Are some of the challenges we are facing all bad-nope. They just take getting used to.

As Lions we are facing some challenges. Our place that we have held our meeting at won't allow us in, we are meeting at parks, parking lots, sheds etc. All of our fundraiser's have been canceled-what about our dues-how can we still serve our community? Our members are not comfortable going out in populated areas. We haven't met since March...the list goes on....

Unfortunately, I think this will be our reality for awhile. We can bury our heads in the sand until COVID passes or we can give it a swift kick in the rear and problem solve ways to get things done. Can we do everything we used too? No, but maybe this is just a new opportunity that is forcing us out of our comfort zone?

Please schedule me for a club visit-in a park,virtual whatever-don't wait until you traditionally have done it in the past-who knows what the future will bring-eeek!

Click on the link and it will bring you to the district website then you can click on the District Governor Visit Request Form and fill out the details-easy peasy:)

<http://e-district.org/sites/5m2/>

Zone Meetings are coming up-more than likely Virtual for the Fall. If you need help calling in or want to be involved in a Virtual meeting contact your Zone Chairs or any of the NAMI TEAM.

I have been encouraged by some of the clubs in our district. They have been finding ways to meet, new service projects, fundraising opportunities-you might as well give it a shot....what have you got to lose???



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Did You Know?



Lion Glenn Kaufmann
1st Vice District Governor

Hi Lions. While I have my fingers crossed the Vikings have a season this year, it's doubtful there will be fans in the stands. I'll miss going seeing them live this year, but with a comfy couch and HD on television, sometimes that is even better than seeing it live. Another thing to miss about seeing

it live is before most home games a group of veterans in uniform help display a 45,000 square foot flag for all to see. Seeing the veterans at the games always reminds me of their loyalty and dedication. Isn't this what our clubs are looking for more of?

Did you know there are over 80 Veterans Clubs around our district (American Legions and VFWs) and just over 28,000 military veterans living in 5M2? If you want your county's specific statistics, just let me know or contact your County Veteran Service Officer. Lions Clubs International provides opportunities for leadership, personal fulfillment, and relationship building through community and global service activities. This may ease the transition to civilian life and connect individuals who share similar life experiences. Of course we don't know all of the veterans in our community, but a good place to start is at your local American Legion or VFW. Maybe someone from your club



could do a presentation at a Legion or VFW meeting to let everyone there know what your Lions Club is all about.

IT'S NOT STEALING MEMBERS

You can set the Legion/VFW clubs at ease, you're not stealing their members. It's easy to belong to both clubs, each has a different focus area and ways to get involved in the community.

LCI's 'Involve a Veteran' program runs through June 30, 2021 and may offer eligible veterans an entrance fee waiver. For each veteran your club recruits, the club secretary or district governor completes an Involve a Veteran Certification Form which can be downloaded from the LCI website or requested by email directly from membership@lionsclubs.org. Unfortunately this program is for new Lions, not existing Lions.



When a service member retires, many of them are looking for ways to serve the new community they settle down in. Sometimes it's the community they grew up in, sometimes it's in an unfamiliar community. Your Lions Club can offer them the perfect opportunity for them to get acquainted with the city you call home. The veterans in your town are looking for new and rewarding ways to be involved. We can all go find them. If we can reach just 1% of the veterans living in 5M2, that's 280 new Lions to help serve our communities.

For more information on the Involve a Veteran Program, look for it on lionsclubs.org.

Tidbits from the Past (taken from past district newsletters)

PDG Nancy Mathwig, District 5M2 Historian

- Did you know that in the early '90's and before, what is now our 1st vice district governor position was known as the Lt. Governor? The 2nd Vice District Governor position was added in 2009-2010 with PDG Sue Bowman serving as our first 2nd VDG.
- On May 10, 1993, Governor Arne H. Carlson, proclaimed the year 1993 as the "Year of the Lions". This was the first year that the Lions Clubs International Convention was held in Minneapolis.
- In 1988 the Lions of MD5M committed to raise three (3) million dollars for the Lions Research Building at the

University of Minnesota. As of June 30, 1992, clubs in District 5M2 had donated:

o 0 to \$499.00	24 clubs
o \$500 to \$999	6 clubs
o \$1000 to \$2499	10 clubs
o \$2500 to \$4999	8 clubs
o \$5000 to \$7499	3 clubs
o \$7500 to \$9999	1 club
o \$10,000 & over	4 clubs
o 3 clubs at that time had made no contribution.	

Silver Knight Awards were earned for a \$5000 donation and a Golden Knight Award for a \$10,000 donation. Looks like the clubs of District 5M2 have continued to build on their generous giving to needed projects.

From My Garden...



*Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg
2nd Vice District Governor*

It's that time of year again. ZONE MEETINGS!!!! I can't wait!!!!

For those of you who are new and for those of you who have been around for a while, a little orientation.

District 5M-2 has 65 clubs, they are divided up into 8 Zones, and each

Zone has 8 clubs, give or take. There is a Zone Chair for each one, find out who your Zone Chair is.

Every fall and spring there is a Zone meeting for clubs to come together to get the opportunity to see what is happening in the District of 5M-2.

For you to have the opportunity to meet DG Anna and the DG team, and the 5M-2 cabinet for all us to meet you, to form that important connection.

Not only do "WE SERVE" we are family. To find out what is happening in all the clubs of 5M-2, what is working and not working for them and your club, maybe even steal an idea or two. To share ideas. To come together make new friends and help each other out. To maybe, just maybe find the courage to start your leadership journey either in your club or at the district level.

To hear what the cabinet has to share about each of the committees they are on and to learn how 5M-2 Serves:



Can-Do-Canines	Marketing
District Activities	MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
District Conventions	MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
Environmental	MN Lions Hearing Foundation
Global Leadership Team	Newsletter
Global Membership Team	North American Membership Initiative
Global Service Team	Project New Hope
Journey for Service	Protocol/Public Relations
Kid Sight	Social Media
LCIF District Coordinator	Special Olympics
Leader Dog	Technology
LEO Clubs	Write-Off
Liberty Days	Youth Exchange/Camp
Lions Gift of Sight	Youth Outreach ~ LCI Essay Contest
Lions Quest	Youth Outreach ~ Peace Poster
Long Range Planning	

If you didn't catch all the information chairs had to share, invite them to your next club meeting to learn more, and in detail of all that our district does to make Minnesota a better place to live.

To quote Red Green ~ "We are all in this together, and I'm pulling for you" and "keep your stick on the ice"

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg



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!!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



Lion Debra Wasserman, 5M2 LCIF Coordinator

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was founded in 1968 to take the mission of Lions Clubs International to new heights by tackling global problems, as well as assisting Lions with large-scale local humanitarian projects.

LCIF's history is filled with high-impact projects, meaningful partnerships and the kindness and efforts of Lions. In 1972 LCIF awarded its first grant, \$5,000, in response to flooding in rapid City, South Dakota. LCIF has now surpassed the \$1 billion mark having awarded over 13,000 grants in the last 50 years.

In 1973 the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) program was created as a way to recognize donors. The MJF program is the backbone of LCIF, providing 75 percent of the Foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honor presented to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of \$100 over a five-year period (recommended). Melvin Jones Fellows receive a lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter. The names of MJFs are displayed on a computer in the LCIF Room at the International Headquarters.

LCIF records show 1,059 MJFs have been presented to Lions in 5M2, 81 of which are "Progressive" MJFs. A Progressive MJF (PMJF) is presented when a recipient is recognized a second or subsequent time. The first 5M2 listed recipient was the Late PID Adrian Johnson in 1978. As of January 2018, there are 414,777 MJF recipients and 82,236 PMJF recipients worldwide. 60 of our 65 clubs have or have had Melvin Jones Fellows as members.

43 clubs in 5M2 have enough funds on deposit with LCIF to present at least one Melvin Jones Fellowship. I encourage these clubs to choose someone to recognize. This is a great way to honor a longtime member, encourage and appreciate a project Chair, thank an outgoing club officer or even recognize a community member who has supported your club and/or the project/service areas in which we work. The club Board of Directors, an awards committee, or a committee of the current Melvin Jones Fellows are possible vehicles to select the MJF recipient. Remember it's not a competition, not length of membership based, no list of criteria to check off. This is your opportunity to honor someone who serves.

If you want to know the specific amount your club has on deposit, how to make a donation, how to apply for an MJF or get a list of the MJFs in your club please email or call me. You are also welcome to send LCIF donations to me and I will forward them to LCIF.



40 Ideas to Recruit New Lions

1. Ask someone. Ask One!
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise on Facebook/Twitter
4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
6. Contact with Chamber of Commerce
7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc.
9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
11. Create videos of your events and promote your Club on YouTube
12. Host an Open House
13. Hold a club assembly only on membership
14. Ask former Leos, Effective Speaking Contestants, Lions Quest grads, Vision Screening school contact, etc.
15. Make the membership chair an active Club Officer that reports at each meeting
16. Put together guest information packets (see [Family recruitment Brochure](#) / [Campus Club recruitment brochure](#) / [Standard recruitment brochure](#) / [Club recruitment brochure template](#))
17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
18. Invite family members to join
19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
20. Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
21. Distribute extra copies of LION magazine and attached information about your club in waiting rooms, etc.
22. Hold high-profile meetings (all candidates meetings, special guests, etc.)
23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
24. Ask for help from your Region Chairperson/Zone Chairperson/GMT Coordinator/DG Team
25. Have a special guest day
26. Send club members to a district membership seminar
27. Make prospective members feel important
28. Honor outstanding community members with awards like Melvin Jones, Awards by Club (certificates), etc.
29. Don't take age into consideration
30. Make some meetings social events
31. Build a club web site and a social media presence
32. Use email contacts to promote your club
33. Put posters in public areas (see ["We are Lions" club recruitment poster](#) / look at posters other Lions created [Pinterest page of posters](#) / or be inspired by [Our Global Causes](#))
34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
35. Have a reward/recognition program for those who bring in new members at Club level
36. Create more fun
37. Give a money-back guarantee—if after 3 months a new member does not want to stay, return their fees
38. Invite the media to cover well-known speakers
39. Use word of mouth
40. Network with coworkers, friends, and family



LION'S DAY

AT

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

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! The approach is simple: we hand-pack meals specifically formulated for undernourished children. FMSC meals are donated to partners worldwide and distributed every day in schools, orphanages, clinics and feeding programs to deliver hope!!

This packing experience will be a little different because of COVID-19. ALL volunteers will be required to wear masks for the duration of your session. All volunteers will have their temperature checked and go through a verbal symptom screening upon arrival. Please read the changes on the home page at: www.fmssc.org Also, please watch "What to expect when packing at FMSC – 2020". This is on: <https://youtu.be/PQ0zdFruo0s>

Donations of any amount would be VERY much appreciated!! Because FMSC has had to rely on more costly alternative packing methods during the pandemic, the need for funding is greater than ever. 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 Feed My Starving Children, 401 93RD Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Be sure to indicate in the MEMO area – LION'S 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!!



LION'S DAY AT FMSC – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

ALL PREVIOUSLY EXISTING RESERVATIONS WERE CANCELED ON AUGUST 12!!

Sign up now to be a part of the 2020 LION'S DAY at FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN!! www.fmsc.org
Click on Volunteer at the top of the page. Scroll down the page to Looking for a Specific Group? Type in LION'S DAY. Click on Search Groups. Choose the location from the list below and the time slot that you would like to volunteer. Click on Join. Either Log In (if you already have an account with FMSC or Create an Account). To create an Account, all you need to do is put in your name, address, phone number, email and a password. Once you are into the Join Group, just answer the questions and there will be a confirmation that you need to do and you are registered. If you need any help with this OR want us to sign you up, please feel free to contact us – Co-Chairman of LION'S DAY – Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, #763-786-8072, bmguthrie9@q.com

CHANHASSEN – 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, 55317

Lion's contact person – GST (5M2) Lion Darlene Mondor – mondordarlene8@gmail.com

GST (5M5) Lion Bernie Braegelman – Bernxie@aol.com

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - 70

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 70

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – 70

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

Lion's contact person – (5M7) Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie – bmguthrie9@q.com

Shift times and # of reserved spots – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - 50

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 50

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - 50

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

Lion's contact person – DG Lion Gina Detviler – gmdetviler@lions5m-6.org

Shift times and # of reserved spots - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - 75

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM - 75

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – 75

WE SERVE!! TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS!!



Lions Clubs International Education Opportunities

The following Institutes will be offered by Lions Clubs International.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region, and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$125.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: March 13-15, 2021

Location: Toronto, ON, Canada

Language: English

Submission Deadline: December 13, 2020

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search ALLI

Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

The Faculty Development Institute is a three-day institute that serves to develop and expand the number of skilled Lions faculty available for use in training at the club, district, and multiple district levels. The curriculum is designed to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Lions who complete the FDI are expected to be able to effectively deliver training sessions with provided materials. They should not be expected to create their own training materials.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as instructors at local Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. A candidate's training experience should include using PowerPoint to support training delivery. (Note: Participants will not be expected to create any materials while at the FDI, but it will be necessary to use PowerPoint and other provided materials for some activities.)

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. In compliance with board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$150.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: February 20-22, 2021

Location: Los Angeles, CA, USA

Language: English

Submission Deadline: November 22, 2020

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search FDI



SEPTEMBER 25 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

You can experience the forum this year in a new way! Although we aren't able to facilitate the 80 wonderful seminars that were planned for Louisville, the Forum Planning Committee is excited to present 19 sessions you can attend virtually. It's easy and affordable.

Choose from 19 sessions that will educate you on programs and services like Childhood Cancer Symposium, Faces of Diabetes Innovation, how to approach the younger generation about Lions, projects for women and families, learning more with NAMI and so much more!

Complete event registration fee

3 days— 2 hour sessions

\$20.00

Learn more—Register Now!

<https://members.lionsforum.org/event-3925061>



"Peace Through Service"

Has your club ordered their Peace Poster Contest kit yet from LCI? You have time up until October 1st to get the order in. This year, not knowing what the school year will look like in many of our District 5M2 schools, clubs may have to get creative in how to promote the Peace Poster Contest to local youth. Even if your local school has decided on distance learning- the teachers still have contact with the students and can you get the word out about the contest.

Now, more than ever, our youth need a chance to express themselves through art and what better way than to create a poster about achieving "Peace Through Service". The earlier that you can reach out to the students the better, as the local clubs need to submit the entries to me by November 15.

If you are looking for ideas on how to promote the Peace Poster project or your club will be new to sponsoring this project and need help, please contact me. The Peace Poster Contest has been around since the 1980's and we are not going to let Covid-19 stop us now!!

PDG Diana Kroells
Peace Poster Chairperson
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952-467-2211

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation News



Well here we are again! Another month has gone by and the pandemic is still with us. The day is coming with the COVID puzzle will be solved. In the mean time we need to do what we can to get through this time of unknown.

The Hearing Foundation has plans for the D-Feet Hearing Walk for the next year! Save the date, Saturday, June 5, 2021 for the D-Feet Hearing Walk. We hope to be back at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum as we have in the past. We are planning on making it better than ever. If the Arboretum is closed we will have some kind of Virtual Walk by District, Zone or just individual clubs. We don't have all the details worked out yet.

We still want all the clubs to budget donations for the Parade of Green and for the D-Feet Hearing Walk. It is really beneficial for the Foundation when clubs can budget for both events.

The Foundation's commitment to the Children's Hearing Clinic has been fulfilled. The final payment has been made. Thank you to all the clubs for helping to complete this goal on time. The clinic is functioning very well. The

unique part is a patient goes to the clinic and stays basically in one room. There are seven different doctors that will rotate in and out to the patient. This way evaluation of the patient can sometimes be done in one visit.

The last payment on the one million dollar commitment for the professorship will be paid in the spring of 2021. That payment will complete that project.

The next big project could be the University of Minnesota Lions Temporal Bone Lab. The Lions helped to remodel this lab in 1995. A lot of the equipment is now outdated and when they break down the parts are very hard to find. Sometimes parts are not available and something has to be improvised to make it work. This lab has become a very important part of the University of Minnesota training program. Not only for the doctors at the Hearing Center but for all medical students at the U of M. We will have more information on this as it is made available to us.

As always, we are available for club visits. We want to come and talk to your club about your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Feel free to contact one of us to visit your club.

Trustees:

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

September is Childhood Cancer Month

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

will be selling T-shirts to promote
Childhood Cancer Month



Jerzees 50/50

\$ 25.00 (S,M,L & XL)

\$ 30.00 (2XL,3XL,4XL & 5XL)

Long sleeve - S-XL **\$30.00** 2XL-3XL **\$35.00**

Send order form with check to:

Linda Albrecht

1021 5th Avenue NW

Perham, Mn. 56573

pdglinda@gmail.com

218-298-4743

NAMI Newsworthy

The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) team has been meeting monthly to brainstorm about membership in 5M2. The team is excited to have these following clubs “opt in” to join the initiative to continue to strengthen their membership: Norwood Young America (NYA) West Carver Lions, Victoria Lions, Albert Lea Lakeview Lions, Jordan Lions, Jordan Jordaness Lions, Chanhassen Lions, Alden Lions and St. Peter Lions. A club may “opt in” at anytime (see form at end of newsletter).



A shoutout goes to the following clubs for increased membership since June: Glencoe Lions, Hutchinson Lions, Le Center Lions, Le Sueur Lions, Jordaness Lions, Norwood Young America Lions, Shakopee Lions, St. Peter Lions and Victoria Lions for a total of 13 new Lions. Keep up the great work! As a resource, towards the end of this newsletter, you will find 40 ideas for recruiting members. If you have any great success stories you would like to share, please let me know. PDG Joan Blank, NAMI Champion



Lions of District 5M2

Pop a Top and Save the Tab

(A project of the Environmental & Service Committees)



Who: All Lions Clubs in 5M2

What: Collect Aluminum Can Tabs

Why: To benefit Ronald McDonald House
And Shriners Hospitals

When: Now to 2021 Mid-Winter Convention

How: Create your own containers to place in local business
(Be Creative – there will be a contest at Mid-Winter)

More information will be sent to all club presidents in September

For more info contact: Lion Pam Koenen (pkkoenen@gmail.com)

MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

**Due to COVID-19 and the safety for all,
we have decided to cancel
Thanksgiving for Vision
and the
MLVF Eye Ball.**

*Thanksgiving
for
Vision*



**Even though things are limited in the
world currently...
the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and
Lions Gift of Sight are up and running.
MLVF Directors are available to visit your
clubs (virtual or in person) to give you an
update on all that is happening.**



HELP RAISE MONEY FOR CAMP SWEET LIFE

Online Auction - For more information, click on the following link. Spread the word!!!

Online Auction

VIRTUAL GLOW RUN
Register Today! Click link below to register.

VIRTUAL GLOW RUN

Camp Sweet Life - Glow Run and auction - has gone Virtual - check it out!

Hope all is safe with you! Camp Sweet Life (for kids with Type One Diabetes) has a couple great events coming up! Can you spread the word? Get Involved?

Below is the link for the upcoming Camp Sweet Life Virtual Glow Run and Online Auction. Please help us by spreading the word and maybe even getting involved by:

Virtual Glow Run: register at eventbrite, get a free really cool glow performance shirt, and support Camp Sweet Life! Link to eventbrite registration for Glow Run:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-glow-run-2020-for-camp-sweet-life-for-kids-with-type-1-diabetes-tickets-111187215956>

Online auction: The auction will be held on Sept 12 through Sept 13. If you care to donate an item to be auctioned off send a picture and description to:

Auction@campsweetlife.org

To view items already listed (over 60 items so far) click the link below and hit the discussion tab!

To bid on Sept 12/13 you will bid in the comments section of each item. Highest bid at the end of auction gets the item (all proceeds go to Camp Sweet Life)!

https://www.facebook.com/events/726454488130220/?active_tab=about

Help us by spreading the word! Thanks!



"Peace Through Service"

Lion Debra Wasserman
Lions Clubs International Essay Contest,
MD5M Chair

The LCI Essay Contest began in 2010 as a companion to the Peace Poster contest. It is directed to students who are blind or visually impaired giving them the opportunity to write on the same theme as students participating in the artistic Peace Poster contest.

The Peace Poster contest and the Essay contest give

students the chance to share their ideas and perspectives, and we adults the opportunity to learn about their view of the world and its future. The more students who are able to participate in the contests, the better for us locally and the world in general.

Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired receive information about the contest but reaching others who may know students is the goal of this article. If you know a student or a school district person, please share this information. Peace Poster kits contain information you can use and share with those who might know a student who would be interested in participating in the contest.

I am also available to answer any questions and share information that would help you, your club, or those working with students.

liondebra@charter.net
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612-718-8330 (Cell)

Mankato Area Lions Diabetes Virtual Rally



*Alone it is hard to perform great feats of strength,
but together, we have great strength of feet!*



Benefiting Camp Sweet Life and the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

When: Saturday, October 10, 2020

Time: 8:45 AM – ZOOM Link Opens

Zoom.us – Meeting ID: 550 110 7565, Passcode: 5WFYFJ

9:00 AM – Virtual Speaker, Jean Lundquist

9:30 AM – Virtual Walk

Due to COVID 19 and its effects on individuals with diabetes, research is needed now more than ever. Consider forming your own Family Team, Work Team, Organization Team, or just a FUN Team to help with this worthy cause.

Team Registration: Rene Maes, 507-995-6910

Donations: Make checks payable to Mankato Sunrise Lions Club, MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Life (a 501(c)(3) organization), or Camp Sweet Life (a 501(c)(3) organization). Mail to PO Box 2175 Mankato, MN 56002.

MATCHING FUNDS: *Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF DIA17102/5M2) will match Camp Sweet Life donations up to \$50,000.*

See the Mankato Sunrise Lions Facebook page for more information.

MD5M PHOTO CONTEST

July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

"PETS AND CRITTERS"

RULES:

- Original work of a Lion or Leo Member
- Submit name, phone number, district, name of the subject, and area where photo was taken
- Only one entry per member
- Photos must not include people
- Submit photo by email in digital format and resolution of 300dpi
- Send photo to: rosepuckett313@gmail.com
- Entry will imply consent to use for promotional activities
- Winners determined by committee

First Place \$100.00

Second Place \$75.00

Third Place \$50.00



LET'S GET CLICKIN!

Lions', Leos' Clubs News and Activities

Gibbon Lions



DG Anna recognized Gibbon Lion Dick Isakson with a Helen Keller Award. Congratulations to Lion Dick.



2020 Gibbons Lions Award winners with DG Anna at their recent Sweet Corn feast.

Alden Lions

On July 20th the Alden Lions got together to pull weeds and clean up Alden's Morin Lake beach area. Alden Lions also donated to add more sand to the beach.

Pictured left to right Lions Kathleen Bleckeberg, Cheryl Reynolds, Neil Pierce, Lori Nelson, Ebenezer Howe and Ruthann Gaard



Minnesota Lake Lions

The Minnesota Lake Lions Bike Ride to Daly Park on Saturday August 1, 2020 was a beautiful day for a bike ride! Six bikers started the ride at 9 am from the Old Mill Park in Minnesota Lake. Lion Matt Daly drove a lead truck and Lions Vern and Darlene drove the back truck. There was a break and water stop at Audrey Healy farm which marked the halfway spot to Daly Park. Upon reaching the shelter at Daly Park we took another break for water and snack or lunch. Five people started the return bike ride back to Minnesota Lake. A pulled muscle eliminated another rider, but we had four people make the 24 mile round trip back to the Old Mill Park. Congratulations to all the bikers for taking on the challenge of the bike ride.

Participating in the ride were: Lions Jim and Edie More, Lions Bill and Maxine Daly, Joe Daly, and Tony Herber. The Lions are hoping to sponsor another ride and hope to have more people involved.



Bill & Maxine Daly, Jim & Edie More, Tony Herber and Joe Daly participated in the ML Lions Bike Ride



ABOVE: Water stop at Healy Farm. RIGHT: Audrey and family came out to visit with the group.



ABOVE: 12 mile break at shelter in Daly Park.



Jim and Edie More completed the 24 mile round trip to Daly Park

New Ulm Virtual Diabetes Walk

The New Ulm Diabetes Walk will again be sponsored by the Lafayette and New Ulm Lions Clubs. There will not be an organized walk this year. Instead, participants are asked to walk on their own to find a CURE for Diabetes and/or to send donations. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. The majority of these donations will be used at the University of Minnesota to research the CURE for Diabetes.

Donations can be sent to Bob Schirlinger, 801 N Payne St. New Ulm, MN 56073, Checks should be written to MN Lions Diabetes Foundation. Donations can also be made at <https://www.nudbwalk.com/> or <https://www.gofundme.com/f/23istjx7g0>.

A soft deadline for this year's Diabetes Walk is September 26. The Lions Clubs appreciate the generous support they have received for the walk in the past. Hopefully, walkers will be able to gather for a fun walk next year.

For more information, contact Lion Bob at 612-501-2719.



2020 Mayer Car & Cycle Night



August
5th
19th



September
2nd
16th
30th

Come support the
Mayer Area Lions Club
at the Mayer car show!

Food sale profits will support
future community needs!



Saturday, Sept. 19
Serving 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Carver Community Hall
316 Broadway, Downtown Carver

Carver Lions Annual Pork Chop Dinner

*Enjoy pork chops, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, vegetable,
baked beans, bread, dessert.*

Take-Out Drive Thru Dinner!
\$10 To-Go Meal

Order on 4th Street Hill
Pick-up in front of City Hall

Call Dean at 952-221-2884 for info.



Waterville Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



(Serving the Third Sunday of each Month)



2020 dates

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



Serving
8:00 am til 12:00 noon



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

Goodwill donation appreciated



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**

SPECIAL HOUR, DINNER AND PROGRAM
SOVEREIGN WINERY - WACONIA

FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

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"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:
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Nicollet, MN 56074
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