

DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos

As this newsletter comes to you, we are still being challenged as Lions, Lionesses and Leos being able to go about our work, service, and fundraising. The last eight months have been a challenge for those of us who are so accustomed to being able to greet one-another, shake hands, and/or share hugs when we are reunited. We can only hope we can return to some type of normalcy soon.

For those of you who are cabinet members, the cabinet meeting scheduled for October 24 **will not** be in-person. It will be a virtual meeting. Please watch for a zoom meeting invite.

For those of you on the Minnesota side of the border, please consider a date for club visits and submit the club visitation request form. For those of you in Manitoba you can submit a visitation request knowing it will have to be a virtual visit.

A decision as to whether or not to go ahead with the mid-winter convention has yet to be made. At present, it appears we may not have the regularly scheduled convention. The international border remains closed with no foreseeable opening soon. Recently Manitoba increased the in-person gathering restrictions to only 10 people instead of 25. Your district governor team does not want to go-ahead with the convention if the Manitoba Lions would be unable to attend. If we decide to cancel the in-person event a virtual meeting will be held.

Even with the restrictions we are faced with, our work as Lions must continue to better our communities and to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

As a "team" we will get through these challenging times and be stronger in the end. Keep up the hope, spirit, and service.

Yours in service,

Lion Kevin Reich

5M11 District Governor 2020-2021

"Serving with Diversity and Kindness"

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

102nd Lions Clubs International President

****NOTICE****

Attention Lions Cabinet Members

The October 24 cabinet meeting will be a virtual event starting at 10:00 am. Please watch for a zoom meeting invite from *lions5M11website@gmail.com***.**

District 5M11 2020-2021 Cabinet Meetings

- October 24, 2020: Virtual Zoom meeting at 10:00 AM
- January 29, 2021: Hampton Inn & Suites, Bemidji, MN – 2:00 PM
- May 15, 2021: Bethany Lutheran Church, Red Lake Falls, MN - 11:00 AM

2021 Mid-Winter Convention - Tentative

- January 29-31, 2021: Hampton Inn & Suites, Bemidji



VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

- Join at least 5 minutes before the meeting start time.
- Mute your microphone when you're not talking.
- Find a quiet space without interruptions or background noise.
- Speak up and stay close to microphone when speaking.
- Have good lighting on your face; avoid backlight from bright windows
- If using a laptop with built-in camera, prop your laptop up so camera is at eye-level.
- Be mindful that you are on camera! Try to avoid doing other tasks during virtual meetings.



ON AIR



Photo Taking Tips

- ♦ Hold the camera at the person's eye level
 - ♦ Get in close
- ♦ Make sure the background is not cluttered
- ♦ Do not have bright lights on right behind the subject



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Visitation requests are preferred for late July through mid-December and early January through late March. Two or more clubs working together for a joint visit would be appreciated.

E-mail kwrrlf@gmail.com

Lions 5M11 2020-2021 Request for Club Visitation by Lion Kevin Reich

Lions Club Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Lion requesting the visit: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Dates of preference: 1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Time of social, if held: _____ Time of meeting: _____ Will there be a meal: Yes ___ No ___

Name of meeting location: _____

Address of meeting location: _____

Will there be other Lions Clubs represented? If so, please list: _____

What time will be best to meet with the executive officers? _____ Before the meeting would be preferred.

Would you like any of the following done? _____ District Governor Dress Code

1. Install Officers: Yes ___ No ___	Formal, in uniform: _____
2. Install Members: Yes ___ No ___	Casual, in comfort: _____
3. Present Awards: Yes ___ No ___	Spouse able to attend: Yes ___ No ___
4. Other, Please List: _____	

Please mail this request form or email it to the appropriate address above. Thank you!

The date will be confirmed after checking the schedule and the requesting Lion is notified.



W A N T E D

2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 – 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

***We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the
2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!***

Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included.

However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.

The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2020.

Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:

Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ MEMBER NUMBER: _____

OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slightly textured appearance and is set against a dark background.

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

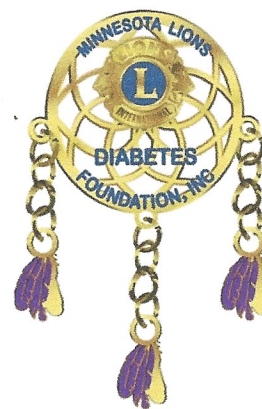
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute, your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration to MD5M Executive Secretary Robert Harms by January 15, 2021.

Catch the Dream...

...a world without Diabetes!

& Catch some Ca\$h



A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research to treat and curing Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10

2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners

2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee
for tickets & information!**

Kim Peters, kpeters@arvig.net

Sandy Bertilrud, sandybertilrud@yahoo.com



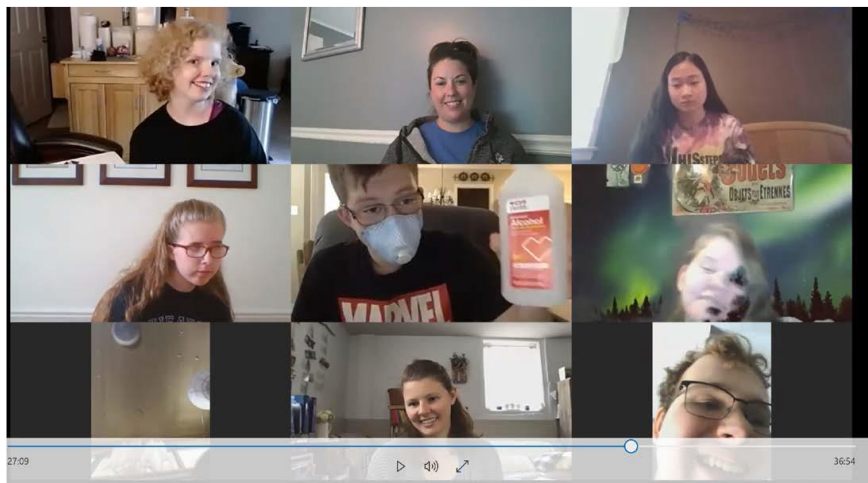
Visit MnLionsDiabetes.org for more information and contacts.



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – Sept 2020

Summer Experience Goes Bigger...& Virtual!



This year the orientation and mobility (O&M) team took summer camp online for our first ever Virtual Summer Experience Camp!

Forty-three teenagers from 21 states and 2 countries gathered around their tablets, phones and computers for a week filled with fun and bonding. Although we couldn't meet in person this year, the goals remained the same—to provide campers with opportunities to explore mobility options, build leadership skills and connect with their peers. The group met 11 times for activities that included Harness the Power of Leadership, an O&M scavenger hunt, a Q&A with some of our guide dog mobility instructors and a fun trivia night. We also had a private Facebook group where campers could keep the conversation rolling all week long.

Our staff had a great time getting to know our virtual campers and their feedback suggests they also had a blast! With the support of the entire organization and our generous donors, the O&M team was able to quickly adapt our traditional Summer Experience Camp to this virtual format. We are so grateful and proud that we were able to provide an exceptional experience to our youngest clients but missed being together on campus with campers and volunteers. We can't wait to be back together next year!

Above: A grid view of seven campers and 2 camp counselors in a breakout room for the O&M scavenger hunt. Everyone is smiling as campers show items they found around their homes.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

Dollars for Dogs – Event-Free Fundraising!

With fundraising events being cancelled across the world, Leader Dog is introducing several non-event fundraisers for Lions to help support our mission.

“This is a great idea anytime...it doesn't matter if you have a small or large club, in the city or small town!” said Lion Beth Slade, director of philanthropy for Lions engagement.

Clubs order packs of “dog tags” (pictured below) to distribute to local businesses. At the check out, employees ask if they would like to make a \$1, \$5, or \$20 donation to Leader Dog. The club and the business get the credit.

It's a great way to connect Lions with their communities and the project they support!

To order free kits, go to:
<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/order-promotional-items/>
Or email Lion Kathleen Breen at Kbreen@LeaderDog.org.



BE OF SERVICE

LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   



Vision Service Ideas for Lions of 5M

- **Collect used eyeglasses** - give to your MN Lions Vision Foundation Trustee
- **Do KidSight Screening**
- **Hold event** - do an event that focuses on blindness and how a white cane supports independence. <https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/meet-blind-month/white-cane-awareness-day>.
- **Host a “Dine in the Dark” meal** in which people are blindfolded and eat a multi-course, elegant meal. The money raised will support Can Do Canines and the Leader Dog program or Canadian Guide Dog program.
- **Create a sensory garden** with plants, water features, and sculptures that engage the senses of touch, smell, and hearing. Provide Braille and/or audio recordings of signage.
- **Donate large print books** to your local library. Put donation labels (Donated by the _____ Lions Club with the month and year) in large-print books that are donated to local libraries. (Check with libraries first to see what books they want to acquire.)
- **Help make tactile baby blankets** for babies who are blind or visually impaired, including those with multiple disabilities or deaf blindness. <https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/tactile-baby-blankets> . Donate locally, if needed, or to Perkins International. <https://www.perkins.org/>
- **Construct a Sorry game** for visually-impaired seniors at a nursing home. <https://www.perkinselearning.org/activity/adapted-sorry-board-game>
- **Adapt Connect Four** to be played by those who are visually-impaired at a nursing home: <https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/strategies/adapting-connect-four-players-visual-impairments>
- **Make a Christmas tactile book** for a nursing home: <https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/strategies/christmas-tactile-experience-book>
- **Low vision kits** - Create kits for people who have been recently diagnosed as low vision or who are blind:
 - <https://carroll.org/product/mixed-bump-dots/>
 - <https://carroll.org/product/marinoff-low-vision-playing-cards/>
 - <https://carroll.org/product/bold-writer-low-vision-pens/>
 - <https://carroll.org/product/plastic-check-writing-guide/>
 - <https://carroll.org/product/2x-around-the-neck-magnifier-rectangular-5-5-x-4/>

These kits can be given to Lions members to begin with and then to people who are identified in the community.



The Barnesville Lions Club inducted one new member. Shown, L to R, Lion Jerry Feigum, sponsor, Jon Ellerbusch, newly inducted member, and 1st VP Lion Scott Nelson. Lion Jon becomes the 35th member of the Club and already is familiar with the Lions motto of, "We Serve." Lion Jon, Superintendent of School District 146, belonged to the very active Royalton Lions Club for a number of years prior to joining the Barnesville Club, and he quickly got into the "service" mode by helping to pick up trash from the 8 miles of ditches the club is responsible for cleaning in the spring and in the fall.



Lion Pat, President of **WSTPaul Lions Club** presented Lion Glenn Rossong with his plaque for "Lion of the Year" for 2019/2020.

Congratulations Lion Glenn. Well deserved!!!



The Barnesville Lions club once again completed their fall ditch clean up. Lions, left to right, are Mike Quiggle, Matt Bailey, Mike Pearson, and Archie Hause. This group cleaned a two mile stretch on both sides of the Highway 9 south of Downer.



This group of Lions ditch cleaning artists, picked up ditches in a two mile stretch on both sides of an area along Hwy 34 east of the Willow Creek Municipal Golf Course. Left to right are the following Lions: Mike Rietz, Ron Johnson, and Terry Schritz.



YOUR 5M11 DISTRICT TEAM

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****To submit a photo for the newsletter, please include the following so your club can be properly recognized:***

*****Date, Location, Event, Club, and any other details or information you would like to appear.
Please submit photos in .jpeg format please.*****



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