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FAMILY -**STRONGER** TOGETHER!

DISTRICT 5M3 GOVERNOR DENISE NELSON

Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Serve!

Guiding Lion Training – August 19

Join us for Guiding Lion Training on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:00 PM at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. This is a great opportunity for any club member interested in strengthening their club's membership or supporting other clubs. Come early and grab a bite before the session!

First Cabinet Meeting - August 10

Our first cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10 at 2:00 PM at the Vernon Park Shelter. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll meet at the Morgan Lions Community Building on Vernon Avenue instead. All are welcome!

Club Excellence Award – New Requirements

It's time to review the updated requirements for the Club Excellence Award. Let's aim high and continue to grow stronger together!

Schedule Your District Governor Visit

I would love to visit your club! To schedule a DG visit, please contact me:



Denise.nelson1712@gmail.com



507-227-1712 (call or text)

Lions & Leos in Action - Let's Serve Together!

We're calling on Lions and Leos to join forces in meaningful service throughout the year. It all begins with a focus on Mental Health & Well-Being, October 4–12, 2025. When we serve together, we create greater impact and change more lives!



1VDG GREG JANACHOVSKY

WOW! WOW! WOW!

What an Awesome 107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Orlando, Florida, July 13-17, 2025. All Lions should attend an international convention at least once in their lifetime. Awesome speakers, great entertainment, venders, and the International Parade of Nations. What an event, all

the different nations and clothing, high school bands and even bag pipes. The parade route was less than a mile. Minnesota did have a speaker from Camp Sweet Life (diabetes) Tom Emmers and his two daughters spoke after legendary Olympian Michael Phelps. Tom Emmers spoke at our Lions Mid-Winter convention. An awesome experience was had. Next year's 108th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION is in Hong Kong on July 3-7, 2026. The convention will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 29-July 3, 2029. The convention Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the convention. If you are willing to help, let me know and I will get you in contact with the committee.

SERVICE REPORTING: Don't forget to start your service reporting in the Lions portal. Let's get to 100 percent of clubs reporting by the 1st of January 2026. If you need help, contact the District Administrator Deb Rasset. See July 2026 newsletter for contact information.

LOOKING FOR A FEW LIONS TO FILL CABINET POSITIONS: If you are interested in joining the 5M3 cabinet, please contact DG Denise Nelson, or Second Vice District Governor Darren Saner, Immediate Past District Governor Deb Rasset or myself. We are looking for a zone 3 chair.

THE SEASON OF LIONS FUNRAISERS: Please support your neighboring Lions clubs fundraisers. A wonderful way to socialize, visit with friends, family & neighbors, plus helping them raise money for local community projects. Please send your fundraisers information to Technology/WebMaster Lion Bob Schirlinger at bschir@comcast.net so it can be put on the 5M3 web site and also to Newsletter Editor Lisa Saner at Lions5M3@hotmail.com. I am always looking for a place to eat, so I do not have to cook or do dishes. Please continue to ask someone to be a Lion.

Thank you for being a Lion.

5M3 1VDG

Greg Janachovsky



2VDG DARREN SANER

Greetings Lions, have you asked someone to be a lion today?

As 5M3 GMT (Global Membership Team) chair, I will be pushing to meet our district goals for the Lions year 25-26. Our goal is to start a new club in 5M3 and also increase overall membership by 69 new members. Check out the GMT article in this newsletter to learn ways to increase membership in

DG Denise and I attended the Mission 1.5 summit in Las Vegas in June where we were inspired and informed of ways to reach our goals for membership. Currently we are at about 1.34 million members worldwide and pushing for 1.5 million.

So, let's all do our part and ask someone to join lions today! Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or want help getting started on a membership drive.

2nd VDG, GMT

Darren Saner





August Monthly GMT Resources Global Membership Team (GMT)

Congratulations Multiple 5M:

Congratulations to all Districts in 5M! 5M finished the 2024-2025 Lions year at +175! Thank you for recruiting and retaining Lions in our Multiple. Let's keep the momentum going!

GOALS AND ACTION PLANS:

Each club is asked to set membership goals for Lions year 25-26. It is important for each club to set membership goals, develop an action plan for each of those goals, and communicate those goals to all members in the club. Membership growth is not solely the responsibility of the membership chair, rather a collective effort for all members in the club. Included again this month is the Membership Action Plan for your clubs to use. Use this as a guide to build an action plan for each of your membership goals. SHARE this plan with all members of your club. We are all doing our part to help meet the Mission 1.5 goals below.

Mission 1.5 Goals for 2025-2026:

District	New Club Target	New Member Target	Net Gain Target	Recruitment Award Target
5M 1	1	145	1	165
5M 2	1	183	1	203
5M 3	1	69	1	89
5M 4	1	129	1	149
5M 5	1	149	40	169
5M 6	1	122	1	142
5M 7	1	187	1	207
5M 8	1	259	10	279
5M 9	1	228	1	248
5M 10	1	248	1	268
5M 11	1	267	1	287
5 M 13	1	88	1	108
Totals	12	2074	60	2314

Resources:

- Membership Satisfaction Guide: This includes a new member survey, a former member questionnaire, and a member satisfaction action plan.
- <u>Club Quality Initiative</u>: Use this resource, along with the assessments that are included; to work through steps to help you discover new ways to improve the way your club operates and increase your support of Mission 1.5.

As always, a member of the District Global Membership Team is here to support you and willing to connect in person or virtually. Please reach out if you need any support. Thank you for all you do!

District GMT Chair Darren Saner



2025 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

















STOP THE DROP!

Keep Our Lions Strong - Keep Our Members Engaged

WHY IT MATTERS:

Every Lion counts. When members leave, we lose passion. hands, and heart for our service. Let's act now to STOP the DROP!

* 6 SIMPLE ACTIONS EVERY CLUB CAN TAKE!

Connect Personally

Reach out to absent members with a call, text, or visit. Show you care beyond the meetings.

Ask & Listen

Survey your members: What do they love? What needs improving? Listen and act on their feedback.

Make Meetings Meaningful
Keep meetings fun, inspiring, and efficient.
Celebrate service, not just business.

Engage Everyone

Assign smail roles or tasks so every Lion feels needed. Involve members in planning projects they care about

Recognize and Appreciate
Celebrate milestones (years of service, birthday, achievnents).
Say "Thank You" often and sincerely.

Have More Fun!
Plan social nights, service celebrations, and lighthearted competitions. Laugh, bond, and make memories fogether –

REMEMBER: Refention isn't just about staying-It's about belonging. Strong Clubs - Strong Service! Together, We Can Stop the Drop!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

May 31, 2024.....991

Jun 31, 2025.....965

YTD Members Added: 78

YTD Members Dropped: -104 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -26

34 clubs





District MD5 was well represented at the Mission 1.5 Conference in Las Vegas. Look closely and maybe you'll see a couple 5M3 Lions.



SAVE THE DATE!

MINNESOYA STATE FAIR







Help is needed from Lions and spouses at the KidSight booth during the Minnesota State Fair on August 22 to Sept. 1st. You don't need to be trained, all help is appreciated.

If interested, contact Lion Mark Tollefson 507-476-3664 or tollie724@gmail.com





Save the Date

September 25-28,2025 Country Inn and Suites, Mankato

Empower Your Leadership. Enrich Your Service.







Join Lions from across the region for a transformational weekend of leadership development, fellowship, and service planning.

Dynamic sessions on:

- Team building and communication
- Leading with impact
- Change management
- Club success strategies

LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD.



Registration Opening Soon
Use the QR code to get more information



Fly-in/Cruise-in

Airplanes, Classic Cars & Motorcycles and Vintage Tractors

All are welcome!







Pancakes, Sausages, Applesauce, Milk, Juice, Coffee \$10 Adults; 5-12 years \$5; 4 years and under FREE 1 Free Breakfast for PIC, Classic Car, Motorcycle and Tractor Drivers











AUGUST 10, 2:00 PM VERNON PARK SHELTER, MORGAN

Potluck picnic after meeting hosted by Morgan Lions Club – DG Denise will make pulled pork.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the Lions Building on Vernon Ave.

Guiding Lion Training

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 Slayton Pizza Ranch

Training begins at 6:00 pm

Come early to enjoy a meal before the session begins!

Whether you're a new Guiding Lion or looking for a refresher, this training will provide the tools and resources you need to support clubs effectively. All Lions are welcome!

5M3 DISTRICT CABINET CHAIRS

Have you come to realize that Lions is a bigger picture than just **YOUR** Lions Club? It extends well beyond the borders of your community. We are helping people all over the world but to do this we need your help! We have some Cabinet Chair positions that need to be filled. If any of them pique your interest, contact DG Denise, 1VDG Greg or 2VDG Darren to find out the full details on what would be required of you.

*KidSight Foundation

*(2025-2026) 2 Zone Chairs



April 24-26, 2026 106th - MD5M Multiple Convention Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel



2026 MD5M Registration Form

□ Lion □ Leo □	Guest	☐ Lion ☐	☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest			
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multip	le Convention	☐ Check if this is	your 1st Multiple Convention			
Name:		Name:				
Address:		Address:	Address:			
City:		City:	City:			
Prov/State:	Zip:	Prov/State:	Prov/State: Zip:			
Email:	1974 -	Email:				
Title:Dist	rict:	Title:	District:			
Club:	_	Club:				
Full Hospitality Book:		Cost May 1, 2025 thi December 31, 2025 \$185 US - \$266 CDN	March 31, 2026			
*Hospitality b <mark>oo</mark> k inclu <mark>des</mark> conve Separate Meals: *Do not select if <mark>you</mark> have purcha		10	7			
Friday Night Social		\$25 US - \$36 CDN	\$27 US - \$39 CDN			
Saturday Breakfast		\$36 US - \$52 CDN_				
Saturday Lunch			\$43 US - \$62 CDN			
Saturday Banquet		\$68 US - \$98 CDN_	\$70 US - \$101 CDN			
Sunday Brunch		\$38 US - \$55 CDN_	\$40 US - \$58 CDN			
		Total amount if se	eparate meals chosen:			
Please specify dietary needs: Vegetarian No meals available after March 31, 2026. Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv. Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rho		Gluten Free	Other:			
-OR- you may pay by Venmo to						
Please provide an email address o	or phone # if you'd lik	e to receive a confirmatio	n			

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305 Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

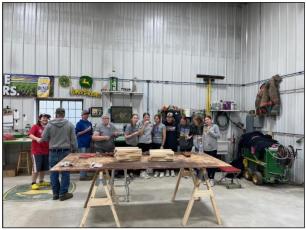
Room rates are \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 9, 2026.

Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com



5M3 HAPPENINGS!







Tracy Lions' Help Tuck Them In bed project had help from FFA members and other clubs.



Several past District Governors attended the Celebration of Life Service to honor PDG Roger Bosshart who was 5M3 District Governor 1998-1999 when he was with both the Jackson Lions and the Truman Lions.

From the left attended were PDG Wayne Radloff, PDG Vickie Radloff, PDG David Janssen, PDG Gordon Mulder, PDG Patty Peterson and Lion Gary Peterson.



Pipestone Lions clowns entertained during Pipestone Watertower Days parade.







Lion Dion McKinley joins the New Ulm Lions

New Ulm Lions welcomed their newest Lion, Daniel (Dion) McKinley. Lion Dion was inducted into Lions International on July 10th at the New Ulm Lions' General Meeting. Pictured L-R: New Ulm Lions President Diann Warta, Lion Dion and Sponsor Lion Helen Vogel. Welcome Lion Dion!





Fulda Lions (left) hosted Hadley Lions (right) and DG Denise and Lion Dave during the annual joint governor's visit between the two clubs. Below left: Hadley Lions 2025-2026 officers are inducted: First Vice President Rick Like, President Riley Engbarth, Secretary Rhonda Wynia and DG Denise. Below Right: DG Denise presents Hadley Lions outgoing President Robyn Moger with an 2023-2025 Outstanding Leadership award.





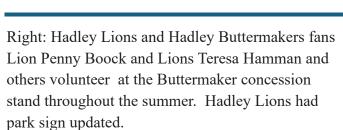




Springfield Area Lions enjoyed Riverside Days Party in the Park Zoo Man, movies and Mario Cart Tournament.















Foundations:

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MD5M Lions KidSight

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Memo Line Special Olympics

Camp Courage/True Friends/Friendship Ventures (all the same Place - just different programs)

Name different pro

Chair (None)

Address 10509 108th ST NW

Annandale MN 55032

Make check payable to: True Friends

Camp Courage, or Friendship

Memo Line Ventures

Name Camp Confidence

Chair Jerry Wohlers

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Make check payable to: Camp Confidence

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218-639-8517

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Eye Bank, MAC Center, Cornea Transplants, or Children's Eye

Memo Line (if desired) Clinic

Name Childhood Cancer

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 and
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Make check payable to: Childhood Cancer

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Memo Line Youth Outreach

Why report service



By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service

Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic

goals.

Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.





5M3 Lions Clubs Sponsor Page

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CANBY LIONS	CLARKFIELD LIONS	COMFREY LIONS	FAIRMONT LIONS	FULDA LIONS	GRANITE FALLS LIONS
2 nd Monday, 6:30 PM	3 rd Tuesday, 7:30 AM	2 nd Monday, 6:00 PM	1 st Mon. 12:00 PM Jakes Pizza	3 rd Monday, 5:30 PM	1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30 PM
PK Egans	Clarkfield City Hall	Comfrey Comm Center	3 rd Mon. 6:00 PM	Antonios Restaurant	Tolley's
Pres. Gene Bies	Pres. Paul Wilson	Pres. Gary Richter	Pizza Ranch	Pres. Marvin Isder	Pres. Michael Brown
	ries. raur witson		Pres. Jim Davison		Ties. Michael Blown
HADLEY LIONS	JACKSON LIONS	JASPER LIONS	JEFFERS COMM	LAKE BENTON	LAKEFIELD LIONS
4th Wed, 6:30 PM	2 nd Monday, 6:15 PM	3 rd Monday, 6:00 PM	LIONS	LIONS 2 nd Thurs, 6:00 PM	1st Monday, 6:30 PM
Hadley Comm Center	Jackson Golf Course	The Gathering Table	1 st Thurs, 6:30 PM	Country House Supper 2 nd Tues, 6:00 PM	Lakefield Multi-Purpose
Pres. Riley Engbarth	Pres. Ronald Anderson	Pres. Paula Sanow	Jeffers City Hall	Center Post	Building Pres. Barbara Bakalyer
			Pres. Nathan McClanahan	Pres. Jodi Riedel	•
LAMBERTON LIONS	LUCAN LIONS	LUVERNE LIONS	MADELIA LIONS	MARSHALL LIONS	MILROY LIONS
4 th Tuesday, 7:00 PM	2 nd Thurs 7:00 PM &	2 nd Monday, 6:00 PM	1st Tuesday, 6:00 PM	2 nd & 4 th Tues, 6:00 PM	1st Thurs, 6:30 PM &
Revere Christian	1 st Friday 7:30 AM Knott's Corner	Luverne Pizza Ranch	Madelia American Legion	Marshall Perkins	3 rd Thurs, 7:00 PM
Fellowship Church	Bar & Grill	Pres. Glenda	Pres. Ryan Wiederhoeft	Pres. Mark Mather	Milroy American Legion
Pres. Mike Vollmer	Pres. David Ourada	Schomacker			Pres. James Thalacker
MORGAN LIONS	MOUNTAIN LAKE	LIONS CLUB OF	PIPESTONE LIONS	REDWOOD FALLS	SHERBURN LIONS
4 th Mon, 6:30 PM & 2 nd	LIONS	NEW ULM	2 nd Monday, 6:30 PM	LIONS	2 nd & 4 th Mon, 7:00 PM
Mon, 7:00 PM	2 nd Monday, 6:15 PM	2 nd Thurs, 6:00 PM	Pipestone Pizza Ranch	1st & 3rd Mon, 6:00 PM	Sherburn Legion
Lions Comm Center	The Den	Turner Hall	Pres. Darl Korthals	Redwood Falls VFW Pres. Paul VanDer	Pres. Eric Hanson
Pres. Steven Ardolf	Pres. Deb Wallert	Pres. Diann Warta		Hagen	
SLEEPY EYE LIONS	SPRINGFIELD	ST. JAMES LIONS	TRACY LIONS	TRUMAN LIONS	TYLER LIONS
1st Tuesday, 6:05 PM	AREA LIONS	1st Monday, 6:00 PM	2 nd Monday, 6:30 PM	1st Monday, 6:00 PM	4 th Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Dawg Haus	2 nd Thursday, 6:30 PM	Eagles Club	The Caboose	Truman Church of	Kronborg Inn
Pres. Gwen Mack	American Legion	Pres. Joseph McCabe	Pres. Tome Hesse	Christ	Pres. Don Buhl
	Pres. Eric Thorston			Pres. Rev. Merrill Davis	
VESTA LIONS	WABASSO LIONS	WINDOM LIONS	WESTBROOK LIONS	RTR FCCLA LEOS	\$25.00 to District
1st Monday, 6:30 PM	2 nd Wed, 6:00 PM	2 nd & 4 th Wed, 6:30 PM	1st Wednesday 8:00 PM	Tyler Lions Branch	Treasurer, Diana
Vesta Café	Comm Center Bar	Jack Slades Steakhouse	Westbrook Senior Center	Advisor, Ted Kern	Kuehl 141 2 nd Ave, Jackson, MN 56143
Pres. James Penske	Pres. Dan Fischer	Pres. Todd Schmidt	Pres. Russell Gundermann		Memo: Newsletter
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