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DECEMBER 5 INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY

Start a Leo Club

Make a Difference: Sponsor a Leo Club.

Sponsoring a Leo club provides Lions with opportunities to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service. Through involvement with a Leo club, Lions can energize and inspire members and even increase the sponsoring club's community exposure, attracting potential members such as young professionals, students, parents and families.

Does your Lions club want to sponsor a Leo club? Follow the six steps below to organize a new Leo club in your community.

Step 1: Establish a Framework

Determine if the new Leo club will be community or school-based, Alpha (ages 12-18) or Omega (ages 18-30).

Step 2: Identify Potential Leos

Obtain the names of potential Leos from schools, universities, colleges, houses of worship, youth groups, friends and relatives.

Step 3: Invite Prospective Leos to an Informational Meeting

Explain the philosophy of the Leo Club Program and answer questions concerning: requirements for Leo club membership, the relationship to the sponsoring Lions club and Leo service activities. Distribute the [Alpha Application for Leo Club Membership \(Leo50-A\)](#) or [Omega Application for Leo Club Membership \(Leo50-O\)](#) and invite interested youth to join the Leo club.

Step 4: Host a Formation Meeting

Organize a Leo club formation meeting to elect Leo club officers, discuss potential projects, accept [The Leo Club Constitution and Bylaws](#) and determine the place and time for club meetings.

Step 5: Complete Required Paperwork

Complete the [Leo Club Organization Report \(Leo-51\)](#) with proper signatures. Attach a list with the names of the club's founding members and return it to the Leo Club Program Department. The entire certification process can take four to six weeks.

Step 6: Plan an Installation Ceremony

Once the Leo Club Organization Report form has been approved, the sponsoring Lions club should launch the Leo club with an installation ceremony, presenting the Certificate of Organization and installing Leo club officers.

Financial Obligation

Leo Club Organization Fee

The Leo club organization fee is US\$100 or the national currency equivalent. This one-time fee includes:

- The costs involved in processing the Leo Club Organization Report
- A Certificate of Organization
- A Leo club officers' kit
- A Leo club sponsor kit
- Leo lapel pins for each original Leo club member

Leo Club Sponsor Levy

Lions clubs are also billed an annual Leo club sponsor levy of US\$100 or the national currency equivalent. The levy pays for Leo Club Program materials, mailings, club record maintenance, communications, awards and program resources. If a Leo club is canceled, the [Leo Club Termination Form \(Leo-86\)](#) must be received by the Leo Club Program Department by October 31 to receive levy credit for the current year only.

Preliminary Convention Schedule

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DG~Patty Peterson

Hello Lions,

I can hardly believe that 2023 is almost over! What a year it has been for me: wonderful travels (although the airports are a challenge for me); wonderful new friendships made; great club visits; and meeting awesome Lions, especially in 5M3. Thanks to all of you who have made our club visits such a great experience. If my visit to your club is not yet scheduled, please contact me as soon as possible.

As we approach the Christmas season, treasure the time you spend with your family. One of my fellow district governors lost her husband very unexpectedly in early November. Lion Jim had attended RLLI just three weeks prior to his death, and was also on the Childhood Cancer board. Lion Gary & I had spent quite a bit of time with DG Judy and Lion Jim at various Lions functions and conventions this year. I had a good visit with him at the Vision Eye Ball just a week before his death. His death has hit me hard, and is a great loss for MD5M.

When the holidays are over, our Mid-Winter convention will be coming soon: February 16-18, 2024, at the Best Western in Fairmont. Please plan to join us. We have a great time planned for you!

I urge all clubs to please apply for some of the awards available. The applications are in our newsletter. I know each club has someone worthy of the Hall of Fame. There is also the Al Jensen Leadership Award, I know we have Lions worthy of this award. PLEASE nominate them.

Lion Gary & I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season. May 2024 be one of your best years. Thank you for all you do.

Making A Difference
DG Patty

DG Patty's Schedule

- Dec. 3 Milroy Lions Club Visit
- Dec. 4 Vesta Lions Club Visit
- Dec. 11 Comfrey Lions Club Visit
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!
- Jan. 1 Happy New Year!



VDG~Deb Rasset



Hello fellow Lions,

I'm spending a few weeks in Arizona. Enjoying beautiful weather and making memories with my Mom.

Also, busy trying to book my last few training sessions for VDG/DGE. It has been challenging. The first session is in St. Charles, Illinois. At the end of February. The last one will be at the International Convention. That will be at the end of June. In Melbourne Australia. All of the aspects of the various travel locations. It is great that LCI is always there to help.

I really hope to see many of you at the Mid Winter Convention. It will, as always be an amazing and inspiring convention.

One last item. Please consider helping your Lions District. We are in desperate need of a few people to step into leadership roles. It is our district, and we need some Lions to help keep our district running smoothly. We will need a 1VDG candidate and a 2VDG candidate. Please consider taking on one of these roles.

Thank you for all you do,
VDG Deb



Above: Lion Gary, DG Patty, 1Vice Deb at the Eye Ball. Left: 5M3 Vision for Thanksgiving.



MINNESOTA LIONS
VISION FOUNDATION

Proposed change to 5M3 Constitution and Bylaws To be voted on Feb 17, 2024 at Midwinter Convention

Current 5M3 reading is: **Bylaws Article II, Section 7 Region/Zone Chairperson Qualifications.**

Each region and zone chairperson shall:

- a) Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone: and
- b) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or Zone chairperson as President of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of director of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years.

After discussion at the Cabinet meeting, it was decided to change Section 7 as follows:

Bylaws Article II, Section 7 Region/Zone Chairperson Qualifications.

Each region and zone chairperson shall:

- a) Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone: and
- b) Be willing to serve in this role

Though not a requirement, previous experience as a Club President and (2) or more years of experience on the Board of Directors of a club would be recommended.

Justification: Current LCI Constitution and Bylaws has a note 12 in the section that states:

A district may change the qualifications to be more or less than what is stated here. In addition, 5M3 for many years has allowed people to serve as Zone Chair without having previously served as a Club President. It is time that we update the Bylaws to reflect what we are actually doing.

Bert Nelson for International Director

Pam and I are hopeful that everyone is considering going to the MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, Canada April 19-21, 2024. It is a beautiful city with wonderful attractions. We especially enjoyed visiting the Assiniboine Zoo the last time we were there. The convention is a good place to visit with other Lions outside our own districts and learn what other clubs are doing. It is also the place to be when voting to endorse our next International Director from our great multiple.

I want to be an International Director for Lions Clubs as I want to be involved in keeping our association moving forward to help each other become better stewards of our motto "We serve". There is such a need in our world for Lions to step forward and help wherever we can.

I feel I have the right qualifications to run for International Director which include:

- Zone 6 Chairman
- District 5M9 Public Relations Chairman
- District 5M9 Newsletter Editor
- Chairman of three 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions
- District Governor 2005-06
- Council Chairman 2006-07
- MD5M Long Range Planning Committee Chairman
- MD5M Public Relations Chairman
- MD5M Newsletter Editor
- MD5M LCIF Chairman for past 11 years
- Certified Guiding Lion
- Global Extension Team
- Global Leadership Team
- Global Service Team
- Training Instructor for six groups of incoming governors
- Facilitator for 8 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institutes
- Facilitator for 1 MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute
- Assisted on 5 International Director Campaigns for candidates from MD5M.
- Campaign Chairman for IP Brian Sheehan
- Planning Committee member of 2 USA/Canada Forums
- Presenter at 5 USA/Canada Forums

Pam and I want to thank you for your consideration and continued support with my campaign for International Director. We plan to visit your Mid-Winter Conventions and we hope to see you in Winnipeg.

PCC Bert Nelson

lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com



"LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson greeting volunteers during 5M9's district service project which was possible in part by a grant from LCIF."

5M3 Mid-Winter Convention

February 16-18, 2024

Best Western Fairmont, MN

Early Registration prices end

Jan. 24, 2024



The raffle room at our mid-winter Lions Convention needs your help! Please think of something you can donate to

our raffle. You may donate several items if you wish!! Remember, raffle profits all go to support Lions' projects! If you have something you wish to donate and can't make the Convention, please call 507-227-1711 and we will find a way to get your gift to the convention!!

Passing of the Pride...

Have any of your club members passed away since our 2023 convention?

Please send a photo of the deceased member along with their **name, club name and a paragraph of information** about the member to PDG Wayne Radloff.

We need this for the Friday evening *Service of Remembrance* at 2024 February Mid-Winter Convention.

FEB. 1ST DEADLINE!!

This service is a way to memorialize and pay our final respect to our Lions families since we last met as a district.

Wayne.radloff@yahoo.co



The Eyeglass Recycling Center will be picking up BOXES of eyeglasses without eyeglass cases. Loose lenses will not be picked up either. Please make sure all eyeglass cases are not in with the eyeglasses.

They will be at the Best Western in Fairmont, MN during the 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention!

Be sure to count them for your report.

NO CASES OR LOOSE LENSES



5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention
February 16-18, 2024
Best Western, Fairmont MN
MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

REGISTRATION FORM

Title _____ Lion Guest 1st Timer

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Lions District: _____

Club Name: _____

Title _____ Lion Guest 1st Timer

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Lions District: _____

Club Name: _____

DISCOUNTED BOOKLETS -**Prices reflect cost of Speakers, Entertainment & Extras at Convention**

EVENT CHOICES:	Before Jan 24	After Jan 24	#Attending	\$ Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for meals				
** Meal Booklet (all meals)	\$80.00	\$95.00	_____	\$ _____
** 1 st Timers Special Price	\$65.00	\$80.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon Luncheon	\$27.00	\$32.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$37.00	\$42.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$22.00	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
<i>"I WANNA BE A LEO" (ages 12-18)</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
<i>Meal Packet</i>				
	Total Amount			\$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

District 5M3 Lions (memo-Mid Winter Conv)

Mail Completed Form and Payment to:

5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention
 % IPDG Donald Kuehl
 141 2nd Ave.
 Jackson, MN 56143
 Cell: 507-841-4917
 Home: 507-847-3126 ddkuehl@msn.com

Room Reservations:

Best Western - Fairmont, MN: 507-238-4771

*Make reservations by **January 24**

*Tell them you are with **"Lions 5M3"**

Room Rates - \$109.00 + tax

MID-WINTER CONVENTION SCHEDULE (PRELIMINARY)

Friday, February 16, 2024

4:00-7:15 p.m.	Registration/Credential
4:00-7:15 p.m.	Raffle Room
5:00 p.m.	Cabinet Meeting
7:30-8:30 p.m.	Memorial Service
8:30 p.m.	First Timers Meeting
8:30 p.m.	Poolside-Lion Al Lang Hospitality rooms

Saturday, February 17, 2024

7:00-9:30 a.m.	Registration/Credentials
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony 5M3 DG Patty Peterson
8:30 a.m.	Raffle Room open all day
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Hearing Foundation-
9:15-9:50 a.m.	Sheehan Foundation-
9:50-10:05 a.m.	Break
10:05-10:45 a.m.	Can-Do-Canines-
10:45-11:25 a.m.	Project New Hope-
11:25-12:00 p.m.	Break
12:00-1:45 p.m.	Recognition Luncheon

Tail twisting-Lion Doug Rosenberg

Speaker **TBA**

Peace Poster: Lion Ryan Brinks, Chair
1:45-2:30 p.m. **Break**

1:45-2:30 p.m. **Registration/Credentials**

2:30-3:30 p.m. **Business Meeting**

3:30-4:30 p.m. **Registration**

3:30-4:00 p.m. **Club President meeting
with ID Marie Cunning**

5:00-6:00 p.m. **ID Reception for All-**

6:00-8:00 p.m. **Governors Banquet**

Keynote Speaker ID Marie Cunning

Presidential Awards

9 p.m. **Hospitality Rooms & Visiting**

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:00 a.m. **Raffle Drawing-**

Donating to Childhood Cancer

8:00-8:40 a.m. **Worship Service**

8:45-11:00 a.m. **Brunch**

Speaker:

Parade of Green-
*Lion Denise Nelson,
District Treasurer*

1st Timers Winners- *PDG Al Struck*

Tail Twisting- *Lion Doug Rosenberg-
Donating to Diabetes Foundation*

11:00 a.m. **Adjournment**

Friday Nite Mixer 8:30 p.m. Poolside

Join Lion Al Lang for some good **You name it,**
ole fashioned 50-60's music and **Lion Al will**



play it!
country
western
music by
5M3's own:

**Lion
Al Lang**



Saturday Night ! Poolside after banquet



Music by "Sparky"
Games and socializing.
Hospitality rooms will be open.

Appendix 28.0
MD5M HALL OF FAME
Procedure

Purpose

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

Award

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

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

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

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

Criteria

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

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

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

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

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

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

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

Appendix 29.0
MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

District _____

Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club _____

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

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

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

The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee

Appendix 26.0
LION AL JENSEN LEADERSHIP AWARD
Selection Criteria

Selection Process:

1. One or two awards may be presented annually to Lions who have been members for five years or more.
2. The candidates' selection must be based only on contributions at a District or Multiple level.
2. Each District Governor shall annually nominate no more than one Lion to receive the award.
3. The nomination must be on the official nomination form, signed by the District Governor and submitted to the Council Chair each year no later than March 1.
4. Final selection of the award recipients shall be made by a committee of the seated Council Chair and the two previous Council Chairs.

Selection Criteria:

The award shall be presented to the most qualified Lions nominated for the award, based on the following criteria:

Leadership Characteristics:

1. **Vision...** The ability to see or seek out new ideas and new ways to advance the humanitarian service of Lionism.
2. **Creativity...** Can see new ways to solve problems and to provide humanitarian service. Willingly solicits new ideas from others and helps implement the ideas without worrying about who shall get credit.
2. **Courage...** Follows through on commitments or a project no matter how difficult it may be. Openly accepts feedback, both complementary and critical, and is able to use the feedback to improve the overall success of the work.
3. **Initiative...** Willing to step up and make things happen. Accepts assignments when asked and volunteers where needed. Makes things happen and gets things done.
4. **Unselfishness...** Contributes without expecting something in return. Is most interested in the success of the work and the recognition of those who contributed to the success. Finds satisfaction in the success of the work and the people served, not in the power base that may be gained.
5. **Teamwork...** Success in organizing a team, delegating work within the team, assuring that all members of the team are informed and committed, and follows through to make sure that the work of the team is successful. Also the ability to listen, take suggestions or directions, communicate, and work successfully as a member of a team.
6. **Effectiveness in leading others...** Motivates others to be part of a project/ piece of work, gives them clearly defined recognition when the project/work is completed.
7. **Best exemplifies the leadership qualities of Lion Al Jensen.**

Possible Areas of Leadership Accomplishments:

1. Leading and/or performing leadership development activities.
2. Projects
3. New clubs started
 - a. Lions
 - b. Leo
4. Membership growth
5. Saving or strengthening of weak Lions Clubs



Welcome to the nice weather that we have had. The nice fall weather has returned with clear skies and beautiful sunsets and pretty sunrises. Stop and smell the roses because time moves on very quickly.

Tracy Lions members are working on the youth beds, and it seems to be going very well. They started this project in March and have delivered about 30 so far. Tracy Lions are starting on the next batch of about group 21 bed frames and it seems like the demand is still there.

I stopped and visited the Tracy Lions on workday last week. They were very busy on the beds, doing the finish work, includes sanding all the pieces for the beds. Members were doing staining the pieces for the beds. There was about 20 members working very hard on this project. It looked like it was very smooth operation, and everyone was working hard on this service project. Watched them put a bed together and it didn't take very long. I was glad to be there and watch them work and it looks like a very smooth operation.

Tracy Lions are putting together a booklet of instructions on how to make these beds, along with details of the project. Tracy Lions will sell these at kits to other Lions clubs. If Clubs are willing to finish sanding, staining, and painting the beds. The motto for this project is "TUCK THEM IN ". Donations from business, such as mattress, bed sheets, cash donations would be appreciated. This will be a district wide service project. Any club that is interested in this project please call the Tracy Lions President Dennis Fultz (507 626-0281. Dennis will do give the information that you are looking for. Some Lions Clubs in the district are getting ready to go on their own and do the sanding, staining, and finishing the beds. Also, cash donations from clubs are accepted at any time. This will be a district wide service project and it sounds like there is a need for youth size beds. CONGRATULATIONS TRACY LIONS ON THE GREAT WORK ON THE BED PROJECT!

Service reporting is improving, and we are at 21 clubs this month, last month we had 18 clubs reporting. That is great and maybe next month we could have close to 25 clubs doing some reporting which terrific. Keep up the good work and thanks to the clubs are reporting.

Lions Clubs Service Reporting

	People Served	Service Activities	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
Canby	1,982	5	45	100	
Comfrey	100	1	4		
Fairmont	1,500	1	300	3,000	3,000
Hadley	960	16	128	13,220	8,141
Jackson	1,210	6	276	1,900	16,400
Jasper	2,055	21	244	349	
Lakefield	160	2	24		
Lamberton	270	2	40		
Lucan	4,075	18	619	610	1,949
Marshall	5,123	69	276	325	
Morgan	6,327	17	790	799	4,800
Mountain Lake	500	1	96	500	800
New Ulm	5,592	23	724	4,049	9,911
Pipestone	439	2	6	300	
Redwood Falls	3,129	21	367		
Sherburn	2,850	3	371		
Springfield Area	1,162	4	238	125	684
St. James	425	7	190		1,898
Tracy	1,192	23	289	5,029	8,647
Truman	100	1	50		600
Westbrook	2,672	15	115		3,570
	43,861	262	5,207	30,806	65,400

THANKS TO ALL THE LION'S CLUBS FOR GREAT SERVICE REPORTING
GST DAVID J.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2023 – 2024 school year that there will be 4 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (4), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (6). The 2024 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2024.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.
4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2024** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Sep 30, 2022.....1,035

Oct 31, 2023.....1,028

YTD Members Added: 31

YTD Members Dropped: -27 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: 4

35 clubs



Area businesses will light up Slayton's Gullord Park during the Christmas season. **Hadley Lions** decorated an area of the park, which will be lit every evening from **Nov. 26 to Jan. 1st**.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



Mountain Lake Lions welcomed the first females to it's club! Pictured (middle) is Lion Marny Carrison along with President Tim Kirk (far right) and sponsor Lion Gary Hildebrandt. Marny's dad, Paul Metcalf is a charter member of the club which was founded in 1975, Welcome Lion Marny and congratulations Mt. Lake Lions!



LUVERNE LIONS



DG Patty installed 4 new members to the **Luverne Lions** during her visit to the club. Below: New members and sponsors. Welcome Lions Holly and Scott Wessels, Sarah Deutsch and Glenda Bremer!



ST. JAMES LIONS



WINDOM LIONS



Lakefield Lions treasurer, Kris Huetinck presenting Connie Rosow, the manager of the Lakefield Food Shelf, a check for \$500 Food for the Christmas baskets.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



Luverne Lions serve

pancakes to a crowd!



The New Ulm Lions Club participated in the 3rd Annual New Ulm Halloween "Trunk or Treat"

sponsored by Early Childhood Family Education programs, or ECFE, at the Middle School parking lot.

Over 700 kids were served. Dozens of organizations and businesses parked their vehicles in the lot to pass out candy. New Ulm Lions participating were Helen Vogel, Daryl Vogel, Cindy Talledge and Lois Simmons. "Thank You" to all for making this a special and fun event for the kids even though it was a little chilly.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



New Ulm Diabetes Walk a Big Success

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Trustee, Bob Schirlinger, from the Lions Club of New Ulm, and Lion Bob Wise from the Lafayette Area Lions Club, traveled to Old National Bank in Mankato to present checks totaling \$18,990 to MLDF Trustee and co-treasurer, Lion John Tirevold, for deposit. Lion John is a member of the Sherburn Lions Club. This money was raised during the 9th Annual New Ulm Diabetes Walk that was held on Sept. 30, 2023. This money will be used to find a CURE for Diabetes that the University of Minnesota. The New Ulm Diabetes Walk is a joint effort of the New Ulm and Lafayette Lions Clubs. A big "Thank You" to all that walked and donated. Pictured left to right, Lions Bob Schirlinger, Bob Wise and John Tirevold.



Morgan Lions above L-R: Dave Simonsen, Walt Olson, Philip Bickhardt, Perry Becker, Dave Nelson, President Cheryl Gewerth, and Denise Nelson with 10 sets of sheets and 10 pillows donated to the District Service Project.



360 kids received Halloween treats from **Hadley Lion Sharon Lais** during trunk or treat at Murray County Medical Center.



The Lucan Lions held their monthly dinner meeting at Knotts Corner on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Their guest speakers were Lion Vickie and Lion Wayne Radloff. They spoke about the Lions Children's Cancer Foundation. Pictured above, Lion Dennis Plaetz, Lion Vickie Radloff, and Lion Wayne Radloff.



DG Patty and fellow **Tracy Lions** handed out candy on Halloween for "Trunk or Treat".

5M3 HAPPENINGS



5th Grader Maggie Skarupa of Red Rock Central Public School Won the **Lamberton Lions** Peace Poster Contest.



Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring this special art contest for children ages 11-13 in schools and youth groups for over three decades. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.



Samina Gusso Wins New Ulm Lions Peace Poster Contest

Samina Gusso, a student at New Ulm Public Middle School, has won 1st place in the local competition of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Lions Club of New Ulm.

Samina received \$75 for her first place entry. Greta Berger received \$50 for her second place entry and Eleanor Grathwohl received \$25 for her third place entry. All winners received an Award Certificate along with their monetary prize from the Lions Club.

The winners were selected by Art Teacher, Bridget Gusso and Lions Glen Setterholm, Bob Schirlinger and Gayle O'Connor. Ms. Gusso led the project in her art classes with directions from the Lions. The winning poster was selected for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Dare to Dream". It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. Judging took place on November 10th at the Middle School.

Pictured, front row, L-R, is First Place Winner, Samina Gusso; Second Place Winner, Greta Berger and Third Place Winner, Eleanor Grathwohl. Back row, L-R, Art Teacher, Bridget Gusso and Lions Glen Setterholm, Bob Schirlinger and Gayle O'Connor. Front and Center is Therapy Dog, Bella.

Right: **Hadley Lions** sponsored MCC 6th graders Peace Poster contest. L-R: Lion Lisa Saner, 1st place winner Paige Schuur, 2nd place Kyra Baumgartner, 3rd Place Danica Bergmann, Paraprofessional Casey Gass.



Redwood Falls Lions participated in "Parade of Lights".

\$\$ Parade of Green \$\$

Parade of Green is an annual event done at every Mid-Winter Convention in our Multiple. It is the annual donations collection from clubs to the charities that Lions support throughout the year. It is very important that each club give to help keep them operational. We are halfway through our Lions year (July 1– June 30). If you haven't given already, this is your reminder to contribute. **If you have already given to a charity before the Mid-Winter Convention, your Treasurer can put a note in that charity's Parade of Green Bucket that states your club name and the amount that was already sent in this year. 5M3 and the charity say "THANK YOU!"**.

Charity donations are listed below. Please donate to as many as you can at Mid Winter Convention. If you need to mail in your Parade of Green checks, each charity may be sent in one envelope to:

****Lion Denise Nelson, 405 S St., Morgan MN 56266**

- 5M3 Special Olympics
- Camp Courage
- Camp Confidence
- Can Do Canines
- Childhood Cancer
- KidSight **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation"**
- LCIF
- Leader Dog for the Blind
- MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation
- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
- MN Lions Vision Foundation-Eye Bank, MAC Center, Cornea Transplants, Children's Eye Clinic
- Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN
- Quest/Youth Outreach/Peace Poster **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area**
- True Friends
- Youth Exchange-Lions International/Youth Exchange Camp Spicer
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- (new) Brian Sheehan Foundation

*****Lions Den Newsletter IS NOT a Parade of Green donation. If you donate to the newsletter:**

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A little information on some of the Foundations/Programs that District 5M3 supports.
Parade of Green by VDG Deb Rasset

Camp Confidence: (501c3) It is an outdoor center for persons with developmental disabilities. The program is aimed at promoting self-confidence, self-esteem and the necessary skills to become contributing members of society.

Can Do Canines: (501c3) Raises and trains mobility dogs. The dogs are trained for Autism, Diabetes, Hearing, Mobility and Seizure Assistance. The dogs are provided at no charge to the recipient. For every \$1,000 donated your Club may present a 'Top Dog' award.

Childhood Cancer: (501c3) Provide services and resources for the support of childhood cancer patients and their families. Support research by providing funds to U of M Masonic Children's Hospital and other organizations that engage in research and treatment of childhood cancer. Clubs can receive \$500 matching grants for a family dealing with childhood cancer in their district. The Believe Award recognizes Clubs/individuals who have donated \$1,000.

Kidsight: (501c3) A program to screen the vision of children, primarily between the ages of 6 months to 6 years. About 7%-15 % screened children will be referred for a professional follow-up exam. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a Sight Saver Award.

LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation): (501c3) Their mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and well being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. For every \$1,000 donated a Melvin Jones Fellow Award may be presented.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: (501c3) Trains dogs for blind or visually impaired. The recipient may receive white cane training. Or their dog and training at no personal cost.

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: (501c3) Promotes advance of research and programs concerned with hearing health and communication disorders. They collect used hearing aids and have an affordable hearing aid program. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a Hearing Research Fellowship.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: (501c3) Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with diabetes. Funds research towards the cure, provide education and sponsor preventive health activities. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a Dream Catcher Award.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: (501c3) Works to help the blind and visually impaired. Through their support of Lions Gift of Sight, their collaboration with the U of M Department of Ophthalmology and collecting and distributing used eyeglasses. The Foundation helps countless people every day. For every \$1,000 donated your club may present a Helen Keller Award.

Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN: (501c3) Provides family retreats for veterans and their families with educational skills to manage their lives after wartime service. They provide these activities totally free to the veterans and their families.

Quest/Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: This is for our district Quest, Youth Outreach and Peace Poster

True Friends: (501c3) Includes the following Camps - Camp Courage, Camp Courage North, Camp Eden Wood and Camp Friendship

Youth Exchange- Lions International/Youth Exchange Camp Spicer: Provides the opportunity for youth to learn about people and cultures other than their own to promote peace. Young people are given the opportunity of living with host families in a foreign country for a few weeks. To experience a new culture, history and different way of life.

TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation: (501c3) Formed to provide matching grants for MD5M Club projects that are too large for the club to do by itself, but too small for a LCIF grant. The Foundation hopes to begin awarding grants by July 2024.



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St James Lions 1st Mon; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Stephen Ferazzano II Pres.	Hadley Lions 4th Wed; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Robyn Moger, Pres.	Fulda Wood Duck Festival June 15-18, 2023 		Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Michael Schaffer, Pres.

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