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BRINGING GROWTH TO LIONS!

2021 5M3 District Mid-Winter Convention

Friday, February 19, 2021

7:00-8:30 p.m. Go-To Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Go-To-Meeting

(see following page for instructions)

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Call Mid-Winter "Virtual" Convention to Order	DG David Janssen
Pledge	DG David Janssen
Opening Remarks	DG David Janssen
ID Comments	ID Billy Blankenship
Presentation of Deceased Members 2019/2020	PDG Wayne Radloff

Business Meeting

Roll Call of Members Present and Voting Delegates

Lion Diana Kuehl, Secretary

Secretary's Report/Minutes from Last Convention

Lion Diana Kuehl, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Lion Denise Nelson, Treasurer

Election of Officers

DG David Janssen

Convention Bids 2023

IPDG Don Kuehl

District Childhood Cancer Blanket Project

Lion Diana Kuehl

Parade of Green Report

Lion Denise Nelson, Treasurer

Awards

Peace Poster

Lion Deb Rasset

IPDG Awards

IPDG Don Kuehl

ID Awards

ID Billy Blankenship and

DG David Janssen

ID Gifts

DG David Janssen

Ceremonial Presentation of Gavel to DGE Gordon

DG David Janssen

Closing Comments and Adjournment

DGE Gordon Mulder



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

5M3 Mid-Winter Convention

“VIRTUAL”

(Go to Meeting)

Greetings Lions of 5M3. We are planning a “Virtual” Mid-Winter Convention this year due to COVID restrictions and issues.... Please note the “link” below to sign in for the convention. Every Club should designate who they plan to have on the meeting as voting delegates. A roll call will be taken to identify delegates. Also, please note that if you do not have a computer or a camera on your computer you can call in via your phone to participate. The convention is scheduled for Saturday February 20th from 9:00 am till noon, or unless we finish earlier. Our ID will be scheduled to speak during this time so you will want to hear what he has to say from LCI. Please watch for additional information in the newsletter as we get closer to the convention date. If you have any questions or need the link, please give DG Dave or me a call. Looking forward to seeing everyone during the convention.

IPDG Don

5M3 Mid Winter Convention
Sat, Feb 20, 2021 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CST)

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5M3 District Governor

~David Janssen~

Greetings Lions of 5M3

We are at the beginning of the new year and there are a few things happening for the Lions Clubs. Some the clubs are meeting in person and some activities. Some clubs are doing meetings and board meetings online and making out very well. Looking for things to open up more as time goes on. If you want to hold a Zoom or Go-To-meeting talk to PDG Don to help get it set up for your club.

Mid-Winter Convention is coming up Friday and Saturday Feb. 19-20. Cabinet Meeting will be Friday night at 7:00 pm. A link for the Cabinet Meeting will be sent out separately. Mid-Winter Convention starts on Saturday morning at 9:00 am. A link is in this newsletter and on the 5M3 website. If you don't get one let DG David or PDG Don know and you will receive one. The link also will be sent to the Lion's Club President's and Secretary's. Let's hope for nice turnout for the first virtual convention for 5M3. This will be a different way to do the convention, so there might a few technical glitches. If we have patience, we can make it through. The agenda is in this newsletter.

DG David and Zone Chair John T. are working on a Small Business Cares Act Grant application for the Sherburn Lions Club. Went on the Martin County website and found the Grant Application and downloaded and we are in the process of filling it out. One of the things that the county board looks at is the difference between the years 2019 and 2020. 2019 would be what you could call a normal year, 2020 would be the year that no fundraisers, no service activities that you would receive funds for helping out. The county board looks at the 2 years and compares the bottom line and makes a decision about the grant. This grant doesn't have to be paid back. A few of the Lions Club have applied for funds and received money to help out financially and pay the bills. All applications shall be submitted by the close of business on February 12th, 2021. The main reason for putting this in the newsletter is that there are funds available and it could help all Lions Clubs. We just have to ask.

Due to low registration numbers, 14 out of 72 slots filled and the continuing impact of COVID-19, we are postponing the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) that was scheduled for March 18-21, 2021. RLLI will move to a date to be determined in the Fall of 2021. Please notify your Lions who have registered of this change.

Parade of Green will be handled a little differently this year with no convention taking place. This 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). Thank you for all the nice donations that were received at the Convention. This year it would be nice to match what was given last year. With all the Lions activities that are not happening this would be the year to make a larger contribution to the programs that need more help.

If you haven't given already, this is your reminder to contribute. Since the convention will be held virtually and there won't be an In-Person Parade of Green, please send your donations directly to **Lion Denise Nelson by Feb. 10** so they can be counted before the Mid-Winter Convention. Last year we had total donations of \$41,553.62 at the Convention.

Still looking for a 1st Vice District Governor. It would be nice if someone would step forward to fill this position. If interested, contact DG David at 507-236-2480. Looking back at a few of the clubs I have visited with, the fun part is meeting with the members and seeing how their Lions Clubs operate and some of the activities that they are doing. A lot of Lions Clubs have done great work during the Co-vid crisis, with drive up fundraisers and food drives. Also, we are now looking for the 2nd Vice District Governor. We have two spots to be filled for the upcoming year. We are looking for someone to be on the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Board. This position could be filled as soon as possible. If someone would step forward it would be really nice. KidSight screening is taking place in the district again. There are new guidelines that need to be followed. They are on the KidSight website. For more information contact Chairperson Cindy LaBrie.

Membership for 5M3 is hitting a low spot of 1056 members in the district. We lost 64 members and added 10 members so would be a net loss of 54 members. The 2 Lions Clubs that we lost had about 30 members and that has been hard on the membership number. Hope when things get back to some kind of normal, we can improve the numbers. With the help of the NAMI, we should be able to make a difference. Don't be afraid to ask someone to be LION today. If they say no, ask them again later. There are potential members, we just have to ask.

101st Annual MD5M Lions Convention will take place at Mayo Clinic Health System Event center in Mankato Mn. The dates are April 30, May 1-2. If you haven't been to a Multiple Convention, here is your chance to attend one that is very close this year. More details for the MD5M Lions Convention will be in the next newsletter.

This is all I have for now and we hope in the next month or so Lions meetings and service projects will start happening again. Tune into the MID-WINTER CONVENTION that will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 9:00 am. ID BILLY BLANKENSHIP will be speaking at the convention about membership and leadership and it should be a very good presentation. The business meeting will be after the International Director. We will miss not being together as Family and Friends, but we will make the best of the situation. Have a good week. Ask someone to be a LION today.

BRINGING GROWTH TO LIONS
DG David

HELP WANTED!!

2nd VICE DIST GOVERNOR FOR 5M3

- WE ALSO NEED CHAIRS FOR:**
- DIABETES FOUNDATION
 - INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
 - PUBLIC RELATIONS
 - SPECIAL OLYMPICS



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1st Vice District Governor ~Gordon Mulder~

From the desk of IVDG Gordon Mulder

A look back – a look forward.

Covid still has a grip on movement. On one hand, stay safe – shelter in place, on the other hand – staying home is getting old. We are social beings getting out and about seem to be a natural thing to do. Stay home – don't risk spreading the virus. Mask up – we still need to go to the grocery store. Grocery shopping turns into a social event. Other folks are in the same situation. Needing to go out, while needing to stay safe. It is almost humorous, the need to be social, having a tough time recognizing friends with everyone wearing masks. Maybe this is a Lion opportunity – who needs to go grocery shopping and can't risk getting out?

Last week there was a training event. The leader of our group is in Kenya. The other members hail from North America to Europe, from Africa to India, and Thailand. What is a good time to get together? 8:00 AM local time works for me. We all get together by 'Zoom' on the computer. Amazing the technology.

The first 5 minutes are social, "Hi, how are you doing? What is the weather like by you?" I explained that a few days ago we had a little rain as the temp went from just above freezing to a little below freezing, and then wind and snow. How much? Don't know for sure as it is hard to measure snow going sideways at 30 mph. I realized that it is not one world, as those folks close to the equator have a hard time imagining a snowy blizzard, much less ice on the road. And yet, here we are.

I watched 5M7 Winter Convention on 'Zoom' last Saturday morning. More amazing technology. Same situation, different district. Life goes on. One of the main messages was -- We can't sit back and wait, Lions have to be proactive. See a need and take care of it. Maybe rides to the grocery store or doctors office. Maybe scooping your neighbors sidewalk. Maybe just a phone call to check on a friend or neighbor.

A word of caution here, for the clubs that are not meeting due to Covid, be careful – don't let Covid strangle your club. If you don't meet, it is like being sucked into a black hole and not being able to get out. I encourage you to meet somehow with social distancing. Or meet by Zoom or Goto or any other meeting platform. Getting set up on the computer is really quite easy. Even I could do it, and I'm not technically astute. Having trouble? Give me a call – I can help a little bit. Maybe enough to get you through.

LCIF still needs your help. Club wise and personally. They are a little more than halfway through a major fundraising campaign. And could use your help meeting their goals. 27.5 cents a day nets just over \$100.00 per year. That \$100.00 per giver help the environment, hunger relief, childhood cancer, diabetes screenings, vision screenings and eye bank, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts. Thanks in advance for helping.

We, as a district, still need someone to step up to the 2VDG spot. As Lions, we are better than this. With over 1050 members in our district, someone has to do it. It is not always the other guys job. Sometimes it is your own. There are also a couple of open spots on the foundation boards that are open. Ask yourself the question, How can I help?

Remember, it is a good day to be a Lion! Serve with pride with the Lion Pride!

Lion Gordon Mulder

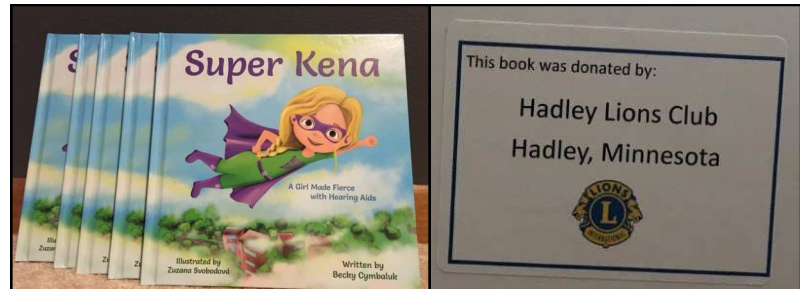
5M3 HAPPENINGS



Sherburn Lions purchased poinsettias for residents of Temperance Lake Ridge for the Christmas holiday. This was the first year the Lions could not deliver to their rooms.



Lucan Lions members Ron Plaetz, Bob Plaetz, Dennis Plaetz, Del Skoblak and Greg Janachovsky prepare a shipment of shoes to be sent to Soles4souls.



Hadley Lions Club purchased "Super Kena" books for local libraries and preschools.

5M3 Past District Governors

Don Kuehl (Diana)	2019-2020
Richard Kelly	2018-2019
Dan Jones (Terri)	2017-2018
Larry Muenchow (Sue)	2016-2017
Steve Collins (Rae)	2015-2016
David Laechel (Lynda)	2014-2015
John Myers (Connie)	2013-2014
LeRoy Levorson (Mary Jo)	2012-2013
Vickie Radloff (Wayne)	2011-2012
Wayne Radloff (Vickie)	2010-2011
Mike Appel (Cheri)	2009-2010
Dan Snobl (Mary)	2008-2009
Virginia Spicer (Eugene)	2007-2008
Darwin Raddatz (Marie)	2006-2007
Daryl 'Barney' Olson (Ann Marie)	2005-2006
Bob Thoma (Sally)	2004-2005
Steve Swantz (Shirley)	2003-2004
Allen Struck (Karen)	2002-2003
Terry Hughes (Jeff)	2001-2002
Raymond Herman (Lola)	2000-2001
Harold Wohlford (Joanne)	1999-2000
Rodger Bosshart (Eunice)	1998-1999
Darlys Paxton (Doug)	1997-1998
Doug Paxton (Daryls)	1996-1997
Robert Maras	1995-1996
Marcel Reisch (Ilene)	1994-1995
E J Honetschlager (Irene)	1993-1994
John 'Jeff' Hughes (Terry)	1992-1993
James Krueger (Coralee)	1991-1992
Alson D Husfeldt (Arllys)	1990-1991
Thomas L Scott (Carol)	1989-1990
Daryl J Faragher (Dorothy)	1988-1989
Alvern Nelson (LaVonne)	1987-1988
Mervin Nosbush (Shirley)	1986-1987
Larry Ludtke (Carol)	1985-1986
Martin Aaser (Dorothy)	1984-1985
Richard Herman (Clarice)	1983-1984
Curtis Frazier	1982-1983
Henry Medill (Mable)	1981-1982
Erwin Wieben (Kay)	1980-1981

BILLY J. (B.J.) BLANKENSHIP

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Billy J. (B.J.) Blankenship, from Lafayette, Tennessee, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Director Blankenship is currently a member of the Macon County Board of Education – Transportation Department. He is a retired Tennessee Army National Guardsman having last held the position of Maintenance Control Sergeant.

He has been a part of the Lafayette Lions Club since 1994 and has held many positions within the association including district governor and district GLT coordinator. He has also served as LCIF multiple district coordinator, district leadership development chairperson and multiple district GMT coordinator. Director Blankenship has also served as Sergeant-at-Arms at International convention from 2015-2017.

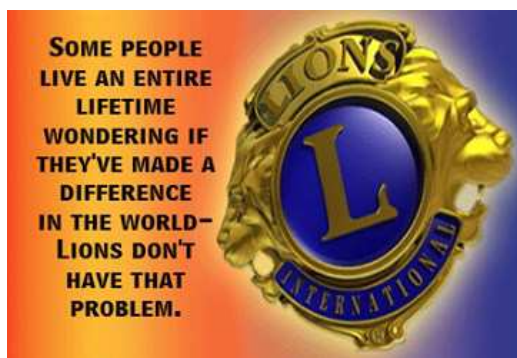
In recognition of his service he has been awarded three International President's Awards, an International President's Leadership Award and nine International President's Certificates of Achievement. He is also a recipient of the association's highest recognition, the Ambassador of Good Will award.

Director Blankenship is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Carolyn G. Blankenship, is Melvin Jones Fellow and longtime Lion.




Thank you to every member of District 5M3 Lions Clubs.

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| Canby | Madelia |
| Clarkfield | Milroy |
| Comfrey | Morgan |
| Echo | Mountain Lake |
| Fairmont | New Ulm |
| Fulda | Pipestone |
| Granite Falls | Redwood Falls |
| Hadley | Sherburn |
| Hills | Sleepy Eye |
| Jackson | Springfield Area |
| Jasper | St. James |
| Jeffers Community | Tracy |
| Lake Benton | Truman |
| Lake Wilson | Tyler |
| Lakefield | Vesta |
| Lamberton | Wabasso |
| Lucan | Walnut Grove |
| Luverne | Westbrook |
| Marshall | Windom |





In Memory



Please remember our fellow Lions who have passed away since the 2020 Mid-Winter Convention.

Lion Irv Johnson—Fairmont Lions Club

Lion William “Bill” Christianson—Fairmont Lions Club

Lion Lloyd Duane Bennett—Hadley Lions Club

Lion Arnold “Arnie” Callsen—Jasper Lions Club

Lion Bill Madetzke—Jasper Lions Club

Lion Jerry Gentry—Jeffers Community Lions Club

Lion Russell McCloud—Jeffers Community Lions Club

Lion George Pankonin—Jeffers Community Lions Club

Lion Dale Trulock—Milroy Lions Club

Lion Bill Vollbrecht—Morgan Lions Club

Lion Len Dalen—St. James Lions Club

Lion Nathan Behne—St. James Lions Club

Lion LaMoine (Tuffy) Meyer—Tracy Lions Club

An in-person memorial service will be held during the 2022 Mid-Winter to honor those who passed between February 2020 and February 2022.

FEBRUARY IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



LEARN

Childhood Cancer Facts

- 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes
- 13% increase in incidence of childhood cancer over the last 20 years
- 6 years average age at diagnosis of children with cancer
- >90% of childhood cancer deaths occur in low resource settings

Global HOPE Partnership

LCIF is partnering with Global HOPE to help address the huge discrepancies in outcomes from childhood cancer in developed countries and developing countries.

Childhood Cancer Grant

LCIF offers grants to Lions districts and multiple districts in amounts from US\$10,000 to US\$150,000. The goal of the LCIF Childhood Cancer Pilot Grant Program is to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment and their families.



PROJECT IDEAS
CHILDHOOD CANCER

by Jamie Weber

September 1, 2020

RELIEF FROM THE COMFORT OF HOME

Learning that your child has cancer is unfathomable. It is a moment you will surely never forget, sitting in the doctor's office, trying to understand the words coming from the doctor, feeling as if the world around you is crashing. It is easy to let your mind think the worst, especially in areas of the world without access to treatment or aftercare.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, only one hospital provides cancer treatment for children and until Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) took action, it did not have a follow-up program. Economic hardships and distance make it difficult to maintain regular checkups, so many children and their families are on their own once treatment is complete. With 75 percent of children experiencing complications after treatment, this was a serious inadequacy. Local Lions wanted to ensure their community's children had access to the critical care needed. A US\$36,900 Matching grant from LCIF provided the funding needed for Lions to establish the country's first mobile follow-up program for childhood cancer survivors in partnership with the local non-profit organization Association Heart for Children (AHfC).

Children can experience psychological issues, delayed development, or reoccurrence of the cancer, among other consequential complications. Absence from school can cause children to struggle with learning. They may have a hard time relating to their friends and need a program to support them as they readjust to life and become proactive about their future health. In addition, the parents and siblings of childhood cancer survivors often experience feelings of anxiety, depression, symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and guilt. These families need guidance on how to be the best support system not only for the child in recovery but for their other children.

Lions purchased and equipped a van with necessary medical equipment, preparing it to travel across the country to children identified by Lions and AHfC. Each visit brings a full team, including a doctor, a nurse, a psychologist, a social worker, and an educator, who all specialize in childhood cancer. In addition, the team will include a peer counselor, often someone who is also a young cancer survivor. The peer counselor can relate to the child and act as a promising example. The team assesses the children and develops a plan for future follow-up care. Thanks to Lions and AHfC, the van will serve up to 200 children recovering from cancer each year, along with their families, and will provide these services at no cost.

"I am very happy to be sitting in our van, knowing that we will bring a smile to our children's faces," says Nejsa Musić, childhood cancer survivor and peer counselor. "We are happy to have lived to see it happen."

To learn more about what LCIF is doing to empower Lions as they work to improve outcomes for children with cancer, visit lcif.org/childhoodcancer.

ACT // BEGINNER

- Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and support homes to request a wish or needs list. Conduct a drive to donate the requested items.
- Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment. This can be done in collaboration with other community members to ensure the family receives food on a regular basis.
- Collect recyclable materials and donate the profits to a childhood cancer organization.
- Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
- Donate financial support or gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.
- Volunteer at a local childhood cancer organization fundraising event.
- Organize a community drive to assemble a toy library for the enjoyment of patients.
- Participate in a blood donation or bone marrow registry event to benefit cancer treatment.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Collaborate with an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer to collect and donate hair.
- Provide tutoring services to children with cancer, their siblings, or adult learning opportunities for parents.
- Organize an event with a cancer support center to have family photographs taken.
- Raise awareness of childhood cancer through informational pamphlet distribution, radio public service announcements, or social media campaigns.
- Provide children's entertainment at a local hospital or treatment center for children with cancer. Entertainment can include social visits to read books and play games, hosting a seasonal party, or spending time with siblings of patients.
- Provide funding support for essential medicines and supportive services. Crucial medical needs could include chemotherapy supplies, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, essential staff, etc.
- Participate in a one-time volunteer activity at a childhood cancer camp.
- Organize a community childhood cancer awareness event such as a walk/run event or pamphlet distribution.

ACT // ADVANCED

- Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry. If one is not established in your country, determine what would be needed to create one.
- Organize an advocacy event to impact government policy around childhood cancer.
- Acquire and equip vehicles for the transportation of patients and family members for commuting to and from the hospital.
- Volunteer at established support housing facilities or develop a new one.
- Make yarn character wigs (ex. Superhero, princess) for children with cancer.
- Organize a workshop with medical specialists in child oncology for pediatric physicians, nurses, related medical personnel, or parents to train on early diagnosis of childhood cancer.
- Organize a fun half-day retreat for families of children in remission or the siblings of children with cancer.
- Furnish waiting rooms for the families and guests of children with cancer.
- Organize and facilitate an activity at a childhood cancer camp.
- Create mini-kitchens at hospitals or support homes for food preparation and supply with food.
- Organize a fundraiser for a childhood cancer organization, or for a local family who has been impacted by childhood cancer.

LEARN

- Raise club awareness about childhood cancer by holding an educational talk with a healthcare professional or public health official at your club or district meeting or related events.
- Collaborate with a local childhood cancer hospital or support home staff to learn about the needs of their patients and families. Brainstorm ways your club can address key challenges and gaps.
- Research and develop a list of local childhood cancer organizations in your community to support future projects.
- Identify local advocacy events related to childhood cancer and explore ways to get involved.





LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020-2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness 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 Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at www.litpc.org In the right column, **click on LITPC Scholarship Information**. Then **click on Scholarship Application Form**. Please follow the instructions, 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, 2021** to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,

"WE SERVE"



2021 MD5M Convention

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention "Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree" in Mankato, MN, April 30 – May 2, 2021. Our theme builds on our previous Bend in the River themes. At this point in time, our committee is planning a hybrid convention to give all members the opportunity to join us for the weekend as they feel comfortable. All in-person events will be held at the Mayo Event Center, the same venue as the 2011 and 2016 conventions.

Registration and hotel information is available online via the MD5M website/conventions. Registration prices will be updated shortly to reflect the necessary format changes being made.

Changes to accommodate the hybrid model will be made to the raffle room/silent auction, co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, and which will be conducted all online. Stay tuned for updates and additional information from these two foundations.

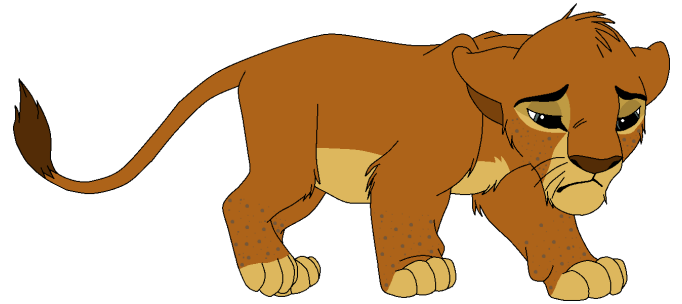
Another change will be online only voting for any voting needs. Further information on the club requirements for online voting will be sent to all club secretaries in upcoming months.

At this time, we have several great speakers lined up for the weekend - Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Hospital on Children's cancer; Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight; Dr. Bevan Yueh from MN Lions Hearing Foundation and a Leader Dog speaker on the puppy program at Lino Lakes. Our scheduled International guest is Past International President Frank Moore. Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.

Plans are changing frequently as the host committee continues to deal with the changing coronavirus restraints. Watch for additional information in the next weeks and months via emails to your club secretaries, your district newsletters and via the multiple district website.

District 5M-2 hopes you will Join Us for the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!

GOODBYE



Walnut Grove Lions Club

Thank you for your 56 years of service

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Nov 30, 2019.....1,126

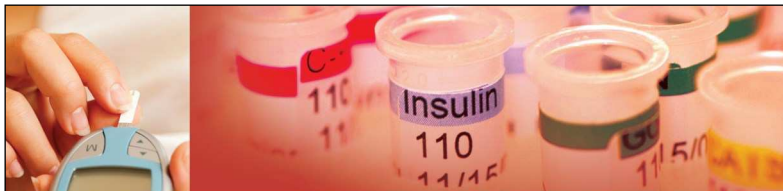
Dec 31, 2020.....1,060

YTD Members Added: 9 YTD

Members Dropped: ... -62 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -53

Retention is the key to keeping your membership numbers. You cannot run your programs without your members. Talk to them, see what keeps them and what makes them leave. Meet their needs.



Twelfth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update

Hosted by the University of Minnesota Foundation and Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

More than 29 million people in the United States are living with diabetes—a growing number that includes 340,000 people in Minnesota alone. Unfortunately, that number is on the rise.

Join us at the annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update to hear from University of Minnesota scientists, who are conducting leading-edge research aimed at both preventing and curing diabetes. Learn how these scientists, funded by the Lions Diabetes Research Foundation, are making a direct impact in our community, state, and beyond.

**Thursday, March 18, 2021
6 to 6:45 p.m.**

RSVP online at www.rsvp.umn.edu/Lions2021

Faculty Research Presentations:

- **David Bernlohr, Ph.D.**, *Targeting Adipose Tissue to Treat Type 2 Diabetes*
- **Brian Fife, Ph.D.**, *Curing Diabetes by Stopping the Immune System*
- **Michael Garwood, Ph.D. and Paul Wang, M.D./Ph.D. candidate**, *Desktop MRI Oxygen Scanner for Assessing Islet Oxygenation in the Bioartificial Pancreas*
- **Bernhard Hering, M.D.**, *Transplants of Insulin-Secreting Islet Cells Without Anti-Rejection Drugs*
- **Steve Koester, Ph.D.**, *A Novel Breath Sensing Device for Early Detection of Diabetic Ketoacidosis*

Please contact Caitlin Ochtera at ochte001@umn.edu with any questions.

You will receive an email confirmation, including a link to the virtual gathering, prior to the webinar.



The Lions Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation expresses its gratitude to and honors individuals through the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award. A great deal of valuable research is carried out at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These awards come from the donations of clubs through the 5M9 district projects. For every \$1000 cumulated (per club), an award can be given to an individual, business or group who the club designates. The award may be given to a Lion, but does not have to be so.

The club decides and then sends in an application to the Minnesota Hearing Foundation treasurer, whose information is listed on the form. The form must include the club applying for the award, the name or names of the recipient(s) and the address of the recipient(s). The club will receive the plaque and can then decide when to give it to the award winner.

The plaque is a lovely tribute for service to others, especially in the field of hearing health. Over the next few months, we will be describing several of the research grants that have been given out this year. We are sure you will find some of them interesting and informative.



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Award

For more about the many services offered, visit our website: www.5mhf.org

5M3 NAMI Report

Greetings Lions of 5M3. I for one cannot wait till this COVID thing is over. I trust that when and if you are able that you will consider getting your vaccination. I am going to as soon as I can. Our Clubs have really been struggling during this time. To the Presidents and Secretaries, the one most important thing you can do for your club is to share information with your members. I hope that you are getting the newsletter to them for sure. Membership is what NAMI is all about, starting at the Club level. As of the end of December, total membership in 5M3 is at 1060 members. You should know that we lost two clubs in 2020 and are currently at 36 clubs' total. Total year to date adds is 9 new members with year to date drops at 62 members. We have work to do and it starts with getting back to normal. Normal club meetings and service activities. I hope this will happen sometime during the 2nd quarter of 2021.

I hope you are all aware of our "Virtual" Mid-Winter Convention coming up on February 20th. Presidents and Secretaries, you can help us with getting names of your club voting delegates to us prior to the convention. Also, if you need help with the link to get on the "go to meeting" site please let me know. For those of you that do not have computer access please note that you can dial in over a phone number to participate in the convention.

Keep pressing on, we will get through this and hopefully come out stronger because of it. Look forward to seeing and hearing from you all during the convention. Here is my contact information: 712-841-48917 or ddkuehl@msn.com email.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Calling all Club Presidents!

This is your opportunity to nominate and award your members for their service in your community, District, and Multiple District. Here are some awards that you should be considering: Melvin Jones Fellowship, one award for each donation of \$1000 to LCIF. Plus if anyone already has a MJF, they are eligible for a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. Any questions let DG David Janssen know or call our District LCIF chair, 1VDG Gordon Mulder.

Next, is the Al Jensen Leadership Award. (page 10-11) Each District Governor can nominate one Lion who has been a member for five years or more and has served at the District or Multiple District level. This nomination has to be submitted no later than March 1st of each year. For award criteria see the MD5M website or give me a call.

MD5M Hall of Fame Award. (see following page) Each District can award one Hall of Fame Award at the MD5M convention each year. This award honors those Lions 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". Nominees must be a member in good standing for at least 15 years and must be at least two years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG. A candidate can be nominated by any Lion, or Lions Club. This nomination must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the Districts Mid-Winter Convention. Nominations will be voted on at the Mid-Winter Convention each year. A \$150 check is needed with the application to cover the cost of the award.

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If your Club is not listed on the sponsor page, be sure to send in your \$40.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor. NOTE: Clubs can sponsor more than one time!

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

Appendix 27.0

Lion Al Jensen Leadership Award Nomination

Candidate must have been a Lion for at least five years prior to nomination

(Please type or carefully print)

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: __/__/__

DISTRICT: _____ CLUB: _____

OFFICES HELD (Club, District, Multiple District, please list all):

How does this candidate qualify for the Lion Al Jensen Leadership Award? (Please refer to the MD5M Policy Manual Appendix 24.0 for criteria)

\$\$ PARADE OF GREEN \$\$

“What is the Parade of Green? Why does my Lions Club need to give to this?” This 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 half way through our Lions year (July 1– June 30). If you haven’t given already, this is your reminder to contribute. Since the Convention will be held Virtually this year and there won’t be an In-Person Parade of Green, **please send your donations directly to Lion Denise Nelson by Feb. 10** so they can be counted before the convention.

Charity donations are listed below. Please donate to as many as you can. Separate checks 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- ***MAKE 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 ***MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions– Memo: donation area.**
- ~True Friends
- ~Youth Exchange– *Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer* ***MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions– Memo: donation area.**

*****Lions Den Newsletter IS NOT a Parade of Green donation– but you can donate to the newsletter.**

Make checks to: District 5M3– Newsletter \$40.00 per club is appreciated.



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103rd Annual Convention

Virtual LCIcon 2021



2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcicon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

St James Lions 1st Wed; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Dale Busch Pres.	Springfield Area Lions 2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm American Legion Lion Joel Pingeon, Pres.	Walnut Grove Lions 2nd Thurs; 7:00 p.m. American Legion Clubhouse Lion James Hoyt, Pres.	Luverne Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Steve Cattnach, Pres.	Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Center Lion Gary Peterson, Pres.
	Hadley Lioness 2nd Wed; 6:30 pm Hadley Community Ctr Lioness Deb Helmke, Pres.	Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Sleepy Eye Golf Club Lion Blair Fokens, Pres.	Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Tom Franta, Pres.	Jackson Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 6:15 pm Jackson Legion Lion Phil Handevitd, Pres.
Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.	Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. American Legion Lion Teresa Rossow, Pres.	Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Karl Winderfeldt, Pres.	Hadley Lions 3rd Tues; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Al Husfeldt, Pres.	Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion Alan Hillestead, Pres.
Bringing the District news to you! If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$40.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor. NOTE: Clubs can sponsor more than one time!				

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Lions of New Ulm 1/2 Thurs; 6:15 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Diann Warta, Pres.	Marshall Lions 2/4 Tues; 6 p.m. Bello Cucina's Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.	Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 7 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Bob Quissell, Pres.	Lake Wilson Lions 4th Tues; 6:30 p.m. Lake Wilson Legion Lion Jack VanEck, Pres.	Westbrook Lions 3rd Mon; 7 p.m. Senior Center Lion Gprdpm Eichner, Pres.
Truman Lions 1st Mon; 6 p.m. Church of Christ Lion Brian Hendricksen, Pres.	Granite Falls Lions 1/3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. Trolley's Bar & Grill Lion Doreen Velde, Pres.	Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Dean McNeal, Pres.	Canby Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. PK Egan's Lion Gene Bies, Pres.	Lucan Lions 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Joseph Plaetz, Pres.
Sherburn Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Mark Wohlhuter, Pres.	Fulda Wood Duck Festival  June 17-20, 2020			Lakefield Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Dewayne Hage Pres.
Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Ron Knoll, Pres.	Clarkfield Lions 3rd Tues; 7 a.m. Friendship Café Lion Jim Lynner, Pres.		Windom Lions 2/4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion John Holt, Pres.	Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Roger Bloomgren, Pres.