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DG~Patty Peterson



Hello Lions,

We have a 2nd Vice District Governor!! Thank you to Tom Haag from the Pipestone Lions for stepping forward and saying "yes"!!

Club Presidents, please submit your Hall of Fame nomination to me. I must have them by Jan. 16. I know we have many qualified and deserving Lions in 5M3. Also, please consider nominating Lions for the Al Jensen Award.

I am so proud to announce that, at last count, the Tracy Lions have delivered 41 beds to children in need of a bed!! It is sad that that many have been needed, but I am happy that the Lions have seen a need and are fulfilling it. Thank you to all the clubs that have donated to this project!!

Please, PLEASE plan to attend our Mid-Winter convention in Fairmont on February 16-18. Come for any or all of the weekend. We have great speakers lined up. I would love to see all 35 clubs in 5M3 represented at this year's Mid-Winter. See you there!!

Wishing you much love, happiness, and peace in 2024.

Making a difference,

DG Patty

DG Patty's Schedule

1-8 Comfrey Lions Club Visit

1-9 Mid-Winter Planning Meeting

1-23 Mountain Lake Lions Anniversary Night

Plus the Mid-Winter Conventions every weekend in January

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President's Message
Changing the World with
International President
Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

Every day, we're changing lives for the better. With every life we change, we are Changing the World. The best part of our mission is that we're doing it together, as a global community of caring and dedicated Lions and Leos.

The greatest gift we can give is our care and our kindness, and our kindness means even more to people and families in need during the holiday season. You can make the holiday season brighter by planning a project to fight hunger in your community or make a gift to our global foundation, LCIF. Your contributions will make a profound difference in someone's life.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

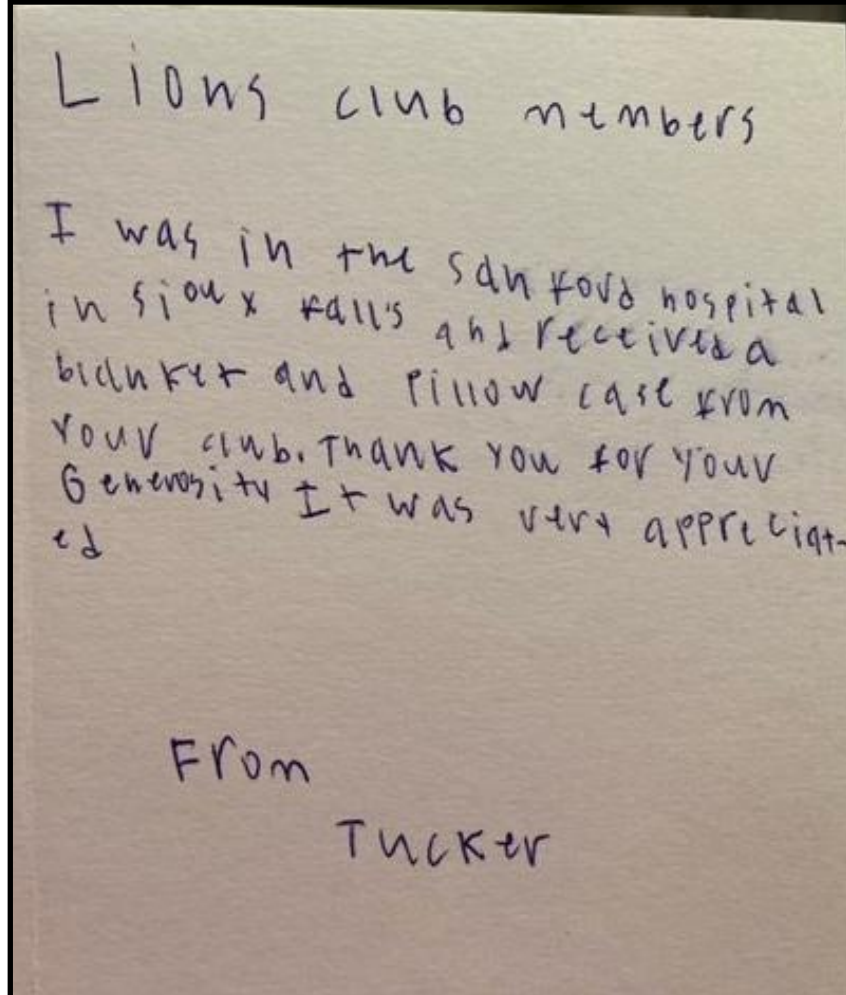
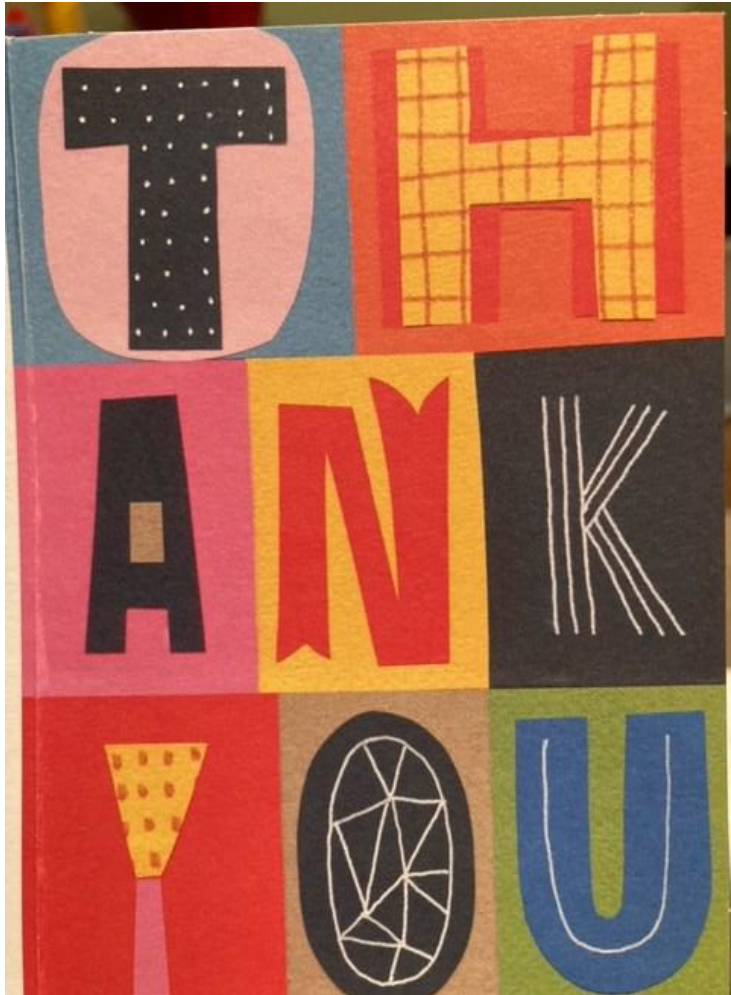
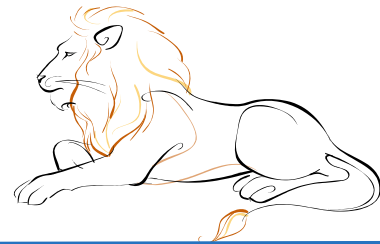
The Biggest Lions Shop Sale of the Year Is Back

We're bringing back our biggest sale of the year **December 14-31**, so don't miss out! Use the one-time use code **2023YearEndSale** at checkout to save big with these discounts:



- 15% on orders US\$50.00–99.99
- 20% on orders US\$100.00–199.99
- 25% on orders US\$200.00 and up

This is your last chance to get all your favorite Lion gear or a great holiday gift at the lowest prices of the year. So head to the [Lions Shop](#) and start saving!



Global Membership Report



Happy New Year to all Lions of 5M3. I hope that you all had a safe and happy holiday season with your families and friends. Always a very busy time of the year. But here we are starting a new year and time to make some changes to increase our membership in our district. So, with that in mind, let's look at where we are at as of today (12/19/2023). First, membership in LCI stands at 1.38 million members around the world. That's a 40,928 member YTD increase or 2.96% growth. MD5M membership, again as of today, is 17,440 members. That is a plus 3 membership growth YTD. Now for 5M3. Year to date as of today we have 1020 members. During the month of December, we had 43 drops and 39 additions for a -4 YTD growth (and we still have 12 days left this month). Unfortunately, that is the wrong direction that we want to be heading. December and June are two of the months where we have the largest drops. We need to encourage our club members to continue to recruit and ask others to help us in our service. Our clubs are doing some great things in our communities, and we need to continue these projects. But we need to make sure our communities know what we do for them. Make some noise and get your service projects and photos in the papers or on the radio. We do not want to be the "best kept secret" in our communities. I hope all clubs look at strengthening your membership by hosting a new member night or some appreciation supper or some getting to know your Lions Club event. Spread the good news about what we do. Wishing you all the best in 2024 as you work to make your club and activities a success. Then make sure you celebrate your successes. Till next time, keep asking.

IPDG Donald E. Kuehl, GMT/GET 5M3

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 tem 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.



Greetings from the Global Service Desk

We are in the wonderful time of the year with Christmas is right around the corner. Enjoy time with your family and friends.

The Janssen family celebrate Christmas in mid. December. Everyone enjoyed spending time with grandkids, boyfriends, girlfriends other friends and family. Enjoy the wonderful Christmas Season.

The district service project is working is going well. Tracy Lions are doing a terrific job on leading project of making youth beds, cutting the material out the frames, sanding the beds and staining all the pieces. GREAT JOB TRACY LIONS. They have started on the next batch of about 20 bed frames. There are few Lions Clubs that are going to start making the beds for the club project. Sherburn Lions are ready to start soon and will let the clubs know how it goes. Details for building below in the article.

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. 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 give you the information. Also, cash donations from clubs are accepted at any time.

Service reporting is improving, and we are at 22 clubs this month. That is great! Maybe next month we could have close to 25 clubs reporting which terrific. Lion's members of 5M3 are keeping busy with projects and fund raisers. Keep up the good work and thanks to the clubs reporting.

The Mid-Winter Convention will be in Fairmont at Best Western. It starts on Friday Feb. 16 and ends on Sunday Feb. 18. Please plan to attend. All will have a great learning experience and enjoy visiting other Lions from the district.

Lions Club Service Reporting

	People Served	Service Activities	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
Canby	1,982	5	45	100	
Clarkfield		1	12		
Comfrey	100	1	4		
Fairmont	1,500	1	300	3,000	3,000
Hadley	2,320	24	152	15,945	8,141
Jackson	1,210	6	276	1,900	16,400
Jasper	2,447	29	291	849	
Lakefield	160	2	24		
Lamberton	270	2	40		
Lucan	4,075	28	712	4,260	4,178
Marshall	8,516	98	351	1,720	3,154
Morgan	7,477	22	845	799	6,517
Mountain Lake	1,000	2	114	500	800
New Ulm	6,505	27	932	4,049	9,911
Pipestone	439	2	6		
Redwood Falls	4,087	24	378		5,000
Sherburn	3,150	6	419	300	2,500
Springfield Area	1,162	4	238		684
St. James	475	10	265	250	1,898
Tracy	2,354	29	473	6,079	9,311
Truman	100	1	50		600
Westbrook	2,84	22	139	900	3,570
Totals	52,175	346	6,066	40,651	75,664

THANKS TO ALL THE LION'S CLUBS FOR GREAT SERVICE REPORTING!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

GST DAVID J.

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!!



The Eyeglass Recycling Center will be picking up BOXES of eyeglasses without eyeglass

cases. Loose lenses will not be picked up either. Please remove all eyeglass cases.

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

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!!

Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com

*in
Loving
Memory*

12/17/23

5M3 Memorial Service list, Feb 2024

Lion George Rysdahl Clarkfield Lions Club
Lion Ron Arens Fairmont Lions Club
Lion Ronald Muller Jasper Lions Club
Lion Mary Stegemann Lakefield Lions Club
Lion Eldon Hammerschmidt Lucan Lions Club
Lion Curt Kenyon Marshall Lions Club
Lion Mark Dolan Milroy Lions Club
Lion Brian Harder Mountain Lake Lions Club
Lion James Harder Mountain Lake Lions Club
Lion Terrance Dempsey Lions Club of New Ulm
Lion William Carlson Tracy Lions Club
Lion Deb Chukuske Tracy Lions Club
Lion Darrel Janssen Tracy Lions Club
Lion Ron Thooft Tyler Lions Club
Lion Gary Hindt Wabasso Lions Club
Lion Scott Jenniges Wabasso Lions Club
Lion John Rupp Westbrook Community Lions Club



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 WANNA BE A LEO" (ages 12-18)	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Meal Packet				
	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

Friday, February 16, 2024

- 4:00-7:15 p.m. Registration/**C**redential
- 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/**C**redentials
- 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

- Peace Poster:** Lion Ryan Brinks, Chair
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. Break
- 1:45-2:30 p.m. Registration/**C**redentials
- 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
after banquet!**



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

Lions Clubs International Director Marie T. Cunning



Maria T. Cunning from Phoenix, Arizona, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Cunning is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development. She currently manages and operates three companies. She is president and CEO of Arista Development, Inc., she is the owner and a designated broker for Altair Realty, LLC and she is the owner of Arizona Discount Flooring, LLC. Among her many notable projects are the construction of over 100 custom homes and a 120-unit apartment complex in the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas. She speaks 3 languages—English, Filipino and Spanish.

She is a third generation Lion with a passion for service and going on medical missions. She joined the Phoenix Barangay Lions Club as a charter member in 1996 and has served with them ever since. Additionally, she has served as guiding Lion for two clubs in the Phoenix area.

Director Cunning has held a number of offices within the association including district Youth Exchange chairperson and multiple district youth coordinator. She has served several years as multiple district membership chair and is currently the district 21-N membership chair. She has served multiple times as LCI Tel-a-thon fundraising chairperson and has been a speaker at the USA-Canada leadership forum and for LCIF Foundation Fridays. She was also a task force member for the North American Membership Initiative. Additionally, she participates in the Global Service Missions and "A Ball for All" initiative for sight impaired children.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. She is also a LCIF Progressive Lead Donor and a LCIF Legacy Society member.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Cunning is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is currently the national president for the Federation of Philippine American Chambers of Commerce (FPACC), president of the Filipino American Business Chamber of Commerce of Arizona, Board of Trustees for the National Federation of Filipino American Associations and is director at-large for the Arizona Asian American Association.

Director Cunning has received a number of civic awards for her kindness and service including Outstanding Asian American Citizen awarded by former US Senator Jon Kyl, the International Global Leadership Excellence Award, as well as the Excellence in Community Leadership award given by Filipino American National Historical Society. She was also honored as Woman of the Year in 2017 for Chicago by the TV Hall of Fame Awards.

Director Cunning has two wonderful adult sons and hopes that grandchildren are in her future. Her hobbies are service, recruiting new Lions and travel.



EMERGING LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

ELLI

This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.



March 15-17, 2024

Shooting Star Casino

777 Casino Dr, Mahanomen, MN



The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)

The goal of this institute is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level.

Qualified candidates are:

- Lions in good standing
- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino, 777 Casino Dr, Mahanomen, MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- Lions, Past, Present and Future
- Change Management
- Supporting Lions' Teams
- LCIF
- Communication
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Diversity
- Lions Mentoring Program
- Creative Thinking
- Ensuring Club success

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.

MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 15-17, 2024, MAHNOMEN MN

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 23, 2024

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

CLUB NAME & NUMBER: _____ MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____

OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____

I WAS REFERRED BY: _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.

Any food or other allergies? _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: The registration fee for the Institute will be \$100 USD. This fee will be payable by check or credit card before you can attend the Institute. You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by March 1st 2024.

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



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



Club Sponsor Page

NEW FEE!

To have your Club listed on the sponsor page, send **\$25.00** to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266 Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor.

NOTE: Clubs can be sponsored in more than one box.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HADLEY LIONS ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Vote for your favorite **CHILI!!!**

Served with Garlic Toast and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches



FREE WILL DONATION



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
The DALE NELSON Family

For medical expenses as he continues to fight cancer.

Saturday, January 6th

5:00-7:00pm

HADLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Have a great chili recipe and interested in being a Chili Challenger?
Contact Rick Like 507-227-3177 and leave a message.



VESTA LIONS CHILI FEED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th

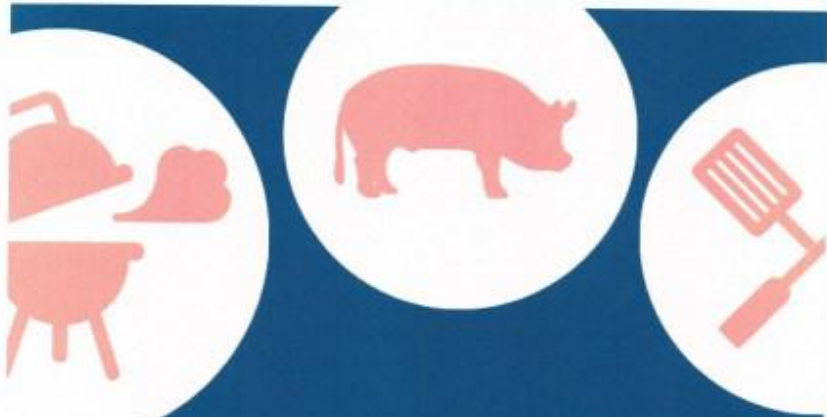
AT THE
VESTA COMMUNITY CENTER
(former school building)

SERVING FROM 5PM-7PM

FREE WILL DONATION

ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI,
CORN BREAD, AND JUICE.

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS THE
125TH CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF VESTA



LUCAN LIONS

MEAT RAFFLE

Meat bundles by: South Forty Meat Market &
Ourada Cattle Company

JANUARY 13
FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 9
APRIL 20

7pm
Knott's Corner
111 Main Street | Lucan



LCIF Gala



Paint the Town **GREEN!**
RED



Sat, April 13, 2024

Prairie Event Center
Parkers Prairie, MN

Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala, you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear GREEN. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming newsletter articles. If you have any questions, please contact LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark Your Calendar!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
Diabetes Research Update
 Saturday March 16th, 2024

Attend in person or via Zoom Link
 Event details available soon through your
 District MLDF Trustees and on
 MNLionsDiabetes.org website.



"Catch the Dream"
 Life Without Diabetes!



2024-2025

Peace poster kits
 available Jan 15-Oct 1
 "Peace Without Limits"

MD5M GLT Multiple
 District Coordinator

MD5M

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM
 NEEDS YOU!**

The position of Global
 Leadership Team Multiple
 District Coordinator is open
 beginning July 1, 2024.



Attributes of a GLT Coordinator

Passion for Lions

Leads by Example

Motivator

Encourages Diversity

Effective Communicator

Ability to Mentor Others

Recommended graduate of FDI,
 LCIP Certified or a participant of
 an ALLI

Recruitment Period
 January 1 - 31, 2024

Send a Resume and Letter of Recommendation to:
 executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org

For more information please visit the LCI website for the GLT Coordinator roles and
 responsibilities at: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_YL1x5zh4U8n5.jpg.pdf?v=1

Coming Soon:

Special Olympics
 returns to **Redwood Falls**
2024

Watch for Date/Time
and service opportunities.



BE THE CHANGE



We Serve



DID YOU KNOW!—Lions in Minnesota will be
 able to purchase Lions license plates for their
 vehicles starting January 1st, 2024. The initial
 cost will be \$25.00 for the application fee,
 \$10.00 for the plates + your normal tab fees.
 Every year after that is \$5.00 + your normal
 tab fees.

5M3 HAPPENINGS

DG PATTY CLUB VISITS



DG Patty and Lion Gary visit **Clarkfield Lions**.



DG Patty and Lion Gary visit **Vesta Lions**.



DG Patty and Lion Gary visit **Milroy Lions**.



Truman Lions welcomes DG Patty.



DG Patty visits **Fairmont Lions**.



DG Patty and Lion Gary visit **Tracy Lions**.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



Hadley Lions welcomed new member Joe Meyer. Pictured L-R: sponsor Lion Sharon Lais, Lion Joe Meyrer, President Lion Robyn Moger. Welcome Lion Joe!



The **Lakefield Lions** purchased over \$700 of children's gifts for the local sharing tree. The ages for the gifts ranged from 3 months to 16 years old. We also as individual members donated socks and waterproof gloves for their Christmas baskets. Their will be some big smiles this Christmas!



Above: President Kirk with new member Deb Wallert, **Mountain Lake Lions** second new female Lion! Welcome Lion Deb!



Mobility Worldwide SW MN located in Mountain Lake has a goal of making 150 mobility carts (lower right) available in 2024. **Mountain Lake Lions** club is sponsoring the first two. Pictured above L-R: past Lion President John Weir, MWSWMN reps Bill Janzen and Gordon Krause, and Lion President Tim Kirk.



Above and Left: **Tracy Lions** delivering Heart to Heart boxes.

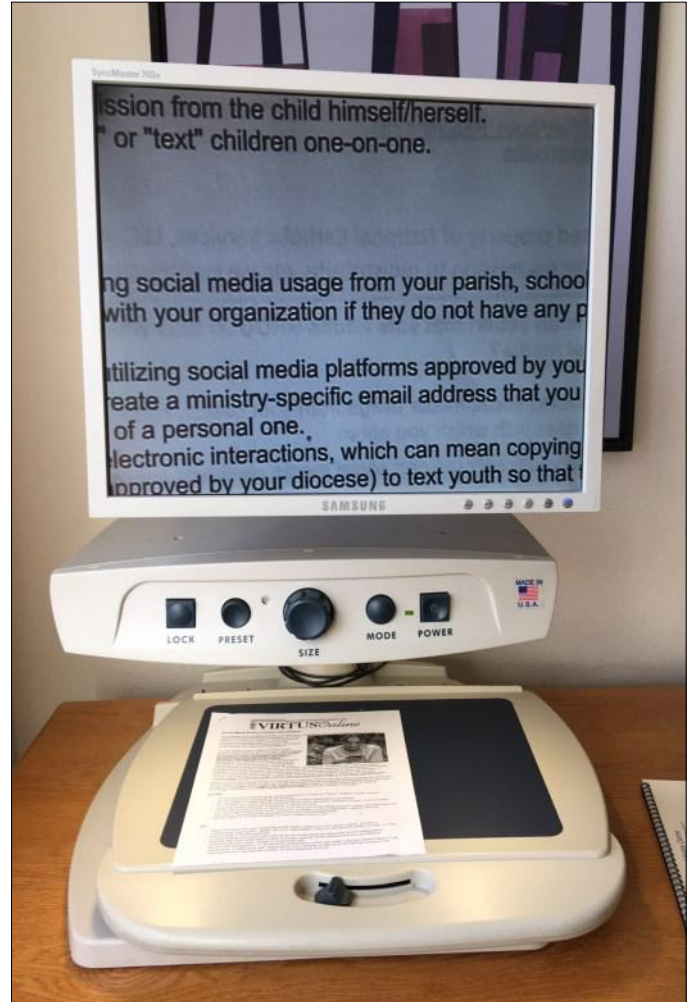


5M3 HAPPENINGS



New Ulm Lions Support Low Vision Project

For the past 20 years the Lions Club of New Ulm has supported the New Ulm Low Vision Project. The Low Vision Project was conceived by the New Ulm Lions and is based in donated space at the New Ulm Public Library. The project has many CCTV magnifier machines, hand held magnifiers and visual aid devices available for loan to people in the New Ulm area free of charge. Pictured left to right, is Low Vision Project Coordinator, Monica Buboltz, client Father Bernie Steiner retired and Lion Bob Schirlinger. **If anyone is in need of a device to help them read and see pictures due to failing eye sight, they can call the New Ulm Public Library at 507-359-8331 or Monica Buboltz at 507-217-6061.**



Happy Birthday

January 13, 1879



Melvin Jones »

"Dreams are the fool ideas of the day before yesterday that become the commonplace miracles of today." ~ Melvin Jones

Melvin Jones Fellowship & Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship - the joy of giving back!

\$\$ 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 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/Camp Courage
- Youth Exchange-Lions International/Youth Exchange Camp Spicer
"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area
- (new) Brian Sheehan Foundation

*****Lions Den Newsletter IS NOT a Parade of Green donation. If you donate to the newsletter:
CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Newsletter \$25 per club is appreciated.**

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.



Newsletters are available 13 months back at:

e-district.org/sites/5m3/

<p>Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.</p>		<p>Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Sleepy Eye Golf Club Lion Connie Knutson, Pres.</p>	<p>Jackson Lions 2nd Mon; 6:15 pm Jackson Golf Course Lion Mark Walter, Pres.</p>	<p>Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. The Caboose Lion Dennis Fultz, Pres.</p>
<p>Westbrook Lions 1st Wed; 8 p.m. Senior Center Lion John Madson, Pres.</p>	<p>Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:00 p.m. VFW-Redwood Falls Lion Chad Johnson, Pres.</p>	<p>Luverne Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Lois Mulder, Pres.</p>	<p>Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Mike Eichten, Pres.</p>	
<p>Tyler Lions 4th Wed; 7:30 p.m. Kronborg Inn 101 Hwy 14 Tyler Lion Ted Kern, Pres.</p>		<p>Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Linda Wallin, Pres.</p>		<p>Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion Cheryl Gewerth, Pres.</p>
<p>Windom Lions 2 & 4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion Eric Haken, Pres.</p>	<p>Bringing the District news to you with NEW FEE! If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$25.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor.</p>			

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<p>Lions of New Ulm 1 & 2 Thurs; 6 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Bob Schirlinger, Pres.</p>		<p>Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Tim Houg, Pres.</p>		<p>Marshall Lions 2 & 4 Tues; 6 p.m. Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.</p>
	<p>Truman Lions 6:00 pm 1st Mon; Jan-May and Oct-Nov 2nd Mon Church of Christ Lion Lynn Brownlee, Pres.</p>	<p>Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Jim Davison, Pres.</p>	<p>Lucan Lions 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Jeffrey Turbes, Pres.</p>	
<p>Sherburn Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Doug Rosenberg, Pres.</p>		<p>Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Susan Goeman, Pres.</p>		<p>Lakefield Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Joel Poppe, Pres.</p>
<p>St James Lions 1st Mon; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Stephen Ferazzano II Pres.</p>	<p>Hadley Lions 4th Wed; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Robyn Moger, Pres.</p>	<p>Fulda Wood Duck Festival June 15-18, 2023</p> 		<p>Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Michael Schaffer, Pres.</p>