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Welcome The Leo Club of RTR FCCLA to Lions International District 5M3!

We are thrilled to announce the newest addition to our family of service-minded individuals:

**The Leo Club of RTR FCCLA!**

Chartered: November 12, 2024

We welcome them as they embark on their journey of leadership, community service, and making a positive impact.

With their dedication to service and a shared vision of improving our world, we are excited to see all that they will accomplish as part of the Lions International District 5M3.

Together, we serve. Together, we grow.

#LionsClub #LeoClub #District5M3 #ServiceAboveSelf



DG Deb with the Tyler Lions Club for the **Leo Club of RTR FCCLA** charter dedication on Nov. 12, 2024.



# DG Deb Rasset

Hello Lions Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!  
With the end of 2024 being right around the

corner, let's look back on what has been accomplished this past year. Our 5M3 leadership team has already visited 26 clubs. They have been amazing visits. We learned a lot about the clubs, their members and the projects that they do. We truly have an awesome Lions district. And we look forward to visiting the rest of the clubs in the near future. Every club should be very proud of the services that you offer to your communities. Please remember to report that service and to share the stories with your communities. Remember if you have any questions or concerns always feel free to reach out to me. I will do my best to get answers for you.

As far as our membership goes, we still have a lot of work to do. We have currently added 35 new members. So, we are well on our way to the goal of 66 new members and we should have no problem getting there. Our goal for the end of the year is to be at a +5 in membership. We are struggling a little with that, but if we keep adding new members at the rate we have been we will achieve that goal.

As far as the goal of adding one more club to our district, we are still actively working on that. If you have any ideas of areas for a new club, please let me know.

The service reporting and officer training goals still need a little work. Please report your service on the Lions Portal. Also, if your club officers have not completed officer training, please either go to the Learn section on the Lions Portal and complete the training course for your office or contact PDG Wayne Radloff or myself for help with that.

We have been working on the LCIF goal with each club visit. However, donation to LCIF is always a good investment for all clubs. LCIF funds go to some amazing projects and much needed humanitarian aid throughout the world.

The other thing that I would like to talk about is the 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention. It will be held at EverSpring Inn and Suites in Marshall. The date for this great experience is February 21st-23rd, 2025.

- These are the great speakers we have lined up:
- Camp Sweet Life (a camp for kids with Type 1 diabetes)
  - Lions Gift of Sight (2025 will be the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller's speech challenging the
  - Lions to be Knights of the blind)
  - Second Harvest Heartland (Re food insecurities in our area)

- Lions 101 \_ What's the Deal with All of the Pancakes (promises to be a fun seminar about Lions basics)
- Camp Confidence (educational and recreational experience for people of all ages with cognitive and developmental disabilities)
- Leader Dog ( Celebrating 85 years of service. A client speaker from Michigan will be with us for part of our convention)

We would like everyone to bring non-perishable food to the convention. All 5 Zones will be doing a sculpture for the Food Sculpture contest. We will be building the sculptures on Saturday. There will be cash prizes (donated to the Food Shelf of the Zones choice) The Zones also need to decide whether they want to take the food collected back to the Food Shelves in their area or leave them in Marshall.

As you can see the Convention Planning Committee has been working very hard to make this convention a success. So please join us for the weekend. If not for the weekend, please attend part of the convention. I look forward to visiting with everyone and making new friends.

As we step into the new year, let us renew our commitment to service, unity and making a positive impact in our communities. Together, we have the power to turn challenges into opportunities and create lasting change. Let's continue to embody the spirit of generosity, leadership and compassion that defines us as Lions. Here's to a year of growth, new connections and making a difference.

Happy New Year and may it be filled with purpose and progress!

Thank you for all that you do!

Make it a great day!

5M3 District Governor



## FOOD SCULPTURE



# 2VDG Greg Janachovsky

**What a great day to be a Lion. Did you ask someone to be a Lion, today?**

**If you ask, you may have a new Lion to add to your club.**

## **2024/2025 Mid-Winter Convention February 21 - 23, 2025. Everspring Inn, Marshall, MN:**

Please plan to attend our Mid-Winter convention. Come for any or all of the weekend. We have great speakers lined up. I would love to see all 34 clubs in 5M3 represented at this year's Mid-Winter. See you there! Early bird deadline is January 24, 2025.

## **5M3 Mid-Winter Convention Food Sculpture:**

Help us fill the shelves at our local Food Shelves in February. All Zones/Clubs are encouraged to collect as much non-perishable food as possible. Bring the collected food items to the 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention February 21-23, 2025 at the EverSpring Inn & Suites in Marshall. On Saturday February 22, all Zones will build a sculpture using the non-perishable items collected. Winners of the contest will be decided by popular vote. Prizes: 1st Place \$150 for the food shelf of the zones choice. 2nd Place \$100 for the food shelf of the zones choice. All other sculptures will receive \$50 for the food shelf of the zones choice. Each Zone should keep track of the amount of food collected. Each Zone could also decorate a box for monetary donations for their choice of food shelf. Each Zone is responsible for getting the food collected to the food shelf of their choice. (Could be a choice to leave in the Marshall area).

**2024/2025 District Challenge:** Make sure the form is returned to one of our district leaders within two weeks of the contest end date. First half end date is December 31, 2024. Second half end date is June 30, 2025. We will be announcing the winner of the first half at our mid-winter convention. And the second half will be announced at our district picnic.

**District 5M3 2025-2026 Cabinet & Foundations:** There are opportunities to join our district cabinet. We need Zone Chairs, GAT team members and foundation chairs.

**District 5M3 "Help Tuck Them In" Project:** Tracy Lions are planning to have a sanding and staining of beds in January 2025. Contact Lori Alf at [Lorilalfiw@gmail.com](mailto:Lorilalfiw@gmail.com) or Joe Buyck at [joebuyck@gmail.com](mailto:joebuyck@gmail.com) if you want to help.

## **Lions Tumblers for Sale \$20.00:**

Contact DG Deb Rasset or SVDG Greg Janachovsky. Just a few left.

**Thank you for being a Lion.**

5M3 SVDG

Greg Janachovsky

## **DG Deb's Calendar**

- January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- January 3-5 - 5M-9 Mid Winter Convention
- January 6 - Convention Planning Meeting
- January 8 - Windom Governors Visit
- January 8 - Growth Workshop (ZOOM 7:00 PM)
- January 10-12 - 5M-6 Mid Winter Convention  
5M-5 Mid Winter Convention
- January 13 - Melvin Jones Birthday
- January 13 - Comfrey/Mountain Lake Governors Visit
- January 17-19 - 5M-1 Mid Winter Convention  
5M-11 Mid Winter Convention
- January 22 - Growth Workshop (ZOOM 7:00 PM)
- January 24-26 - 5M-4 Mid Winter Convention  
5M-7 Mid Winter Convention  
5M-10 Mid Winter Convention
- February 5 - Growth Workshop (ZOOM 7:00 PM)
- February 7-9 - 5M-8 Mid Winter Convention
- February 14 - Happy Valentines Day
- February 14-16 - 5M-2 Mid Winter Convention
- February 21-23 - 5M-3 Mid Winter Convention
- March 8 - COG meeting
- March 13-16 - ELLI: Willmar
- March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 29 - LCIF Gala St. Cloud
- April 25-27 - Hilton Airport- Bloomington

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

**Oct 31, 2023.....1,027**

**Nov 30, 2024.....994**

**YTD Members Added: 35**

**YTD Members Dropped: -32 YTD**

**Net Loss/Gain: +3**

**35 clubs**



**2025-2026**

**Peace poster kits**

**available Jan 15-Oct 1**





# 5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

February 21-23, 2025

Everspring Inn, Marshall MN

**“BEE POSITIVE!”**

## REGISTRATION FORM

**NO REFUNDS AFTER FEB. 1**

Lion  Guest  **1<sup>st</sup> Timer**

Lion  Guest  **1<sup>st</sup> Timer**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions District: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions District: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

EVENT CHOICES:	Before Jan 24	After Jan 24	#Attending	\$ Amount
<b>YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for meals</b>				
<b>** Meal Booklet (all meals)</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>** 1<sup>st</sup> Timers Special Price</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Brunch</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Noon Luncheon</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Banquet</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>	<b>\$49.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Sunday Brunch Buffet</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>“I WANNA BE A LEO” (ages 12-18)</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	_____	\$ _____
<b>Meal Packet</b>				
	<b>Total Amount</b>		_____	\$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

**District 5M3 Lions** (memo-Mid Winter Conv)

Mail Completed Form and Payment to:

5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention  
 % IPDG Patty Peterson  
 2353 205<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Tracy, MN 56175

Cell: 507-531-0950  
 lionpatty8791@gmail.com

Room Reservations:

Everspring Inn - Marshall, MN: 507-532-3221

**\*Make reservations by January 20**

**\*Tell them you are with “Lions 5M3”**

Room Rates - \$109.00 + tax

**GAT Monthly Webinar Series:**

**Every Month—  
2nd Thursday**

**7:00 PM**

**826-8787-8863**

**Passcode: 986599**

**Tech Talks Webinar Series:**

**Every Month—3rd Monday**

**7:00 PM**

**867-4984-8671**

**Passcode: 244964**

# Passing of the Pride...

Have any of your club members passed away since our 2024 convention? **Check list below for missing Lions.**

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

**FEB. 1ST DEADLINE!!**

**[Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com](mailto:Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com)**



## 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention Food Sculpture Contest

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Winners of the contest will be decided by popular vote.

Prizes: 1st Place \$150 for the food shelf of the zones choice

2nd Place \$100 for the food shelf of the zones choice

All other sculptures will receive \$50 for the food shelf of the zones choice

Each Zone should keep track of the amount of food collected.

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Each Zone is responsible for getting the food collected to the food shelf of their choice.

(Could be a choice to leave in the Marshall area)

### 5M3 Memorial Service list Feb 2025

#### As of 12/18/2024

- |                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lion Gerry Gingles     | Canby Lions Club               |
| Lion Steven Yackley    | Canby Lions Club               |
| Lion Leon Winson       | Clarkfield Lions Club          |
| Lion Charletta Bennett | Hadley Lions Club              |
| Lion Larry Byers       | Hadley Lions Club              |
| Lion Kay Bestland      | Granite Falls Lions Club       |
| Lion Dr Kevin Dunlavey | Jackson Lions Club             |
| PDG Lion Barney Olson  | Jackson Lions Club             |
| Lion Robert Bell       | Jasper Lions Club              |
| Lion Carol Kuhlman     | Jasper Lions Club              |
| Lion Clarence Gilb     | Lucan Lions Club               |
| Lion Mary Arndt        | Madelia Lions Club             |
| Lion Philip Murphy     | Madelia Lions Club             |
| Lion Laurel Peterson   | Madelia Lions Club             |
| Lion John Weir         | Mountain Lake Lions Club       |
| Lion Dan Irlbeck       | Lions Club of New Ulm          |
| Lion Eldon Fluck       | Redwood Falls Lions Club       |
| Lion LaDon Krueger     | St James Lions Club            |
| Lion Wendel Thomas     | Tracy Lions Club               |
| Lion David Nester      | Wabasso Lions Club             |
| Lion Jim Klasse        | Westbrook Community Lions Club |



# \$\$ 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**

1. 5M3 Special Olympics
2. Camp Confidence
3. Can Do Canines
4. Childhood Cancer
5. KidSight **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation"**
6. LCIF
7. Leader Dog for the Blind
8. MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation
9. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
10. **Lions Gift of Sight** formerly Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation-Eye Bank, MAC Center, Cornea Transplants, Children's Eye Clinic
11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN
12. Youth Outreach/Peace Poster **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area**
13. Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation
14. True Friends/Camp Courage
15. Youth Exchange-Lions International/Youth Exchange Camp Spicer  
**"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area**

**\*\*\*Lions Den Newsletter IS NOT a Parade of Green donation. Money donated is used for Microsoft Office yearly fee to do the newsletter. \$25 per club is appreciated. If you donate to the newsletter: CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Newsletter**



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2024 – 2025 school year that there will be 6 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, Michigan, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (6), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (3) and Virginia (6). The 2025 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2025.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the LITPC website: [www.litpc.org](http://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, 2025** to:

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

**9 101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto: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”**

# 5M3 District Challenge 2024-2025

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Club Activity	Points	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Club officers trained (per officer)	20						
Submit Service Report to LI	20						
New Members added (per member)	20						
Total Membership +1 at end of challenge	20						
2 or more clubs do an activity together	30						
Governors visit scheduled or held	20						
1st half of dues paid	50						
2nd half of dues paid	50						
Attend another Lions club activity/Fundraiser	10						
Do a new service project	20						
Attend Zone meeting							
Officer (per officer)	30						
General Membership (per member)	20						
Donate to LCIF	50						
District chairperson presentation to club		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Can Do Canines	50						
Childhood Cancer	50						
Diabetes	50						
GMA	50						
GMT	50						
GST	50						
GET	50						
Hearing Foundation	50						
Kidsight	50						
LCIF	50						
Leader Dog	50						
Project New Hope	50						
Sheehan Foundation	50						
Vision Foundation	50						
Donations to Parade of Greens per donation	50						
Bring eyeglasses to Convention	50						

TURN COMPLETED CHALLENGE INTO 5M3 LEADERSHIP TEAM



## **Lions Gift of Sight (Formerly known as, Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)) Used Eyeglasses Collection Process**

The MLVF is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 22 Lions, 2 from each District in MD5M, except for 5M13 which is entirely in Canada. Canadian Lions have their own Eye Banks, etc. Directors serve 2 year terms with a maximum of 6 years total service. Current Directors for 5M3 are Lion James Hoyt, Walnut Grove and the second position is open.

The Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, in Sauk Rapids, MN is an approved LCI Collection Center and is sponsored by the MLVF. It collects more than 700,000 pair of used eyeglasses every year and has collected over 9 million pairs of used eyeglasses.

The MLVF, through its Directors, provides collection boxes and identifying labels, free of charge, to local Lions Clubs. The labels provide space for the name and telephone number for a Lions Club contact person. Boxes are typically placed in Optometrist's Offices, schools, churches, funeral homes, libraries, community centers, etc. Some Clubs empty the boxes on a regular schedule, e.g. monthly, while others wait to be called. It depends on the volume of used eyeglasses and the relationship with the location.

**Eyeglass cases are not needed and should be discarded as they can triple the volume and add weight**, increasing the shipping cost to the Recycling Center. There are often brand new, never used, eyeglass cases in the collection boxes. **Clubs can check with Salvation Army and Goodwill Stores to see if they want the new cases.** I usually drop off about a dozen cases twice a year to our local Salvation Army Store. **NO LENS WITHOUT FRAMES** please.

**Clubs should bring boxes of used eyeglasses to Zone & Region Meetings, the Mid-Winter Convention, or make other arrangements with their MLVF Director.** The Directors transport the boxes of glasses to Board meetings where the Recycling Center volunteers pick them up. The Recycling Center will travel to the Mid-Winter Conventions to pick up the eyeglasses if the volume warrants a trip.

Any size of sturdy cardboard boxes (that can be covered) can be used for collecting the eyeglasses. It is not necessary to layer the glasses and put paper spacers between the eyeglasses. The eyeglasses do not get scratched or damaged in transport. The Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids receives empty apple boxes from local grocery stores and repacks as many glasses as possible in the apple boxes. These boxes are sturdy, have covers, and pack and stack well in the truck and cargo trailer used to transport the used eyeglasses to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation Center near Rosholt, WI. These boxes also stack on pallets without any wasted space.

It is not necessary to pack sunglasses separately. Non-prescription sunglasses are needed. In some countries, especially near the equator, wearing sunglasses and/or a baseball cap can prevent many eye problems. We send all sunglasses, including snap-ons, to the WI Center and they use what they can.

There is definitely a use for broken frames, frames with one lens missing, etc. The only exception is 100% plastic frames and stems—they can be discarded. Metal used in the frames often contains a minute amount of gold. Volunteers at the WI Center remove all the remaining lens and plastic from the broken frames and stems. A box, the size that holds 10 reams of paper when packed with just frame parts, may yield \$10,000 or more in gold. They work with a smelter who provides his service free and receive the full value of the reclaimed gold. This money helps reduce the expenses.

Don't bother trying to repair broken frames. Once eyeglass frames loosen up it is difficult to keep them from coming apart again. These glasses are being sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries where there aren't any Drs. nor optical stores where glasses can be repaired so the WI Center ships only the glasses that have the best chance of lasting many years.

Here's what happens when the glasses reach the WI Center:

- Volunteers sort through the glasses, separating the sunglasses, broken glasses, etc.
- Glasses are cleaned and looked at for deep scratches or other issues.
- Glasses are packed into see-through stackable plastic cartons to be delivered to the local prisons.

The WI Center currently works with a federal prison and a state prison, and is considering a 3<sup>rd</sup> prison. The prisoners, under the direction of trained personnel, clean the glasses, use a machine that tells them the prescription of each lens, records those prescriptions on paper envelopes and places the glasses in the envelopes.

When the glasses are returned to the center they are sorted into 49 different prescription categories and placed in boxes ready for shipment to 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

I hope this answers all your questions and provides an understanding of the process for recycling used eyeglasses. It is very cost effective process with virtually all the work being done by volunteers. The people delivering the glasses to the 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries also pay their own expenses, so the total expense of a pair of Lions recycled eyeglasses is pennies. **Checks now payable to: Lions Gift of Sight**

# Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across Global Action Team Area 1C  
to learn tips & tools you can use to  
start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.

This Workshop is designed for your District Growth Team to work through  
the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to  
rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well,  
have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered,  
by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)



Wednesday, January 8  
Wednesday, January 22  
Wednesday, February 5

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email  
containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://bit.ly/AreasCDGrow>

## Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow: Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Made Easier, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- The participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

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# LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter



## Training to Every Client's Needs

### Learn about our DeafBlind Program and Adaptive Services

At Leader Dogs for the Blind, our top priority is ensuring each client receives customized training that allows them to develop exceptional skills to travel independently with a white cane or a guide dog. Though all our guide dog mobility instructors (GDMIs) and certified orientation and mobility specialists (COMS) are skilled at adapting the training process to accommodate a wide range of personalities and individual needs, the GDMIs on our adaptive services team also individualize client and dog training for additional client needs or disabilities that may be physical or intellectual. Some examples of ways we are able to adapt training are:

- Train a dog to work on the right side for someone who has experienced a stroke, has a prosthetic hand or has lost a limb.
- Identify and train a sturdy dog for someone with an uneven gait due to cerebral palsy that can offer a little counterbalance and be easier to control.
- Provide one-on-one instruction at a gradual pace for someone who has experienced a traumatic brain injury.

People who are both deaf and blind can find navigating the world to be challenging. After working closely with DeafBlind clients, we began offering guide dog training in 1992 using American Sign Language (ASL) as the main method of communication. A guide dog working with a person who is DeafBlind must be extremely mature. Their training stresses partner awareness because they receive all commands from their handler via hand signals. Much attention is placed on traffic awareness and proper street crossings since these can be extreme safety issues for people who are DeafBlind.



Sarah D., GDMI, COMS explains to Client Steven how to navigate an intersection using tactile ASL.



**DID YOU KNOW IN 1992, LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND BECAME THE FIRST ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE GUIDE DOGS SPECIFICALLY TRAINED FOR CLIENTS WHO ARE BOTH DEAF AND BLIND.**

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR DEAFBLIND PROGRAM & ADAPTIVE SERVICES TODAY!







Greetings from the Global Service Desk

Welcome to the month of December and Christmas will be here very soon right around the corner. We just got done with our family Christmas and we have a lot to be thankful for. Have very wonderful Christmas. A lot of things are happening in 5M3 zone meetings, food drives taking place, and DG visits with clubs. Mid-Winter Convention planning is happening and that will be taking place in Marshall on February 21-23.

Service reporting is taking place and some clubs are trying really hard to make it work. 5M3 has 18 clubs reporting and is the highest number this year. Sometime when working on the portal you want to disconnect from it and then it gets better so you keep going. Want to thank all the clubs that trying to do service reporting. It will get better someday. THANKS FOR DO SERVICE REPORTING FOR 5M3. Here is zone five on their service reporting. Zone 5 Clubs: Fairmont no reporting, Jackson some reporting, Mountain Lake some reporting, Sherburn reporting, Truman some reporting, Windom no reporting. The service reporting could be better and try to see if more clubs would be reporting. Sherburn Lions Food Drive on Oct. 28 Heavens Table in Sherburn and the food pantry in Dunnell, split between the two. We advertised it, posters, face book and twice in our weekly paper, 25 lion's members donated food and 3 people from the general public donated and one was the bartender. What did we do wrong. I was a little disappointed on the turn out but what do next time to have a better turnout.

Everyone enjoys your time together with family and friends and have a wonderful Christmas. Thanks, helping serve with the LIONS of 5M3.

	Service Activities	People Served	Volunteer Hours	LCIF Donations
Canby	1	1,600	4	
Granite Falls	16	700	36	
Hadley	25	860	128	
Jackson	2	260	90	
Jasper	24	2,676	308	
Lakefield	10	765	84	
Lamberton	4	400	200	2500
Luncan	33	5,250	620	450
Marshall	62	6,017	463	
Morgan	21	4,276	750	
Mountain Lake	1			
New Ulm	28	3,682	1,014	1,000
Sherburn	2	2,500	100	
Sleepy Eye	1	550	63	
Springfield Area	5	1,099	76	300
St. James	6	400	158	
Tracy	21	8,170	1,040	
Truman	1	150	75	
Westbrook	19	2,586	302	
<b>Reporting Totals</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>41,941</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>4,280</b>
18 Clubs Reporting, about 54%				

Thanks for your Service in LIONS  
GST David J.



**Appendix 28.0**  
**MD5M HALL OF FAME**  
**Procedure**

**Purpose**

To honor those Lion 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 they are 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, 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 they 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 Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions Club at the time of their death.

**Process**

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lions 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.



**MDSM Hall of Fame Nomination** \_\_\_\_\_

(year)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:**

Name

Address

Address

Club Name

**Sponsor:**

Name

Address

Address

Phone Number

Club Name

**Nominee's Biographical Information**

Focus: Community Service, Family, Work

Include Length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects.

Attach additional/service sheet if more room is required.

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

*Nominations MUST be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Mid Winter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 (US funds) must accompany this form. Only this official form will be accepted and must be accompanied by the nomination fee.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Go for the Gold Gala

Saturday March 29, 2025

West Western Plus Rally Inn

100 1st Ave S.

St. Cloud, MN 56301



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



THE LIONS PRIDE

### Ignite the Lions Pride

MD5M Convention

April 25-27, 2025

Illiana Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

3800 American Boulevard East

Bloomington, MN 55425

Join Lions from across Minnesota, NW Ontario & Manitoba

Expire opportunities for service  
Learn what is going on throughout Liondom  
Hear from inspirational speakers  
Build Lions knowledge and leadership  
Hear updates from all Lions Foundations  
Meet new friends and love life!



To register online use the QR code  
(click "stop advertisement" bar)

For more convention information  
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m/multipleconvention/home>

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CHEERS!

-Dinner -Drinks -Bingo -Music

Date: Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

Place: Hadley Community Center

Meal: 5:00pm-5:30pm

Hadley Lions Club Fundraiser

Pork Chops (w/ Garlic Potatoes), Roasted Potatoes,  
Caramel Corn, Dinner Roll, Warm Craniosake

\$20/meal - Must purchase **ADVANCED** meal ticket

Purchase tickets by December 23<sup>rd</sup>

ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY ARE FOR SALE

To purchase meal tickets contact:

Sharon Lutz @ 227-0700 or Rhonda Wynn @ 227-4212

Limited number of tickets sold

Starts @7:30pm

Curlin Town and Country

Includes not including the meal, drink, wine or 4-clip for bingo & 10-bingo raffle

2 large BLACKBIRD pigs & Meat Raffles

Music by Live Band



Tony Mager Music



Music throughout the event and to follow stage until 12:00am

**PARTY FAVORS - SNACKS - DOOR PRIZES**

optimal weather food will be Friday, January 1st, 2025

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## 2024-2025 MINNESOTA RETREATS

- 2024 OCTOBER 4-6  
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
- 2024 DECEMBER 6-8  
Faith Haven Camp near Bible Lake, MN
- 2025 MAY 2-4  
Camp Shalom near Mayton, MN
- 2025 JUNE 6-8  
Clayton Mill near Souderton, MN



# 5M3 HAPPENINGS



The **Springfield Area Lions** are very thankful for all of the support of patrons and area business during our Lunch with the Lions on Sun, Nov 3rd. Thank you to all the members/volunteers who helped to make this event a success, to all the donations and business sponsors, Christensen Farms, 6 EAST, Springfield and Sanborn American Legions, AgQuest/Farmward, and Tommys Central street catering. We appreciate the support as "We Serve" the community with programs, Operation Christmas Joy, Springfield scholarship program and other community projects. Thank you All!





# 5M3 HAPPENINGS



On Sunday November 24, **Lucan Lions** Tom Carlson and Lion Joe Plaetz along with Mike Schieber, and Kyle Christensen worked on the Lucan softball field to make it suitable for baseball.



**The Redwood Falls Lions** were happy to partake in 4 local community events which we gave 15 lucky winners at each event a "Fire Blanket." This blanket will provide individuals/families safety from dangerous fire accidents and hopefully prevent tragedy.



**The Redwood Falls Lions** donated \$500 to the Redwood County "Share The Spirit." They stated that the donation should go towards the purchase of groceries to give a few families the happiness of enjoying a Family Christmas Dinner.



Right: Ray Schmidt is shown with **Pipestone Lions** donation to the Food Shelf.



**The Redwood Falls Lions** donated \$100 along with bags of food on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> to their local Weelborg Ford's "Freezin For Food" drive. The donations will be distributed between 5 area food shelves.



# 5M3 HAPPENINGS



At the **Lucan Lions** 51st Anniversary night District Governor Deb Rasset spoke and also handed out membership awards. **Pictured Above** L-R: Joel Weidemann and Deb; Deb and Joel Plaetz; Gene Janachovsky and Deb. Left: District Governor Deb Rasset with Lucan Lion members present at the anniversary night celebration.

**Pictured Below:** On Sunday December 1, 2024 at the Lucan Lions Anniversary celebration, President Lion Joel Weidemann presented the "MelvinJones" award to Lucan Lion Tom Carlson.



**The Redwood Falls Lions** donated this Christmas to CentraCare's "Stuff the Ambulance" on Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. The toys/ gifts will be distributed by Share the Spirit in Redwood County and Santa's Closet in Renville County for children and families in need.





# 5M3 HAPPENINGS



**Hadley Lions** welcome new member Penny Boock during their December meeting/ Christmas party. L-R: President Robyn Moger, new member Lion Penny Boock and sponsor Lion Teresa Hamman. Welcome Lion Penny!



**Tracy Lions** delivered Heart to Heart boxes






A merry Christmas



Newsletters are available 13 months back at:

[e-district.org/sites/5m3/](http://e-district.org/sites/5m3/)

<p><b>Vesta Lions</b> 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Springfield Area Lions</b> 2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm American Legion Lion Michelle Tauer, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Sleepy Eye Lions</b> 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. The Dawg House Lion Gwen Mack, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Jackson Lions</b> 2nd Mon; 6:15 pm Jackson Golf Course Lion Mark Walter, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Tracy Lions</b> 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. The Caboose Lion Robert Rialson, Pres.</p>
<p><b>Westbrook Lions</b> 1st Wed; 8 p.m. Senior Center Lion Connie Rupp, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Redwood Falls Lions</b> 1 &amp; 3 Mon; 6:00 p.m. VFW-Redwood Falls Lion Chad Johnson, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Luverne Lions</b> 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Codie Zeutenhorst, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Wabasso Lions</b> 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Jon Fulton, Pres.</p>	
<p><b>Tyler Lions</b> 4th Wed; 7:30 p.m. Kronborg Inn 101 Hwy 14 Tyler Lion Aaron Swanson, Pres.</p>		<p><b>Comfrey Lions</b> 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Linda Wallin, Pres.</p>		<p><b>Morgan Lions</b> 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion David Nelson, Pres.</p>
<p><b>Windom Lions</b> 2 &amp; 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 <b>\$25.00</b> to <b>District Treasurer, Denise Nelson</b> <b>405 S St, Morgan MN 56266.</b> Memo line: <b>Newsletter Sponsor.</b></p>			

# 5M3 Lions Clubs Sponsor Page



<p><b>Lions of New Ulm</b> 2nd Thurs; 6 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Helen Vogel, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Granite Falls Lions</b> 1 &amp; 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. Trolley's Bar &amp; Grill Lion Keith Koerlin, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Jasper Lions</b> 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Stonewall Bar &amp; Grill Lion Paula Sanow, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Can Do Canines</b> ASSISTANCE DOGS</p>	<p><b>Marshall Lions</b> 2 &amp; 4 Tues; 6 pm Wooden Nickel (2nd Tues only) Lion Mark Mather, Pres.</p>
	<p><b>Truman Lions</b> 6:00 pm 1st Mon; Jan-May and Oct-Nov 2nd Mon Church of Christ Lion Mark Steuber, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Fairmont Lions</b> 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Dustin Tino, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Lucan Lions</b> 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Joel Weidemann, Pres.</p>	
<p><b>Sherburn Lions</b> 2 &amp; 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Doug Rosenberg, Pres.</p>		<p><b>Jeffers Community Lions</b> 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Susan Goeman, Pres.</p>		<p><b>Lakefield Lions</b> 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Barbara Bakalyar, Pres.</p>
<p><b>St James Lions</b> 1st Mon; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Harold Wolle Pres.</p>	<p><b>Hadley Lions</b> 4th Wed; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Robyn Moger, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Clarkfield Lions</b> 3rd Tues; 7:30 a.m. City Hall Lion Paul Wilson, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Canby Lions</b> 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. PK Egan's Lion Gene Bies, Pres.</p>	<p><b>Fulda Lions</b> 3rd Mon; 5:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Loren Carlson, Pres.</p>