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VERY IMPORTANT!!!

An Important Message from your GLT Team:

As the first half of this exciting Lion year approaches, it is important to review your club's roster ahead of the upcoming dues billing. By reviewing the club's roster, you are ensuring that it is up to date, and your club avoids being billed for inactive members. Log into the Lion Portal or your regional reporting system to update.

For questions on how to access the portal or make changes, visit the Lion Portal Resource webpage to review videos, FAQs and more. For additional assistance, contact us at lionssupport@lionsclubs.org.

***Lions International has gone paperless. Log into the Lion Portal and navigate to My Club – Club Statements to check your club's balance, make payments and see outstanding balances. Reviewing and paying your club's balance regularly helps keep your club in good standing. For questions regarding your club's statement, please contact Membership Billing at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to strengthening your club and serving your community. We appreciate your efforts to keep your club's information current and your membership strong.

Please contact a Member of the GLT Team if you have further Questions!

Passing of the Pride

Have any of your club members passed away since our 2025 Convention? Please send a photo of the deceased along with the name, club and a paragraph about them to PDG Waye Radloff.

We need this for the Friday evening Service of Remembrance at the 2026 Mid-Winter Convention.

FEB. 1ST DEADLINE!!

Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com



DG DENISE NELSON

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my Lions family!

It's hard to believe that half of the year is already behind us.

Our Mid-Winter Convention is coming up in February, and it truly is a wonderful event to attend. It reminds us why we became Lions in the first place. From the Friday memorial service, to the engaging speakers on Saturday, and ending with the Sunday morning church service and brunch. the companionship and fellowship of Lions is incredibly rewarding.

We also have an excellent lineup of speakers this year. We will hear updates from Can Do Canines on what's new with their programs, a hearing-related speaker, and a mental health presentation focused on recognizing when a loved one may be struggling. In addition, we'll learn how we as Lions are making an impact through KidSight screenings across our district.

Now that the December drop is complete, have you invited someone to join your club? Membership is vital to everything we do. More hands mean more service—the very foundation of Lionism.

Until next month... can you hear those Lions roar?



Denise



The raffle room at our midwinter 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 or text

507-227-7685 and we will find a way to get your gift to the convention!!





1VDG GREG JANACHOVSKY

SAVE THE DATE:

5M3 Mid-Winter Convention, February 20 - 22, 2026, At Everspring Inn, Marshall, MN. Great Speakers, Excellent Food, Awesome Fellowship with fellow District Lions and MD 5 Lions, and International Director. Friday night is the memorial service for all 5M3 deceased Lions that past since the last convention. What an awesome program honoring their service to the area communities and the Lions organization. Also, on Friday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm is the Squeeze the Stuffins fundraiser for the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. **Come and learn how to stuff a LION.**

WANTED:

2nd Vice-District Governor for 5M3 2026/2027 Year and Cabinet positions and Foundation Chairs. Please contact me, 2VDG Darren Saner, DG Denise Nelson, or IPDG Deb Rasset. Still looking for each Lions Club to provide a member to be on the Global Action Team. Openings on all teams, Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team, Global Extension Team, and Global Service Team. Please step up and help to improve our 5M3 District.

SERVICE REPORTING:

Please report your Lions service activities in the Lions Portal. If you need help contact David Jannsen or Deb Rasset. As a District, we should be able to be at 100% reporting for the year. Only need to report one activity per club, a fundraiser, a donation, a meeting or a service project.

5M3 NEEDS MEMBERS:

Please continue to ask potential new members to join your Lions Club. If you want to do a meet and greet event please contact me, Darren Saner, Denise Nelson or one of the GAT members. It may just be coffee and rolls at a local business, please also invite the foundation district chairs and DG Denise Nelson, 1VDG Greg Janachovsky and 2VDG Darren Saner. The Foundation District Chairs should be able to show case their foundation, providing information about the support the Lions provide. We all need to be asking people to join the LIONS.

UPDATE FROM THE LUCAN LIONS:

The Lucan Lions have purchased a pull-type, bumper hitch, storage trailer and are converting it to a storage cooler. Hopefully, it will be finished by spring 2026. The previous cooler that the Lions had was destroyed when it unhooked going done the road and into the ditch south of Lucan in June 2025.

LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD. HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR.

Thank you for being a Lion.

5M3 1VDG

Greg Janachovsky





2VDG DARREN SANER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Time is moving quickly. In another month final plans for the Mid-Winter Convention will take shape. Please attend, if only for a day. It's a great experience to see the full

range of Lionism and visit with members from other clubs.

December was a month of club meetings. Unfortunately, I was only able to attend one. Fortunately, it was because the final stages of building our house took place and we moved in on Dec. 20th!

Thank you again to our Lions family who helped in any way. From donations (and Christmas decorations), to words of encouragement and prayers, your support helped get us through the past thirteen months. Sometimes servants need to step back and receive instead of give. THANK YOU!

In the new year, I'll work with clubs on membership and continue to learn my future role as District Governor. Please consider stepping into the 2nd Vice District Governor position. You'll have a great team to work with. Denise and Greg and I will help with the transition.

2VDG & GMT Darren Saner



The Eyeglass
Recycling Center
will be picking up

BOXES of eyeglasses without eyeglass cases. Loose lenses will not be picked up.

They will be at the 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention!

Be sure to count them for your report.

NO CASES OR LOOSE

LENSES

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Oct 31, 2024.....982

Nov 30, 2025.....961

34 Clubs

YTD Members Added: 13

YTD Members Dropped: -17 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -4



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Mid-Winter Convention Service Project:

CHILDHOOD CANCER COMFORT COLLECTION!

Lions Clubs are encouraged to gather small gifts of love for kids in treatment:

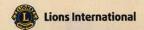
Crayons & Coloring Books Card Games (ex. Uno, Phase 10, etc) Legos

Magna Tiles
Play-Doh
Cozy Fleece Blankets

Drop off your items at the collection area in our meeting rooms and help our Lions bring courage, color and comfort!

Your gifts will bring comfort and joy to children fighting cancer!





LIONS AND LEOS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF), IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AND ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO HELP ALLEVIATE HUNGER.

Food Collection, Preparation

Agricultural Development and Support

and Children

ness. Education



COMMUNITY FEEDING EVENT

Promote wellness and nutrition by providing meals and community engagement for local families.

SUSTAINABLE GOALS

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. The 17 goals are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. Achievement of the SDGs also relies on the involvement of volunteer organizations who connect governmental strategies and initiatives with complementary, yet essential, community action.



Approximately 2 billion people globally do not have regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food (United Nations).



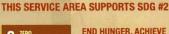
While it can vary, food insecurity is higher among rural communities while lower in urban areas, highlighting the need to support rural populations globally (Food and Agriculture Organization).



Densely populated areas experience food insecurity due to rises in urban poverty, inequality and other health risks associated with city living (World Food Program).



Rising food prices, regional conflict, environmental disasters and economic instability all affect a person's ability to access food, leading to a consistent rise in hunger (World Food Program).





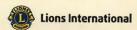
FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



Vulnerable populations, including those who are lower-income or underrepresented, are mo (World Health Organization).



Eating with community members can improve quality of life and overall feeling of hopefulness (Oxford University).



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Food Collection, Preparation and Distribution

Agricultural Development and Support

Hunger Initiatives for Women and Children

Hunger and Nutrition Awareness, Education and Advocacy

COMMUNITY FEEDING EVENT

Service Ideas

lionsclubs.org/hunger



Use the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) Hunger Map to research the prevalence of undernourishment and food insecurity around the world and in your community, and explore what issues are most impactful for your club, district and multiple district.



Consider collaborating with local food organizations and businesses for support with your community feeding event. Use our Developing Local Partnerships guide to start planning.

Serve meals at a soup kitchen,

homeless shelter or feeding event

organized by a local organization

alleviating food insecurity.



Provide community members with meals during local or regional celebrations and significant holidays.



Watch and share the most recent State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World video created by FAO.



Identify groups in your community that can benefit from feeding events and explore how your club can engage with

them. Use our Club and Community

Needs Assessment to get started.



Host a feeding event to provide relief in times of crisis, such as a natural disaster (earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, droughts), conflict, famine, emergency or other occurrences that displace people and communities.



Work with your club, district or multiple district to organize a recurring community feeding event that brings people together regularly to increase sustainability. Use our Direct Food Service Project Planner to get started.



Sponsor a community kitchen or cooking class where families can be involved in creating their own meals while learning useful cooking skills and gaining important nutrition education.



Plan a community feeding event to bring people together to address food insecurity on an international day of action, such as World Food Day on October 16. Share your impact with photos, videos and other assets on social media using the #WorldFoodDay hashtags.

FN 2/24





Greetings from the Global Service Desk

Welcome to the fine weather we are having and just like a normal winter that we used to have. Hope everyone has a nice Holiday season and has quality time together with everyone.

Lions clubs are busy with pancake fund raisers for Civic and Commerce. Our local Legion had sewer trouble and Sherburn Lions did two pancake benefits and raised about 7000 dollars. We rang the bell for the Salvation Army. It was kind of cold; we were right by the big entry door. There are a lot of service activities that can be done and local community members that are willing to help in any way they can. Here is interesting information on service reporting where we enjoy the work we do for people in our community:

Lions and Leos served 410 million people in the 2024-2025 Lion year. We can take pride in that achievement thanks to those who reported 1.5 million service activities around the world. For every club, service reporting benefits include enabling stronger club communications. Demonstrating your club's effectiveness. Providing insight to current and future club leaders. Clubs that report service also become eligible for awards and recognition, including the <u>Kindness Matters Service Award</u> and the <u>Excellence Awards</u>. Districts and multiple districts benefit from service reporting, too. Service reports help district leaders learn how clubs meet community needs, inspire service innovation and promote service achievements that support membership growth.

Service reporting is 83% doing great and have 29 clubs this month again. We have the same five clubs not reporting and it would be nice to get to the 100% reporting. Give us a call or e-mail and text; here is our information: DG Denise Nelson dlnelson0714@hotmail.com; David Janssen davidjanssen1947@hotmail.com. 5M3 has 5 clubs not reporting and they are Jeffers, Luverne, Madelia, Milroy, and Vesta. Let's see if 5 clubs can get some reporting by the time the next newsletter is delivered. Thanks everyone for helping with service reporting.

Sei	rvice Activities	People Served	Volunteer hours	LCIF Donations
1.Canby	4	2,357	153	
Clarkfield	1	25	10	
3.Comfrey	2	110	13	
4.Fairmont	6	3,968	635	100.00
5. Fulda	6		744	146
6. Granite Falls	17		1,451	71
7. Hadley	39	2,585	371	870.00
8. Jackson	4	1,060	250	200.00
9. Jasper	10	616	107	40.00
10. Jeffers Community	0		9	
11. Lake Benton	1	274		
12. Lakefield	109	1,117	179	50.00
13. Lamberton	3	160	40	1,000.00
14. Lucan	34	8,889	954	455.00
15. Luverne	0			
16. Madelia	0			
17. Marshall	28	5,010	345	25.00
18. Milroy	0			35.00
19. Morgan	21	8,707	764	90.00
20. Mountain Lake	10		2,636	37
21. New Ulm	31	3,028	922	100.00
22. Pipestone	3	1 42	36	
23. Redwood Falls	13	6,800	309	
24. Sherburn	8	1,620	424	6.00
25. Sleep Eye	12	1,150	128	100.00
26. Springfield Area	11	2,044	165	200.00
27. St. James	7	508	209	500.00
28. Tracy	5	351	86	155.00
29. Truman	1		14	
30. Tyler	8	2,334	272	200.00
31. Vesta	0			
32. Wabasso	1	450		500
33. Westbrook	32	4,299	323	355.00
34. Windom	24	4,206	475	
Transfer from Restricte	ed Funds and that	amount to be used for S	pecial Olympics	10,000.00
Clubs reporting totals	361	66,222	8,283	14,381.00
Thanks for your bein in	SERVICE REPORT	ING LOOKING FOR 1009	A OF THE HONS CITIES BEEC	RTING NEXT NEWSLETTE

Thanks for your help in SERVICE REPORTING. LOOKING FOR 100% OF THE LIONS CLUBS REPORTING NEXT NEWSLETTER GST David J.







LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2025 – 2026 school year that there will be **8 US \$4,000** 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. The 2026 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2026.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

- 1. Go to the LITPC website: www.litpc.org
- 2. In the left column, click on Scholarship Application Form.
- 3. 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, 2026 to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-232-9357

9 101" Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@myctl.net

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"

SAVE THE DATE!

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Special Olympics & LCIF are partnering for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota

Saturday February 28, 2026

Chanhassen Dinner Theatres
501 W 78th St. Chanhassen. MN 55317

















Thank you to all of the Lions that have already donated to LCIF for Special Olympics. If you have not donated, please consider making a donation. The current balance of donations made to the LCIF MD5M Special Olympics is \$85,000. We still have a long way to go. However I am sure that we will get to the needed amount of \$350.000.

Please remember to continue passing the decorated jar at your meetings. And bring those jars with the donations to our upcoming Mid-Winter convention in Marshall.

Also, I would like to come and do a presentation on LCIF for your club. Please contact me for a date to visit your club.

(debbirasset@gmail.com)

Save the date of February 28, 2026. MD5M will be hosting a LCIF Roar for a Cause (Featuring Special Olympics). It will be held at Chanhassen Dinner Theaters in Chanhassen, MN. Details are now available.

Thank you for all that you do! 5M3 LCIF Coordinator Deb Rasset

Serving a world in need.

www.lcif.org





Fundraiser Registration Form-Special Olympics 2026 USA Games Saturday, February 28, 2026, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm Chanhassen Dinner Theater 501 West 78th Street Chanhassen, MN 55317 Registration Deadline: February 5, 2026

Email:		
Telephone:	District #:	Club Name:
GENERAL ADMISSIO	N -	
\$85.00 per person (inc	udes registration, lunc	h, and program). Cash bar available.
# of Attendees:	Total	@ \$65 per person \$
TABLE SPONSOR (8	Guests)-This is a gro	up ticket for 8 people.
	logo) will appear on the	800.00 per table \$ ne drink ticket each for eight guests. In addition, you table tents and in the program, and you will be
Sponsor/Organization	Name:	
Please scan or email y	our registration form to or text information to 6	

*PLEASE COMPLETE NAMES & MEAL CHOICES ON THE BACKSIDE OF THIS FORM.

Make checks payable to: LCIF Roar for a Cause Mail to: Lion Rose Thies, LCIF Roar for a Cause 21515 371st Ave, Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

Pay online by Venmo or Pay Pal.

Pay Pal: Rosemary Thies paypal.me/GreenIsleLions

Venmo: @Rose-Thies

Please scan or email your registration form to:

rthies001@omail.com or text information to 612-756-1316

#	Name	Email	Phone	Meal Choice Circle One
1				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
2				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
3				Chicken Charr, Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
4				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
5				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
6				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
7				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna
8				Chicken Chan; Sirloin Steak. Veg. Lasagna

Chicken Chanhassen (chicken breast with wild rice dressing and Hollandaise sauce. Roasted seasonal vegetables. Includes side salad, baked bread and coffee.

Top Sirloin Steak (choice of one sauce: Burgundy Mushroom, Veal Demi-Glace, Gorgonzola, Chimichurri, Bearnaise) your server will ask/explain the choices at your table. Garlic mashed potatoes and roasted seasonal vegetables. Includes side salad, baked bread and coffee.

Vegetarian Lasagna (ricotta cheese, mozzarella, carrots, celery, onions, mushrooms, house marina sauce), roasted seasonal vegetables. Includes side salad, baked bread and coffee.



5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention February 20-22, 2026

Everspring Inn, Marshall MN "FIRED UP FOR SERVICE!"

REGISTRATION FORM

NO REFUNDS AFTER FEB. 1

NO REPO	ND3 A	IF IER FEB. I	l	
☐ Lion ☐ Guest ☐ 1st Timer		☐Lion ☐ Guest	☐ 1 st Timer	
Name:		Name:		
Address:		Address:		
City/State/Zip:		City/State/Zip:		
Telephone Number:		Telephone Numbe	er:	
Lions District:		Lions District:		
Club Name:		Club Name:		
DISCOUNTED BOOKLETS -**Prices refle	ect cost	of Speakers. E	ntertainmer	nt & Extras **
	Before			
EVENT CHOICES:	Jan 2	Jan 2	#Attending	\$ Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention by	out not s	taying for meals		
** Meal Booklet (all meals)	\$95.0	0 \$110.00		\$
** 1 st Timers Special Price	\$80.0	0 \$95.00		\$
Saturday Brunch Buffet	\$15.0	0 \$18.00		\$
Saturday Noon Luncheon	\$28.0	0 \$33.00		\$
Saturday Banquet	\$44.0	0 \$49.00		s
Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$15.0	0 \$18.00	:	\$
"I WANNA BE A LEO" (ages 12-18)	\$50.0	0 \$50.00		s
Meal Packet	Т	otal Amount		3
Make Check Payable to: District 5M3 Lions (memo-Mid Winter	Conv)	Room Reserva	tions:	
Mail Completed Form and Payment to:		Everspring Inn-	-Marshall, MN	: 507-532-3221
5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention % IPDG Deb Rasset 309 W. Van Dusen Street		*Make reservations by January 20 *Tell them you are with "Lions 5M3"		

Cell: 507-220-0549 debbirasset@gmail.com Room Rates - \$114.00 + tax

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		
Why is this	person being n	ominated 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



Practical Strategies to Recruit New Members and Retain Existing Members

Recruitment Strategies

1. Leverage the Leo-to-Lion Pathway

- Many young people already serve through Leo Clubs. Invite graduating Leos to transition into Lions with discounted membership fees.
- SMART Goal: "Our club will host at least two joint Leo-Lion service projects in the next year to build relationships and invite
 graduating Leos to join."

Promote Mission 1.5

- Use LCI's global initiative to frame membership growth as part of a worldwide movement.
- SMART Goal: "Each member will commit to bringing at least one guest to a service project within the next 6 months."

3. Showcase Impact Through Digital Media

- Younger generations want to see tangible results. Share short videos, photos, and testimonials of projects on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook.
- SMART Goal: "Create and maintain a club Instagram account with at least one service-related post per week."

4. Invite, Don't Just Advertise

- Personal invitation is far more effective than flyers. Ask members to identify friends, colleagues, and family who have a heart for service.
- SMART Goal: "At every meeting, Lions will write down one person they could invite to the next service project."

5. Offer Flexible Membership Options

Highlight Family, Student, and Young Adult membership programs which reduce fees and allow flexibility.

Retention Strategies

Mentorship & Belonging

- Pair every new member with a mentor (through the Lions Mentoring Program) to ensure they are guided, connected, and growing.
- SMART Goal: "Each new member will be paired with a mentor within their first 30 days of joining."

2. Meaningful Service, Not Just Meetings

- Younger members want to serve, not sit in endless meetings. Make service projects the heart of your activities.
- SMART Goal: "Ensure at least one hands-on service activity per month that all ages can join."

3. Leadership Opportunities Early

- Give new Lions real responsibilities—leading a small project, chairing a committee, or speaking at a meeting.
- SMART Goal: "Every new member will lead or co-lead one project within their first year."

4. Recognize & Celebrate

- Use social media, club newsletters, and awards to highlight younger members' contributions. Recognition fuels commitment.
- SMART Goal: "Post a 'Lion of the Month' spotlight on social media, rotating among members, including new and younger ones."

5. Build Social Connection

- Make sure clubs are also about friendship and fun. Younger Lions often join for service but stay because of relationships.
- SMART Goal: "Host at least four social events a year (e.g., BBQs, family nights, or service + social outings)."

Recruitment brings in new energy, but retention builds lifelong Lions. By combining mentorship, service opportunities, recognition, and social connection, your club can grow younger while preserving its legacy.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion – when our membership grows, our communities grow. Our service strengthens. Our future brightens. The Global Membership Approach provides a process and resources for districts to achieve this growth.

Materials | 4-step process | Additional resources

Appendix 26.0 LION AI JENSEN LEADERSHIP AWARD Selection Criteria

Selection Process:

- One or two awards may be presented annually to Lions who have been members for five years or more.
- The candidates' selection must be bases only on contributions at a District or Multiple level.
- Each District Governor shall annually nominate no more than one Lion to receive the award
- 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.
- 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:

- Vision... The ability to see or seek out new ideas and new ways to advance the humanitarian service of Lionism.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- Leading and/or performing leadership development activities.
- 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 \$\$

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 almost 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!".

- 1. District 5M3 Special Olympics
- 2. Camp Confidence
- 3. Can Do Canines
- 4. Childhood Cancer "CHECK PAYABLE TO: MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION"
- 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 -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
- 15. Camp Courage
- 16. 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. <u>\$25</u> per club is appreciated.

If you donate to the newsletter: CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Newsletter.



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



2026 MD5M Registration Form

Lion Leo	Guest	☐ Lion ☐ L	eo Guest
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multip	le Convention	☐ Check if this is y	our 1st Multiple Convention
Name:		Name:	
Address:	4	Address:	
City:		City:	
Prov/State:	Zip:	Prov/State:	Zip:
Email:	470	Email:	0.50
Title:Dist	trict:	Title:	District:
Club:		Club:	\
*Hospitality book includes conve Separate Meals: *Do not select if you have purcha			\$195 US - \$280 CDN
Friday Night Social		\$25 US - \$36 CDN	\$27 US - \$39 CDN
Saturday Breakfast			\$38 US - \$55 CDN
Saturday Lunch		\$41 US - \$59 CDN	\$43 US - \$62 CDN
Saturday Banquet			\$70 US - \$101 CDN
Sunday Brunch			\$40 US - \$58 CDN
		Total amount if sep	arate meals chosen:
Please specify dietary needs: No meals available after March Make Checks payable to: 2026 M Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5 -OR- you may pay by Venmo to	31, 2 <mark>026.</mark> MD5M Conv. M Convention c/o Rh	nonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave	
Please provide an email address	or phone # if you'd lik	e to receive a confirmation	

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

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

Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here

5M3 HAPPENINGS!





Sleepy Eye Lions Club peace poster winners.
Top picture is left to right 1st place Jake Haynes, 2nd place Josie Heiderscheidt and 3rd place Reese Scheoepfer from Public school. Bottom picture is 1st place Maya Murphy from St Mary's School. Bothe pictures with School Superintendent, John Cselovszki.



On Thursday, November 22 at the monthly dinner meeting, the guest speaker was Adam Ourada. He is an engineer at the Falkirk Mine North of Bismarck North Dakota. He had a video he presented of the operation and reclamation. Pictured are Adam Ourada and Lucan Lion David Ourada, Adam's dad



Lucan Lions donated \$400 to Salfers grocery in Wabasso for four needy families of their choosing. Pictured are Lion Bob Plaetz and Holden Salfer.

Hadley Lions and friends had Christmas Bingo Night at the Community Center on Dec. 13. Food and treats were also sold.









Redwood Falls Lions volunteered in helping the Morgan Lions decorate Gilfillan Estates this winter with lights.



Redwood Falls
Lions were
happy to get the
last piece set in
memory of past
member Joyce
Weltsch. Joyce's
dream was to
have a Lions
Water Fountain
in the city of
Redwood
Falls. It is
located in
Ramsey Park.





Redwood Falls Lions participated in this years Christmas by Candlelight "Parade of Lights" on Friday, Nov 21st in Redwood Falls.



Doug Rosenberg, John Tirevold and Eric Hansen from the Sherburn Lions Club, Ring The Bell for the Salvation Army at HyVee in Fairmont on December 13.

Granite Falls Lions hosted district governor Denise Nelson and First Vice District Governor Greg Janachovsky at their club meeting Dec. 15.







District 5M3 Lions December 2025





Tracy Lions delivered Heart to Heart Boxes.



The Jasper Lions had an entry in the Jasper Parade of Lights.







Springfield Area Lions Christmas meeting and tour of the Springfield Museum.



Vesta Lions celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Congratulations!



President Russ Gundermann (rt) presented the membership pin to Lion Bob Nelsen (lt) at the Westbrook Lions Christmas Party.



Lucan Lions meeting with DG Denise and others was a full house.



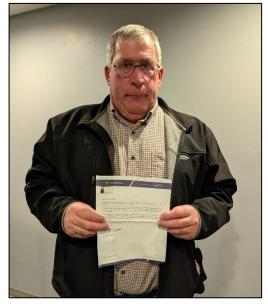




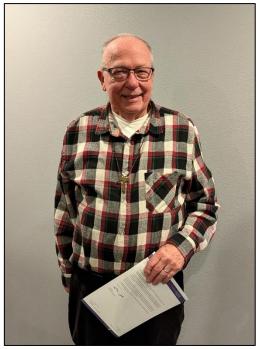
Lucan Lions celebrated their annual anniversary night on Dec. 7, 2025. Special dignitaries attending: L-R PDG Wayne Radloff, PDG Vicki Radloff, IPDG Deb Rasset, IVDG Greg Janachovsky, 2VDG Darren Saner, Lion Lisa Saner, DG Denise Nelson and Lion David Nelson.



Lucan Lions charter members in attendance were Lions Ray Thullm, Delbert Skoblik, Ron Plaetz and Bob Plaetz



Lucan Lion Jerry Jenniges receives 30-year membership pin.



Lucan Lion Mike Rohlik is awarded his 15-year membership pin.







Donate to LCIF/Special Olympics through the **OR Code!**



Support LCIF & the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games!

Join the fun! Each Lions Club is invited to decorate a donation jar for LCIF's support of the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games. Decorate the jar any way you would like. Have it represent your club spirit, Lions, LCIF or Special Olympics. Pass your jar at meetings to collect change and donations — every bit helps!



Bring your decorated jar and the money collected to the Mid-Winter Convention, where we'll display and judge the entries for creativity and community spirit. Let's show our Lions pride and make a lasting impact for these incredible athletes!

Thank you! 5M3 LCIF Coordinator Deb Rasset

Just sharing incase anyone needs an ad for TEAM Sheehan. Just tell me if you ever need a different size or ever want anything different.

Make a great day!!

Lion Brian Sheehan

22-23 Lions International President Lion Brian







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District 5M3 We support our global causes District 5M3 We support our our global causes District 5M3

District banner is available for clubs to use. Contact DG Denise if interested.

District Shirts

Deluxe Print:

#222830- Purple

Sizes- XS-XL: \$34

2XL: \$36 3XL: \$37

4XL: \$38

#6917- Granite/Heather

Sizes- XS-XL: \$30

2XL: \$32

3XL: \$33

#ST406- Royal Heather

Sizes- XS-XL: \$30

2XL: \$32 3XL: \$33

4XL: \$34

#Short Sleeve- Purple

Unisex Sizes- XS-XL: \$20

2XL: \$22

3XL: \$23

4XL: \$24

507 Designs-

Long sleeve T-Shirt- Navy

Sizes- S-XL: \$28

Extended sizes: \$30







#6917 Granite/Heather





Above shirt is available at 507 Designs in Slayton.

507-836-6255





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Send to: debbirasset@gmail.com

Name	Phone	Style #	Size	Cost



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 Karen Fennern
 and
 Jodi Skoblik

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 18525 250th St
 PO Box 212

 Lucan MN 56255
 Lucan MN 56255

karen.fennern@icloud.com skoblik@hotmail.com

507-88-8498 507-401-6139

Make check payable to: Can Do Canines

Name Diabetes Foundation

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 Bob Schirlinger
 and
 John Tiervold

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 801 N Payne St.
 103 Swanson Drive

 New Ulm MN 56073
 Sherburn MN 56171

 bschir@comcast.net
 tirejohn784@gmail.com

507-354-8940 507-236-9313

Make check payable to: MN Lions Diabetes Foundation

Name Leader Dog

Chair Deloy King and Shannon McClanahan Address 136 Buckwheat Ave 202 Stewart Ave

Windom MN 56101-1804 Jeffers MN 56145
eloyellen@yahoo.com shannon.diamond@yahoo.com

507-831-5706 320-407-2200

Make check payable to: Leader Dog for the Blind

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Chair Gordon Mulder and Eric Hanson Address 1631 175th Street 10 MN - 4

Luverne MN 56156 Sherburn MN 56171 gordonmulder@yahoo.com hanson1052@gmail.com

507-601-8359 507-236-4031

Make check payable to: MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation

Name LCIF

Chair Deb Rasset

Address 309 W Van Dusen St

Springfield MN 56087 debbirasset@gmail.com

507-220-0549

Make check payable to: LCIF

Name KidSight

Chair Mark Tollefson and Craig Valentin
Address 21455 230th Street 44697 Co Hwy 3



Lucan MN 56255-1238

tolle724@gmail.com

507-476-366

Make check payable to: MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation

507-828-9238

Morgan MN 56266

cvalentin 00@hotmail.com

Name 5M3 Special Olympics

 Chair
 Don Plahn

 Address
 221 Wall St E

 Jasper MN 5614

donplahn@yahoo.com

507-825-6756

Make check payable to: District 5M3 Lions
Memo Line Special Olympics

Camp Courage/True Friends/Friendship Ventures (all the

same Place - just

Name different programs)

Chair (None)

Address 10509 108th ST NW

Annandale MN 55032

Make check payable to: True Friends

Camp Courage, or Friendship

Memo Line Ventures

Name Camp Confidence

Chair Jerry Wohlers

Address 15601 Foilage Ave Apt. 216

Apple Valley MN 55124

Make check payable to: Camp Confidence

Name Vision Foundation

Chair James Hoyt
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Walnut Grove MN 56180 jahoyt@hotmail.com

and

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allen@sbof.com 507-235-8655

117 Homewood Dr.

Fairmont MN 56031

218-639-8517

Make check payable to: MN Lions Vision Foundation



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Transplants, or Children's Eye

Clinic

Name Childhood Cancer

 Chair
 Patty Peterson
 and
 Tammy Horner

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 2353 205th Ave
 157 5th Street

 Tracy MN 56175
 Tracy MN 56175

lionpatty8791@gmail.com rthbrner@gmail.com

507-531-0950 507-626-0447

Make check payable to: MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

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Eric Hanson and Alexis Nelson 10 MN - 4 62710 430th St

Sherburn MN 56171 Franklin MN 55333
hanson1052@gmail.com raen1130@gmail.com

507-236-4031 507-430-6315

Make check payable to: Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN

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Chair Greg Janachovsky
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Name Lions Quest

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> Jasper MN 56144-1101 donplahn@yahoo.com

507-215-2113

Make check payable to: District 5M3 Lions Memo Line Lions Quest

Name Youth Exchange

Chair Open - Send to Distrct Treasurer

Address 405 South Street

Morgan MN 56266



Make check payable to: District 5M3 Lions
Memo Line Youth Exchange

Name Sheehan Foundation

Chair Vickie Radloff Address 2028 235th ST.

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507-828-1714

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Pres. Gene Bies	Clarkfield City Hall Pres. Paul Wilson	Pres. Gary Richter	3 rd Mon. 6:00 PM Pizza Ranch Pres. Jim Davison	Pres. Marvin Isder	Tolley's Pres. Michael Brown
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