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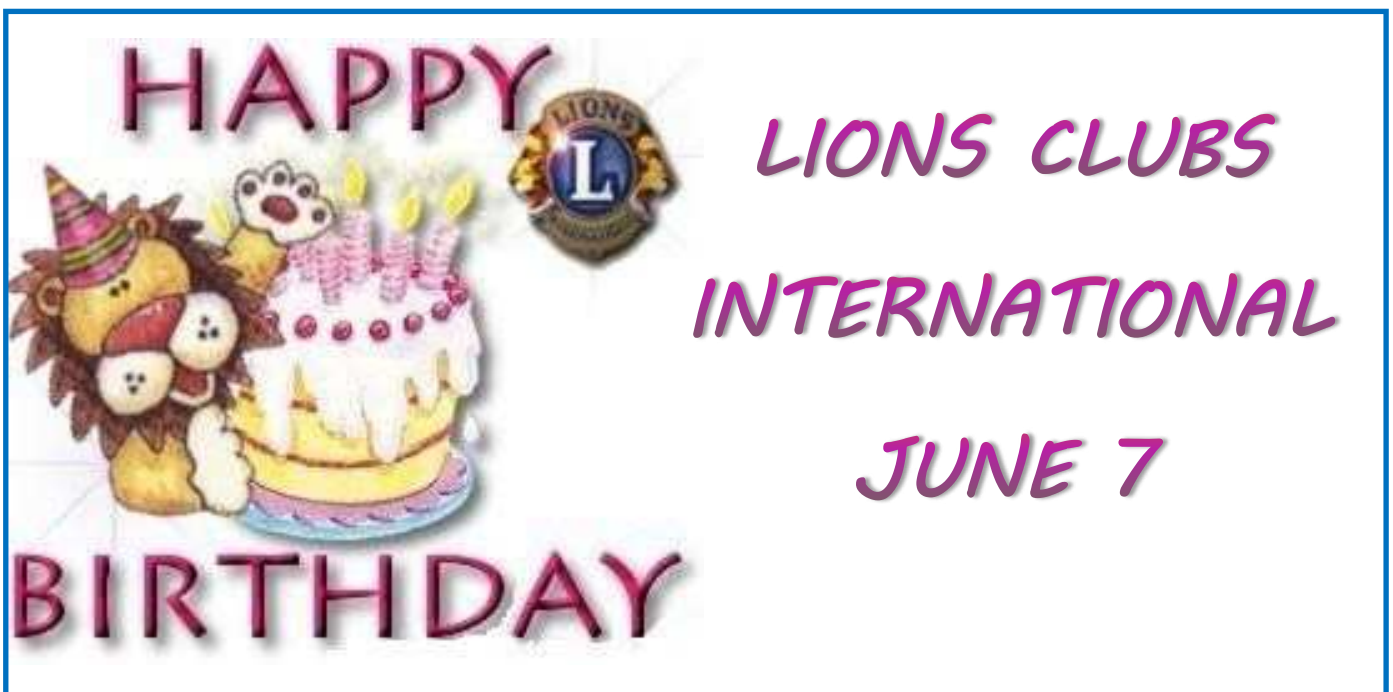
**The best and most beautiful
things in the world cannot
be seen or even touched.
They must be felt with the
heart.**

Helen Keller

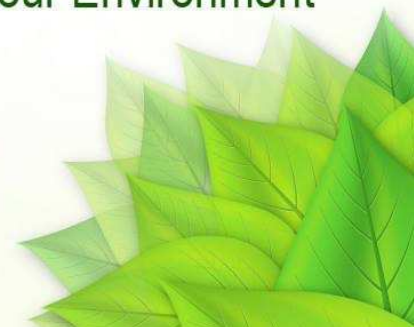


June 1st Lions Clubs
**Remembers
Helen
Keller**

Keeping the Promise!



Jun 5th
GO GREEN
Love Your Environment





5M3 District Governor Don Kuehl~



Greeting Lions of 5M3. Well here it is, my final newsletter article for my term as your District Governor. I have to say it has been the “Best of Times and Worst of Times” in 2019/2020. I felt the year started off well with Club visits and Mid-Winter Conventions then March hit with

COVID 19. I’ve never, as I am sure you as well, have ever experienced anything like this. Hopefully,

your clubs have been able to continue to work through the issues of the “stay at home” orders and serve your communities. I wanted to give a shout out to the Clarkfield Lion’s Club for conducting a virtual club meeting. It went very well. Maybe your clubs have used that format during this time.

Membership continues to be an issue with 5M3. As of the end of April, our membership was 1132. That is a net loss of 2 members from last years total. Thank-you to all the clubs that have stepped up and brought new members in. Do not ever give up, keep pressing forward. Your communities rely on your club for help, and Lions serve better than any other organization in our communities. Which brings me to service. One of my goals at the start of the year was to serve at least 8000 people in 5M3. A year ago, I thought I was crazy when I set that. As of the end of April 5M3 has served 27,688 people in all the different Lions area of service. That is an increase of 13,811 people served over last year. The biggest thing that jumps out to me is this; only 49% of the clubs in 5M3 reported. Think of the people we probably did serve but nothing was ever recorded. To all of you, this is a job well done and you all deserve recognition for your efforts. THANK-YOU....

By the time you read this our Officer Training will have been completed for the year. Due to the “Stay at home” order, no large gatherings and all the shutdowns, we went to a virtual training format for the coming year. I am writing this prior to the training sessions so I hope when I say this that all goes well. It is interesting to see the numbers of people who have registered for the training. It has been very well received with higher than normal participation.

Maybe by the first of June things will be relaxed a little and we can resume our local club meetings. I would like to visit some clubs yet in June. Wait and see.

Congratulations and I wish the best to our new incoming District Governor David Janssen and 1VDG Gordon Mulder. Good luck to both of you, you will do well. District Governor is a great job and one I really enjoyed. Which reminds me, 5M3 needs a 2VDG, do you know someone, or have you ever thought about becoming a DG? Please let me, Dave, or Gordon know. Thanks again to all the Lions and Clubs of 5M3 for your support this past year, I really appreciated it and enjoyed a chance to meet you. Remember, “WE SERVE”, that’s what we do!!!

DG Don

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District Governor Elect David Janssen

Welcome Lions of 5M3

It has been very interesting month with no visual meetings or get togethers. Hope everyone is well and staying well. MN Governor said more things will open up soon and maybe by the first of June things will be happening.

We will be having our officers training with go-meeting that will happen about the time this newsletter comes out. There is about 40 Lions members signed up for the four nights of training. The classes were Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Zone Chairs. I would like to thank the people who taught these classes. They are PDG Wayne R., Lion Denise N., Lion John T. and DG Don K. It is nice to see some great interest. This is the first time we'll do Officers Training this way. We will try and see what happens. We had our first night of training and it went okay. It should get better as time goes on.

Just finished working with the Lion's club to get their PU101 filled out and sent out LCI. It has been harder to do this year with many of the clubs not meeting or having their elections for officers. All the clubs have been working hard on this and doing a great job getting it done.

Working on the 5M3 District Cabinet and trying to fill the last spots. Looking for the most important spot 2 Vice District Governor, as well as Special Olympics and Public Relations. Also MD5M Lions Vision Foundation has one board position open. Any questions please let DGE David know.

We are doing a lot of go-to-meetings and having Council of Governors meetings. It just takes a little time to get adjusted to this new approach. There have been NAMI meetings taking place these days and DG Don and DGE David will have a meeting with Joanne Ogden. Joanne is the Global Member Team Chair and details will be coming soon.

Last but not least we are looking for members. Keep asking and asking. The most they can say is no. Ask again.

Have a great start to the summer. Enjoy

Thanks for you Service
DGE David J.

Lions Den

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1st Vice District Governor Gordon Mulder

From the desk of 1VDGE Gordon Mulder. A look forward, a look back.

Looking back I see Covid 19 and the Gov. of Minnesota telling us to shelter in place. A look forward and I see Covid 19 and the Gov. of Minnesota saying maybe you can come out a little bit at a time. Freedom and responsibility go

hand in hand. Freedom to leave home, and a responsibility to protect yourself and others from Covid 19.

I remember '911'. 3000 people died in one tragic day, and people were in mourning and the churches were full. Now 3000 people die in one day, and churches are closed and people are complaining they can not go out to eat. Freedom and responsibility, once again—hand in hand.

Looking forward—officer training is coming up. By the time you read this, training will be behind us. Congrats to all the officers signed up for training. A little refresher, a little touch base with other Lions.

I sign up for, and receive, a little positive encouragement weekly on facebook. A couple of the quotes are: Be thankful, stay positive, things will get better! And—Remember that we are tourists, God is our travel agent! And—four questions—Who am I? Where am I? Who needs help? How can I help? These last four question are good for Lions to ask of themselves and their clubs!

It is a good day to be a Lion. Serve with pride, with the 'Pride'!

Lion Gordon Mulder



During these trying times it has taken its toll on everyone Including Can-Do-Canines. We have been shut down like everyone else. But with your help we have survived and are back. Here is an update from our executive director as to what is going on at Can-Do-Canines

After a difficult time living through COVID-19 and under shelter-in-place rules, Can Do Canines has returned to our mission in a careful but purposeful way. Here is a summary of our current status:

Good News! Training and kennel staff are working at the facility full time. Dogs in final training are back in the kennel. We are hiring additional trainers to help us make up lost time.

Client Services Coordinators are actively finishing the placements of teams previously interrupted and are busy starting new teams as dogs in final training are prepared.

We expect to have as many as 40 dogs and puppies back in Wisconsin prisons by early June, reducing pressure on our dedicated foster homes. Volunteers and financial contributors have stepped up with extra help. Thank you!

Challenges:

Our four federal prisons are in lockdown and closed to dogs and training staff until at least July 1. These prisons can house and train as many as 50 dogs and puppies, so this loss is felt in many areas of our operations.

Staff who are not essential to training or other essential organizational needs continue to work at home.

To keep our clients and essential training staff protected, we have instituted rigorous policies and procedures inside our facility, including mandatory wearing of masks and daily temperature monitoring, among others. These policies include keeping the facility locked to the public and to volunteers.

Can Do Canines has decided that it is not possible to host our traditional graduation ceremony and still keep everyone safe. We have decided to create a virtual, interactive graduation event to honor our current 13 graduates.

I will keep you informed as we progress and make further changes. Thank you for your support! Alan Peters Executive Di

I am asking for your continued support of Can-Do-Canines. As we continue battle the COVID-19 pandemic stay safe and healthy. I am looking forward to meeting with your clubs when it is over.

Can-Do-Canines Chair
Lion Galen Engholm Cell no. 507-920-7129

5M3 HAPPENINGS



New Ulm Lions Club



The New Ulm Lions and friends cleaned 2 miles of road ditch west of New Ulm on Saturday, May 9, 2020. It was nice to see that one half of the team was made up of some of our newest members. Upper Left Photo: L to R- Ditch Cleanup Co-Chairman Glen Setterholm, Dan Gangelhoff, Helen Vogel, Jean Nielsen, Daryl Vogel, Cassi Vogel, Bob Vogel, Keith Richter, Bradley Moldan and Jim Schuetzle. Not pictured, Bob Schirlinger and Ditch Cleanup Chairman, Wil Burdorf. "Thank You" to all for helping.



Granite Falls Lions

**What do Lions do
when they can't
hold meetings?
They clean road
ditches!**



Hadley Lions Club

5M3 HAPPENINGS



Lions Pitch in for Homebound Seniors

Lions Club of New Ulm members packed 14-day food kits for seniors who are homebound due to the COVID-19 pandemic on April 28th. "We'll run this as long as the stay-at-home order is in place and we have grant funds," said New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf Executive Director Lion Brad Kirk. He said the money used to make the two-week food kits came from various donors. "We got a request from the University of Minnesota Extension Service to do this project," said New Ulm Lions Club member Keith Richter. "We're doing 48 sets to start with. We'll see what the demand is in the future". Anybody over age 65 and homebound is eligible for this free service. Homebound is defined as those who only leave home for medical reasons. The New Ulm Area Emergency Food, 1305 S. Valley, New Ulm, MN is open from noon to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 6:30 to 8 p.m. the first Monday night of the month. Volunteers run the organization, providing food as needed to families and individuals. (Reprinted with the permission of the "The Journal", New Ulm's Newspaper)

5M3 is looking for a Lion to serve as 2VDG next year.

Are you the one??



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mar 31, 2019..... 1,163

Apr 30, 2020.....1,132

YTD Members Added: 54

YTD Members Dropped: 56

Net Loss/Gain: -2

38 clubs

**Wabasso Lions have CANCELLED
their 49th Annual Pork BBQ on
Wed, June 24th.**

Hope to see you at next year's event!



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

THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER IN JULY

due to new officer information being updated. Here's hoping we'll be closer to "normal" by August!

REMINDER:

Articles for August newsletter are due by the 20th of July!

Officer Training followup:

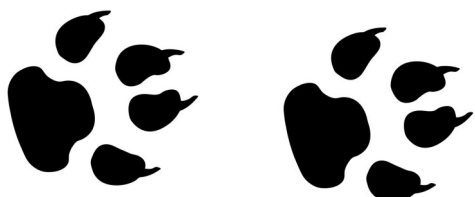
Presidents—9 attendees

Secretary—12 attendees

Treasurer—11 attendees

Zone Chair—7 attendees

Anyone who missed the training can complete it on the LCI website. Go to the Lions Learning Center and click on the course. Most can be done in appx 15 minutes.



Lion Brian Sheehan 2020 Hockey Puck

On sale for \$10 each. The entire amount will be donated to LCIF for the Covid-19 battle. Anyone wishing to get one can contact DG Don Kuehl, PDG Wayne Radloff or PDG Vickie Radloff.

District 5M3 Service Project

Blankets for Childhood Cancer

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

1. Cash Donation to purchase blanket kits
2. Help tie blankets at the 2021 Convention

Make checks payable to: **District 5M3 Lions.**

Blanket Project in memo

Mail to: **Denise Nelson District Treasurer**

405 South Street Morgan, MN 56266

Questions: **Diana Kuehl at 507.847.3126**

Or DG Don Kuehl 507.841.4917

St James Lions 1st Wed; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Joseph McCabe, Pres.	Springfield Area Lions 2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm American Legion Lion Gilbert Anderson, Pres.		Walnut Grove Lions 2nd Thurs; 6 p.m. St. Pauls Church Hall Lion Greg Hansen, Pres.	Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Center Lion George Erbes, Pres.
	Hadley Lioness 2nd Wed; 6:30 pm Hadley Community Ctr Lioness Deb Helmke, Pres.	Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Railway Bar & Grill Lion Thomas Goetz, Pres.	Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Andy Simon, Pres.	
Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.	Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. AM Legion Lion Teresa Rossow, Pres.	Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Martha Fredin, Pres.	Hadley Lions 3rd Tues; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Al Husfeldt, Pres.	Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion Galen Engholm, Pres.
	<p>Bringing the District news to you!</p> <p>If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$40.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor. NOTE: Clubs can sponsor more than one time!</p>			

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Lions of New Ulm 1/2 Thurs; 6:15 p.m. Turner Halle Lion Jean Nielsen, Pres.	Marshall Lions 2/4 Tues; 6 p.m. Bello Cucina's Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.	Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 7 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Bob Quissell, Pres.	Lake Wilson Lions 4th Tues; 6:30 p.m. Lake Wilson Legion Lion Jack VanEck, Pres.	Westbrook Lions 3rd Mon; 7 p.m. Senior Center Lion Darren Peters, Pres.
Truman Lions 1st Mon; 6 p.m. Church of Christ Lion David Petersen, Pres.	Granite Falls Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Trolley's Bar & Grill Lion Todd Trudel, Pres.	Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Mike Peterson, Pres.	Canby Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. PK Egan's Lion Gene Bies, Pres.	Lucan Lions 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Joel Weidemann, Pres.
	Fulda Wood Duck Festival  June 17-20, 2020			Lakefield Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Lion Joel Poppe, Pres.
Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Ron Knoll, Pres.	Clarkfield Lions 3rd Tues; 7 a.m. Friendship Café Lion Douglas Clevenger, Pres.		Windom Lions 2/4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion John Holt, Pres.	Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Tony Rosener, Pres.