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**Passing of
the gavel
from DG
Don Kuehl
to DGE Patty
Peterson**



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BE A LION!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

March 8

International Women's Day





New Voices

#BalanceforBetter



DG~Don Kuehl~

“Achieve New Heights”

Greetings Lions 5M3. Just like Christmas, our mid-winter has come and gone. First I want to thank everyone who helped plan, set up, and take down the convention site. It's a large undertaking and the DG relies on lions to step up and help. Just like Christmas it's over fast. To everyone who attended, thank-you and I hope you had a great time. We put the convention on to give all Lions in the District an opportunity to hear and learn about what our foundations are doing in MD5M. In addition, to enjoy fellowship (and food and fun) with other Lions. I think we hit all those items. We had at least seven or eight “first timers” in attendance at this year's convention. Totally cool and they had a fun time gathering signatures to complete their assignments. Congratulations to the two winners. A shout out to one of our first timers, Lion Paul Wojahn, New Ulm Lions Club. Lion Paul is 101 years young and still serving. Lion Paul you are an inspiration to us all. To all Lions in 5M3, you are missing out by not attending your midwinter convention. I would hope that you would plan to join us next year (Fairmont Best Western, Fairmont, MN).

Membership is slowly starting to improve since December of 2022. As of the end of January we are at 1024 which is down 11 from a year ago. Currently at this time in February, we are at 1030 members with 48 adds for the year and 53 drops for a net loss of 5 members. Yes, we are trending in the right direction. Don't give up. Continue to ask and invite people to join you and your club in your service projects. We still have time to end the year with a positive membership growth.

Speaking of growth, our club service reporting has improved. Currently 69% of the clubs in the district are reporting service. That's 24 out of 35 clubs. Great job to all the secretaries that are reporting. So far this year Lions in 5M3 have served over 47,394 people, almost what we served in total last year. Keep reporting those numbers and if your club hasn't been reporting please start now. Big thank-you to our GST coordinator, PDG Dave Janssen for calling and helping clubs get the information reported. Job well done.

If your club is looking for a service project to support here is one, I would encourage you to consider. The Southwest Minnesota State University wheelchair basketball team is in need of financial support to fund their travels to games. This team is made up of wheelchair bound student athletes from SMSU. The Marshall and Canby Lions club will be sponsoring a fund drive for the team sometime in April. I would encourage your club to reach out to them to find out how you can help or send a financial contribution to the program. Any questions please contact me or PDG Wayne Radloff.

The MD5M convention is coming up soon. May 5th, 6th, and 7th, in St. Cloud. Registration is included in this newsletter. This is another opportunity for you to attend and learn what is happening in our multiple.

Speaking of learning opportunities, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute is planning a three-day session on April 14th, 15, and 16th, in Shakopee, MN. Any clubs that have some new, young, older members that would benefit from this experience, please encourage them to attend. Yes, it's three days, and yes you will have to do a little travel, but it will be worth your time and effort to attend. Again, registration materials will be in the newsletter. Any questions let me know.

Lastly, 5M3 needs someone to step up to be our 2VDG. Training will start in October, so the window is short to get appointed. As always if you have questions, please contact me or PDG Wayne Radloff. We shouldn't have to beg or twist arms to get you to step up.

OK, I know I'm probably forgetting something but time to sign off. As always “Together We Can” “Achieve New Heights”

Thanks Lions, till next month,

DG Don

LCIF — A special thanks to all individuals and clubs for their donation to LCIF at and during the Mid-winter Convention. I forwarded a little over \$5600.00 to the Lions Club International Foundation. Again, thanks so much for what you as Lions do.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF Coordinator for 5M3, PDG Gordon Mulder



1VDG~Patty Peterson

Hello Lions!

What a month February has been! I spent the first week at training in St. Charles, IL. Lots of information, training, interaction, new friends. One of the highlights for me was when we had another class come into our classroom to share their service project presentation with us. Our group was from Taiwan. The group leader did not speak English but some in the group did. It was so great to interact with them! They had an awesome service project of making a hospital room into a family room for cancer patients. They made the room as home-like as possible, complete with games, toys, etc. for children and their family to enjoy. This particular room was for very young children, but they also had rooms for older children up to age 18. They had many pictures in their presentation, including pictures of IP Brian and Lion Lori touring the room.

Lion Gary and I were able to attend 5M-2's Mid-winter convention in Mankato. We had a great time meeting new Lions, seeing old friends and hearing great speakers!

Then there was our own 5M-3 convention, which was awesome, as always. We had 10 first-time attendees, of which one is 101 years old!

Aside from a lack of sleep, I had a great time at all of these events!!

DGE Patty



2VDG~Deb Rasset

Hello fellow Lions,

I've been busy as usual. I have already attended six Mid-Winter conventions in our multiple. With only two left to go. Unfortunately I couldn't make them all. It has been interesting how different districts do their conventions. I have a few new ideas. I also have had the chance to chat with the visiting International Directors. I found that quite interesting.

I'm writing this before 5M3 Mid-Winter convention. We hope you enjoy the convention. Please remember that the committee works very hard to put the convention together. It takes several meetings and phone calls to get it all to come together. If there are any issues or things you think could be done differently, please let our Leadership Team know. We are always interested in hearing new ideas.

Please consider attending Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. It will be held in Shakopee. The dates are April 13-17. It could be very beneficial for members who have not yet been a Club President. The registration must be turned into District Governor Don by March 17th.

Thank you for all you do.
Make it a great day.

THE 2023-2024 CONTEST **Dare to Dream**



To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.



2023 Parade of Green

Camp Confidence	\$ 615.00
Can Do Canines	\$ 2,584.96
MN Lions Diabetes Foundation	\$ 4,685.00
MN Lions Hearing Foundation	\$ 4,573.47
KidSight Foundation	\$ 2,575.75
Vision	\$ 4,646.47
Leader Dog	\$ 3,860.37
LCIF	\$ 4,862.00
Project New Hope	\$ 2,015.35
Quest, Youth Outreach, Peace Poster	\$ 931.00
Team Sheehan Foundation	\$ 1,305.00
Special Olympics	\$ 1,821.00
True Friends	\$ 1,601.41
Youth Exchange/Camp Spicer	\$ 665.00
Childhood Cancer	\$ 910.00
Tail Twisting	\$ 337.50
Raffle Room	\$ 1,254.00
Total this year	<hr/> \$ 39,243.28
Blanket Fund Donations	\$ 3,040.00
Newsletter	<hr/> \$ 640.00
	<hr/> \$ 42,923.28

LIONS AND LEADER DOG



In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.

Members of the international humanitarian organization, Lions Clubs International, founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939 and Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission since that time. Over 4,900 Lions Clubs both nationally and internationally contribute financially to Leader Dog. Lions identify people in their community who could benefit from Leader Dog's services, offer assistance to our clients and widely communicate information about our programs throughout their hometowns and districts.

Lions step forward to support the people we serve in significant ways, acting as Leader Dog Chairs in their districts, as puppy raisers and hosts for our breeding stock dogs and as advocates for the community of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization, a global leader in serving people who are blind or visually impaired, and a valued partner to the Leader Dog mission. We are deeply grateful for our longstanding relationship with Lions and proud of our collective impact.

**THE RECENT 7.8
MAGNITUDE
EARTHQUAKE THAT
STRUCK TURKEY
AND SYRIA WAS
NATURE AT ITS MOST
DEVASTATING.**

So many people need
your urgent help.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE





14th Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Research Update

March 18, 2023

Hosted by the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

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

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

Following the research presentations, guests will have the chance to interact with the scientists one on one, learn more about their research, and ask questions.

Saturday, March 18, 2023

11 a.m. Registration and Social
12 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Program
2:30 p.m. Meet n' Greet with Scientists

**St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center
Opportunities Suite
10 4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301**

Faculty Research Presentations:

- The search for a new drug to treat Type 2 diabetes
- Stopping the body's immune system from attacking islet cells, curing diabetes
- Introduction and vision for the Institute for Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism
- The efforts to generate organs and tissues from animals
- Advances in viewing transplanted islets pre and post transplant
- Eliminating the use of lifelong immunosuppressant medications following transplants

RSVP by Tuesday, March 7:

RSVP via email to Larry Winner at lrrywnnr@gmail.com

A Zoom Link will be e-mailed to those unable to attend in person. Please request in e-mail above.

Please contact Larry Winner with any questions.

A confirmation email, including a parking map, will be sent prior to event.





From the Global Service Desk

Welcome to Mid-Winter Convention time! It has taken place by the time this newsletter is out. Hope a lot of members came to the 2023 Mid-Winter Convention and enjoyed the speakers and the fellowship of other Lions that were present.

Service reporting is improving as we speak but it could be better. Looking at the numbers, some of the clubs are doing great things for the Lions of 5M3. The service reporting shows what they are doing. If your Club is not reporting, we don't know what is happening at club level.

I have begun calling the clubs in zone four and it has helped in the service reporting. The clubs have been very helpful in trying to get some service reporting started for their club. High levels of service reporting are a sign of healthy clubs, zones and districts. Any questions on service reporting just give me a call at (507) 236- 2480 or e-mail at davidjanssen1947@hotmail.com and I will try to answer your questions.

Lion's Club Reporting

	People Served	Service Activities	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
Comfrey	150	3	20		800
Fairmont	3,082	2	190	3,000	3,000
Hadley	1,703	21	124	8,400	7,500
Jackson	1,445	5	200	3,640	3,631
Jasper	1,507	49	325	2,580	
Lake Benton	165	1	85	1,177	1,908
Lakefield	900	5	122		
Lamberton		2			1,983
Lucan	6,702	42	1,058	4,100	11,259
Madelia	250	2	55	500	500
Marshall	8,201	124	472	925	1,694
MilRoy	300	1	60	650	650
Morgan	793	21	550	1,000	6,617
New Ulm	4,201	34	664	53,323	51,104
Redwood Falls	6,518	16	265	5,385	7,101
Sherburn	3,246	7	246	3,102	2,400
Sleep Eye	520	2	120	600	600
Springfield	373	4	90	1,072	1,072
St. James	478	18	289	2,480	1,900
Tracy	2,264	25	398	13,800	1,030
Truman	160	2	40	1,000	1,088
Westbrook	1,415	2	80	7,060	7,060
Windom	920	20	323	16,516	3,833
	Total Served	Total Service Activities,	Total Volunteer Hours,	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
	45,964	427	6,162	132,297	117,010

Thanks to all the Lions clubs that are reporting service projects they are doing for 5M3. Let's see if we can get a few more by the time the next newsletter comes out. It is not hard to record the service they are doing. Any questions, please let me know. We are at 23 clubs reporting. Congratulations to all the clubs in 5M3 for doing a great job for the LIONS.

Thanks for the help.
GST David J.

Why should I go to a Lions Leadership Institute?



Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI):

Registration is now open

The goal of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level. Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that all club vice presidents attend ELLI.

The Institute will be held at:

the *Dean Lakes Education Center 4601 Dean Lakes Boulevard | Shakopee, MN 55379*

Accommodations are available at the *Holiday Inn Express 4550 12th Avenue E Shakopee, MN 55379 952-445-2244*. Cost will be \$124 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 24. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

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

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is March 17, 2023.

The application is located on the MD5M website:
lionsmd5m.org under resources.

If you have any questions please email Lion Dennis W. Kelly III,
MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com

For more information on Lions Leadership institutes



MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

APRIL 13-16, 2023, SHAKOPEE MN

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than March 17, 2023

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____

OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____

I WAS REFERRED BY: _____

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

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

Any food or other allergies? _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute you will need to provide a check payable to MD5M for \$100 upon notification of your acceptance.

Make Checks payable to:

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Mailing Address:

% Tom McCarthy
23535 735th Ave
Dassel, MN 55325

E-mail:

MnLionsCCF@gmail.com

Website:

www.mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org

Donor Information:

(Please include the following information with your donation. Thank You!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Lions Club: _____

District: _____

Donation: \$ _____

The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation was granted 501(c)(3) status as a nonprofit organization in July of 2020.

Brief History

2018 Childhood Cancer is designated as one of five Global Causes by Lions Clubs International.

2019 Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation is incorporated.

2020 IRS approved the Foundation as a charitable organization.

2020 The Foundation raised and donated \$100,000.00 to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, with matches that brought the total to \$300,000.00!

2022 The Foundation has donated \$375,000.00 to the University of Minnesota Childhood Cancer Survivor Program.

2022 The Foundation has donated \$29,000.00 to Kamp KACE.

2022 The Foundation has matched 17 local Lions Club donations to families dealing with childhood cancer for a total of \$8,500.00.

Trustee Contact Information

(Brochure Revision February 2023)

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation



Together We Can Make a Difference

Local Club Match Program

- For families dealing with childhood cancer, medical bills are only part of the cost.
- Transportation, lodging, meals, daycare for the siblings – it all adds up.
- The Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation partners with local Lions Clubs to offer some financial assistance to families in the community dealing with childhood cancer.
- The Foundation will match up to \$500 donated by a Lions Club to a family dealing with childhood cancer.
- If you are, or know of, a family dealing with childhood cancer, reach out to your local Lions Club to see if they can help. If you need assistance, contact the Foundation, and we will help you make the contact.
- Local clubs may also be able to help with lawn care, transportation, meal expense and other items that are often overlooked, but can add up to a crushing burden on a family fighting childhood cancer.

Childhood Cancer Survival Program

- Each year, more than 15,000 children and young adults are diagnosed with cancer in the United States.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death of children by disease.
- The incidents of childhood cancer have increased 29% over the past 20 years.
- While the incidents of cancer have gone up, treatment has resulted in 80% of children with cancer who will survive over five years. That's up from only about 25% survivor rate in the 1960's.
- Three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of childhood cancer survivors will have a chronic health condition related to their treatment. One-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) will have a serious complication stemming from their cancer treatment.
- The University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital Childhood Cancer Survivor Program addresses those ongoing issues.
- Our Foundation is proud to be a major sponsor of the Childhood Cancer Survivor Program.

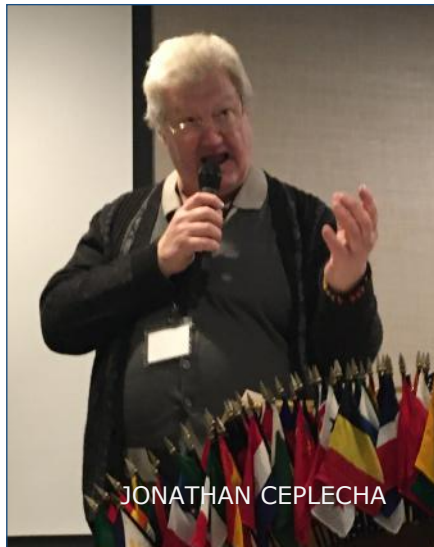
Kids Against Cancer Everywhere



Kamp KACE

- Provides a safe, rewarding, and memorable camp experience for school-aged kids with cancer and their siblings.
- The mission of Kamp KACE is to help kids with cancer feel like kids.
- Founded in 1986, Kamp KACE is in north central Minnesota and can accommodate over 100 campers.
- Volunteer medical professionals are on site and on duty to ensure the safety of the campers.
- The support of the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, the Lions of District 5M9 and other generous supporters, the camping experience is provided to families at NO COST.

MID-WINTER CONVENTION SPEAKERS



JONATHAN CEPLECHA



DAN LAROCK



JEANNINE McDONALD



SARA McFEE



ID JOHN YOUNEY



MICHAEL BROWN &
FARLEY



REV MERRILL DAVIS



BRIELLE PLOTZ



FAIRMONT MAYOR LEE BAARTS



JENNIFER MARSHALL

MID-WINTER CONVENTION AWARDS



Key Award: 1. Lion Perry Becker Melvin Jones Awards: 2. Lion Dale Gluth 3. Lion Paul Wojan 4. Lion Keith Richter

International President Appreciation Awards: 5. Lion Doug Rosenberg 6. Lions Roger & Judy Blomgren

Governor's Plaque: 7. IPDG Gordon Mulder 8. Lion Keith Richter

9. ID John Youney and Lion Karol Kish Youney

10. Peace Posters 11. Fairmont High School Orchestra String Quartet

Appreciation Award-Not in attendance: Lion Edie Aas





Mn
Lions
Childhood
Cancer
Foundation



Minnesota
Lions
Diabetes
Foundation



Additional Convention
photos may be found on
5M3 Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/5m3Lions



UPCOMING EVENTS

Zone 5 & 6 Meeting

What: Lions District 5M3 Zones 5 & 6 Meeting

Where: Poppy's Bar and Play on the Railway
300 1st St. North, Sleep Eye

When: Thursday, March 16

Time: Social and order meals off the menu,
6:00 to 6:30 PM

Meeting to follow



YOU'RE INVITED! 

The Redwood Falls Lions Club

PRE-PADDY PARTY

Sat. March 11th, 2023

REDWOOD FALLS GOLF CLUB

\$5 RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR THE CHANCE AT A
BOOZE WAGON
(VALUED AT \$500)!!
DRAWING AT 9PM



SHENANIGANS START AT 7PM

MEAT RAFFLE AT 7:30PM

SURPRISE RAFFLES ALL NIGHT!

ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARDS A LION
WATER FOUNTAIN
AND THE REDWOOD
FALLS PUBLIC
LIBRARY

It's that time of year again! Time to test your luck and see if you can go home with the Booze Wagon at this year's Redwood Falls Lions Club Pre-Paddy Party at the Redwood Falls Golf Club!

Drawing for Booze Wagon Raffle will be March 11th at 9pm. More details to follow so stay tuned!

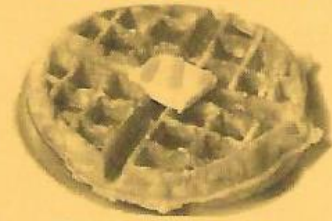
Need a raffle ticket? Contact a lions member or message us and we can connect you with one!

Sleepy Eye Lions Club

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch

Sunday, March 19th, 2023
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Snow date: March 26th



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

**WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, FLAVORED SYRUPS,
SUGAR-FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE AND
WHIPPED TOPPINGS, COFFEE, MILK & WATER**

- ~ Adults (at the door) \$10.00
(In Advance) \$9.00
- ~ Children 6-11 (at the door) \$6.00
(In Advance) \$5.00
- ~ Under 6 FREE
- ~ Take-outs available

Tickets available at the
Elementary Public School Office,
First Security Agency
or from any Lions member.

Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria
Use Elementary Wing Doors



Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Lions Club
Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects

Lucan Lions Scrambled Egg & Ham Breakfast



Sunday, MARCH 19, 2023

Serving 9 - 12:30 p.m. at the Community Ctr.
Free Will Donation - Proceeds of Breakfast to go to Community Projects



Lucan Booster Club 37th Annual
St. Patrick's Parade, 1 p.m. Main Street

UPCOMING EVENTS



103rd Annual MD5M Multiple Convention May 5-7, 2023 Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

HIGHLIGHTS

IP Brian & Lion Lori Sheehan
Live, in-person and not flat!

Mark Lindquist
Motivational Speaker

Ukraine Service Project

Sheehan Foundation Penguin
Sock Walk

Starkey Hearing Session

John Harrington
1980 Olympic Miracle on Ice



REGISTER ONLINE
If you plan to pay by check, it is kindly
requested you fill registration out
online. Details for mailing the check
are included there.



"Catch the Dream" ...Life Without Diabetes!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2023

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month
2000 steps = 1 mile

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own
Be a part of a team

Registration opens February 1, 2023

Register Online by clicking on link below
or visit MNLionsDiabetes.org:

[Physical Activity Challenge registration & info link](#)

\$30 Registration Fee
T-Shirts available



Physical activity, and healthy
food and beverage choices
are key to preventing diabetes
and improving health.

Net Proceeds benefit
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



REGISTRATION: [Lions MD5M Multiple Convention \(jotform.com\)](http://Lions MD5M Multiple Convention (jotform.com))

APRIL 29, 2023



Worldwide Induction Day (WWID)

WWID is an exciting global membership celebration held annually on the last Saturday in April to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.

While this year has been a year like no other, many clubs and districts have been successful in forming new clubs and recruiting new members. Let's celebrate that accomplishment on **April 29, 2023** together on Worldwide Induction Day.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/worldwide-induction-day>

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Dec 31, 2021.....1,028

Jan 31, 2023.....1,024

YTD Members Added: 40

YTD Members Dropped: -51 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -11

35 clubs

5M3 HAPPENINGS

WELCOME NEW LIONS!



Springfield Area Lions new member Lion Bob Reiner



Springfield Area Lions new member Lion Barb O'Brian



New Ulm Lions Welcome Lions Ruch and Irlbeck

Two new Lions members were welcomed into the Lions Club of New Ulm on February 9th, 23. Inducted into Lions Clubs International were Lion Luayn Ruch and Lion Dan Irlbeck.

Pictured L to R are, Lion Bob Schirlinger, sponsor to Lion Luayn Ruch; Lion Luayn Ruch, Lion Dan Irlbeck and his sponsor, Lion Helen Vogel and New Ulm Lions Membership Chair, Lion Keith Richter.



Lion Larry Harms of **Luverne Lions** receives plaque from DG Don Kuehl for outstanding service.



Springfield Area Lions tied 20 blankets and sewed 58 pillowcases for Childhood Cancer.



5M3 HAPPENINGS



NU Lions Thank Lynn Zimanski

Lynn Zimanski was presented an "Appreciation Award" at the **New Ulm Lions Club** meeting on Thursday, February 9th. Lynn was recognized for his unselfish dedication to helping the New Ulm Lions at many of their fund raisers and for his presence at their meetings for many years.

"Thank You" Lynn, for helping the New Ulm Lions fulfill their Motto "We Serve". Lynn Zimanski, left, is shown holding his award after the presentation by Lions President, Brad Kirk.



New Ulm Lion Gayle O'Connor Awarded Leader Dog Tribute

Lion Gayle O'Connor was presented the "Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute" at the **New Ulm Lions Club** meeting on Thursday, February 9th. Gayle was recognized for her personal commitment to the Leader Dog program and to the Lions Club of New Ulm. Gayle, Thank you for your commitment to help the blind. Gayle O'Connor, left, is shown receiving her award from Lions President, Brad Kirk.



New Ulm Lions Donate to Food Shelf

The Lions Club of New Ulm approved a donation of \$1,500 to the New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf at their February 2, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Pictured, L to R, is Lion Keith Richter; Food Shelf Executive Director, Brad Kirk and Lion Bob Schirlinger.



Above: Lakefield Lions Mary Stegeman and Carol Wilson Lavin sewed 20 pillowcases to be donated for Childhood Cancer.

5M3 HAPPENINGS

On February 16, 2023 the Lucan Lions Club had a terrific program following their monthly dinner meeting. Dr. Ashley Ourada, DMV, who works for the Department of Agriculture inspecting animals and their slaughtered carcasses to ensure the quality and safety of the meat we eat, and her dad, Dave Ourada of Ourada Cattle Company, who raises bison on his farm near Lucan, presented an informative, entertaining and creative program on the history and progress of bison / buffalo through the ages. The slides they presented clarified the differences and similarities of these gigantic animals and the challenges and rewards involved in raising and caring for them.



Above: The Lucan Lions are recruiting young members! Attending the February Dinner Meeting (Sweetheart Meeting) were Lion Tony Ourada with his wife Kayla and their daughter Ellie Kay; Lion Caleb Salfer and his wife Tawni and their son Dawson; and Lion Shane Rohlik and his wife Ronni and their daughter Ember. All three babies were born in December!



Below: Lakefield Lions tying blankets at their February meeting. The Lions tied 18 blankets for the Sioux Falls Children's Hospital. The MN state emblem was embroidered on each blanket.



ROAR!



5M3 HAPPENINGS



New Ulm Lions Receive Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards

Three New Ulm Lions Received their Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards on February 18, 2023 at the Lions District 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention in Fairmont, MN. Pictured, from left to right, is Lions Clubs International Director, John Youney presenting the awards to Lions Paul Wojahn, Dale Gluth and Keith Richter. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is Lions Clubs International Foundation's highest honor and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
TO ALL WHO HELPED AT THE
CONVENTION. FROM THOSE
WHO COLLECTED AND
BROUGHT GLASSES TO THE
CONVENTION, TO THE SET UP
FOLKS, TO THE TEAR DOWN
PEOPLE, TO ANY AND ALL
THAT HELPED IN ANY WAY
SHAPE OR FORM. THANK
YOU, THANK YOU, THANK
YOU!!!**

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Lions gear up for annual convention

By ERIK KJER
Sentinel Staff Writer

FAIRMONT — On Sunday, Lions Club chapters from across southwest Minnesota will meet at the Best Western in Fairmont for their annual mid-winter convention. The conference is both an opportunity for the Lions to conduct their annual busi-

ness as substantial fundraiser for the causes they support.

The event will draw club members from district 5M-3, which stretches from Martin County up to Brown County, before traveling northwest along the Minnesota River to Yellow Medicine County and south to the border of the state. Around 120 total club members are expected to attend.

This year's conference will raise funds for numerous humanitarian causes the Lions work to benefit, including the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Can Do Canines and the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Last year's conference

raised over \$40,000 from sponsors and individual donors. In previous years the Fairmont Lions Club has contributed between \$8,000 and \$10,000 to that total.

The vision, hearing and diabetes, foundations affiliated with the Lions all work to further research and treatment benefiting people who suffer impairments in

their particular areas. For example, these organizations manage the Lions' eye-glasses collection, encourage the state legislature to fund health initiatives and provide screenings for young children before they start school.

Can Do Canines trains and provides assistance dogs for people who have seizures, diabetes, or children with

autism as well as people who have difficulties with hearing or mobility.

"The best part of the Can Do Canines is it doesn't cost the individual recipient a dime," said Duane Nawrocki, a member of the Fairmont Lions.

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Lions Clubs International Foundation provides grants which can be used to fund research and health initiatives or to provide humanitarian assistance.

"After St. Peter had their tornado, the Lions were there writing checks for groceries. They're in Turkey right now with (substantial amounts of) money," said Allen Struck, President of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Today the conference will begin with a memorial service for Lions who have

passed over the course of the previous year and a meeting for people who have recently joined the Lions. Speakers from the organizations the Lions fundraise for will dominate the conference's agenda for Saturday. Members of the Fairmont Lions said hearing from people who've benefited from the Lions' work encourages them to generate more financial contributions.

"If you want to be fired up as a Lion you should come to this, if you're wondering why (you're) doing this, flipping

pancakes, going to meetings, this is why," said Struck.

"(We) had an individual (with severe diabetes) through the University of Minnesota had surgery ... and ended up getting an implant, and now he's insulin (medication) free. Those types of things are what really get my heart pumping," said Nawrocki.

"(I've met) people who couldn't hear a thing and when the hearing foundation helped them get hearing, their whole life changes.

I've been in a lot of meetings where there isn't a dry eye," said Struck.

Later in the conference the Lions will hear speeches from their keynote speakers John Youney, the Lions Clubs International Director, and Jonathan Cepelch, a Redwood Falls man who survived being trapped under a fallen tree for more than four days. The conference will conclude on Sunday and rotates between clubs in the 5M-3 district. It will return to Fairmont in 2024.



IT'S TIME FOR CLUB ELECTIONS !!

The Lions Year runs from July 1 to June 30, but your new officer listing **HAS TO BE SENT TO LCI BEFORE MAY 1.**

TO DO LIST:

- Hold your club elections
- Secretary enter clubs **PU-101's into LCI**—this is how officers get listed in new directory and receive needed information from LCI.
- **List e-mail addresses** for Officers in PU-101 so they receive newsletter.
- Have new officers attend Officer Training (dates to come)
- July 1st, new officers begin their year (or more) of service.

DG Don's Upcoming Schedule-2023

March 2nd, 2023: Zone 7 meeting in Jackson, Pizza Ranch
March 3-4, 2023: COG meeting in Roseville, MN
March 7th, 2023: Sleepy Eye Gov's Visit
March 16th, 2023: Zones 5 and 6, Sleepy Eye
March 20th, 2023: Granite Falls Gov's Visit
April 14-16, 2023: Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, Shakopee, MN
May 5-7, 2023: MD5M Convention St. Cloud, MN
July 7-12, 2023: LCI Convention, Boston



WHAT LIONS CLUBS DO

Lions Community Focus

- Youth Development Projects
- Temporary assistance to those in need
- Disaster Relief
- Medical Initiatives & Research
- Assistance for the Disabled
- Building Community Infrastructure
- Community Festivals/Events

Member Benefits

- A sense of belonging
- Developing personal skills
 - > Public Speaking
 - > Project Management
 - > Finance Control
 - > Leadership Development
- Making lifelong friends
- The satisfaction of helping others in need
- Enjoying the company of like minded people

*Become an influential member of your community.
Lions membership could begin by attending a single meeting*

Lions Clubs International is a non religious, non political, philanthropic organisation that operates in most local communities with local management to address local issues. To locate your nearest Lions Club go to lionsclubs.org.au or your local contact. Your local Lions Club contact details are noted on the back page of this brochure.

St James Lions 1st Wed; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Brad Holmberg Pres.	Springfield Area Lions 2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm American Legion Lion Deb Miesen, Pres.		Luverne Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Charles Egland, Pres.	Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. The Caboose Lion Quinn Horvath, Pres.
	Jackson Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 6:15 pm Jackson American Legion Lion Mark Walter, Pres.	Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Sleepy Eye Golf Club Lion John Cselovszki, Pres.	Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Mike Eichten, Pres.	
Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.	Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:00 p.m. VFW-Redwood Falls Lion Caitlyn Krueger, Pres.	Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Nathan Hesse, Pres.	Hadley Lions 3rd Tues; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Lisa Saner, Pres.	Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion James Lueken, Pres.
Clubs that haven't paid for advertising will be removed in April newsletter	Bringing the District news to you! If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$40.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor. NOTE: Clubs can sponsor more than one time!			Clubs that haven't paid for advertising will be removed in April newsletter

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Lions of New Ulm 1 & 2 Thurs; 6 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Brad Kirk, Pres.	Marshall Lions 2 & 4 Tues; 6 p.m. Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.	Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Tim Houg, Pres.		Westbrook Lions 1st Wed; 8 p.m. Senior Center Lion Russell Gundermann, Pres.
Truman Lions 6:00 pm 1st Mon; Jan-May and Oct-Nov 2nd Mon Church of Christ Lion Ann Erdmann, Pres.	Granite Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. Trolley's Bar & Grill Lion Camille TeBeest, Pres.	Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Michael Zins 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 Bradley Salfer, Pres.
Sherburn Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Nate Kilma, Pres.	Fulda Wood Duck Festival June 16-19, 2022 			Lakefield Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Dewayne Hage Pres.
Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Susan Goeman, Pres.	Clarkfield Lions 3rd Tues; 7:30 a.m. Friendship Café Lion Jim Lynner, Pres.		Windom Lions 2 & 4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion Alan Saffert, Pres.	Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Allen Struck, Pres.

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