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**Lead to Serve,  
Serve to Lead with  
International President  
A.P. Singh**

One of the greatest strengths of Lions is our global reach and support. As a Lion, you are part of an international network united by a shared commitment to service, with so many resources to support your service journey and help you make an even greater impact.

Being a Lion also opens up a world of opportunities to connect and serve with Lions around the globe in meaningful ways — by attending international events like convention and Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN), exploring service travel opportunities, taking part in global initiatives such as our Weeks of Service and more.

We are here to help you lead, serve and thrive in your Lions journey — and when we work together, there is no limit to what Lions can achieve.

Together in service,

**A.P. Singh**  
**International President**



On April 25, 2026 at the MD5M Convention in Minnetonka, 35 individuals were inducted by International President A.P. Singh to become Lions members. (See page 5 for more photos.)



## DG DENISE NELSON

This weekend was a tad bit chilly, but we still managed our first camping trip! It's always so nice to get away, relax, and recharge.

I still have a few clubs that haven't contacted me for a visit. With just over two months left in the Lions year, **please reach out to schedule a visit**—I would love to connect with you!

Have you **reported your officers for next year**? This is a reminder that reports are due **by May 1st**, so please make sure your club has completed this important step.

We are still looking for a **2nd Vice District Governor**. This is an important leadership role within our district. You'll receive **two years of training**, and you'll have the support of many experienced Lions along the way. Please consider stepping forward or encouraging someone who would be a great fit.

Until next month...

Can you hear those Lions roar?



Denise

### Leadership Training 2026

The 5M3 District is excited to announce a new format for 2026–2027 Leadership (Officer) Training.

Instead of two large Sunday sessions in Windom and Marshall, we are bringing training closer to you by hosting weeknight sessions in each zone during May and June.

We are currently looking for clubs in each zone to serve as hosts for one of these training meetings.

What to Expect:

Length: 60–90 minutes

Start Time Options: 6:00 PM, 6:30 PM, or 7:00 PM

Location: Determined by the hosting club

Food: Optional (host club may provide, suggest on-your-own, or none)

Who Should Attend:

All current and incoming club officers (attendance is expected as part of your role)

Any Lions member interested in future leadership opportunities

This training is a great opportunity to better understand leadership roles and expectations at both the club and district level.

Interested in Hosting?

If your club is willing to host, please contact:

Wayne Radloff

✉ wayne.radloff@yahoo.com

☎ 507-476-3499

Or reach out to me directly.

👉 Please respond by April 20, 2026

Reminder:

Be sure all new club officers are entered into the Lions Portal by May 1.



## **DGE GREG JANACHOVSKY**

**PEACE POSTER CONTEST:** The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest annually. Lions clubs sponsor the contest, open to children ages 11 - 13, in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys & Girls Clubs. The contest provides Lions with the chance to interact with young people in their communities, introducing the youth to international understanding, as well as giving Lions a vehicle for obtaining positive publicity for their clubs. Please contact PDG Deb Rasset, District Governor Denise Nelson or myself if your club plans to participate in the 2026/2027 peace poster contest.

### **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL-CLUB MARKETING TEAMS MATTER!**

Club marketing is so important to what we do as Lions. There are great opportunities for Lions to get involved in the planning and execution of their club's promotion of activities and projects. There are even opportunities at the district and multiple district (MD) level for Lions ready to take on a bigger marketing role. Here is how you can put your passion for promotion to work.

Be a marketing champion in your club. Consider becoming a member of your club marketing team. Your team should have a chairperson and other members to cover the various methods of club marketing. These methods include Facebook/Social Media, Newsletters/Print, and Website. Help build a marketing culture within your club membership. Proudly wear your Lion gear when you serve and remember that you are a brand ambassador for your club and Lions everywhere. For those inclined to take a more active role in promoting their Lions club, why not become the Club marketing chairperson? Energize and lead your club marketing efforts. Develop marketing plans for projects and membership drives, use social media to share your stories, and work with your Lions and community partners to put a spotlight on your service.

If your club currently does not have a marketing team, you are missing opportunities to promote your club events and activities in your community. This also means you are not reaching out to potential event participants as well as potential new members and community partners. Do not let other local volunteer organizations get the attention your Lions club needs and deserves in your community. Please devote the time your Lions club needs to establish a club marketing team. With your club currently setting up its board of directors and chairpersons for next year, this would be the perfect time to establish a marketing team. This team, along with the new club leadership, can develop a marketing plan for engaging your community. To learn more about club marketing and the tools available to you, please visit the link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>

**LOOKING FOR CABINET & FOUNDATION CHAIRS:** If you are interested joining the 5M3 cabinet, please contact District Governor Denise Nelson or myself.

**THE SEASON OF LIONS FUNRAISERS:** Please support your neighboring Lions clubs' fundraisers. A wonderful way to socialize, visit with friends, family & neighbors, plus helping them raise money for local community projects.

Thank you for being a Lion.  
5M3 DGE  
Greg Janachovsky





## 1VDGE DARREN SANER

Greetings Lions of 5m3.

The most net new member competition is underway and as of now Fairmont club is leading the way! But the good news is every club can still add new members until the end of June and possibly win \$250.00 for their club. District 5M3 will need at least 17 new members to end the year with a positive so get out and ask someone to join today!

The District still needs someone to fill the 2ndVDG position and would appreciate any help with names of candidates. You will be well trained and still have time to learn. You will also have a great team of leaders to support and work with you. Please consider stepping up!

I am looking forward to visiting your clubs and meeting all of you and hopefully will make some of your fundraisers and service projects in the coming year. As Lions “We Serve” so keep on serving and reporting your service and membership in the portal. Thanks for all you do!

1st VDGE Darren Saner.



A HUGE Thank you to all of the Lions Clubs and individual Lions that have already donated to LCIF for Special Olympics. If you have not donated, please consider making a donation. I am proud to let you know that we have reached our MD5M goal of \$350,000 for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Open games. There are still openings to volunteer. For those opportunities please visit:  
[2026specialolympicsusagames.org](http://2026specialolympicsusagames.org)

Also, our district goal this year for LCIF is \$32,603. International bases this number on collecting \$34 per member. As of today District 5M3 has contributed \$29,255. This has been a great effort by all Clubs and members. We still have 2 full months to achieve this goal. Please consider helping with this if you can. Let's finish the year strong!

Also, I have given quite a few club presentations, but if I haven't visited your Club yet, please contact me for a date to visit your club. ([debbirasset@gmail.com](mailto:debbirasset@gmail.com))

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



Tracy Lions cleaned up ditches.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**Feb 28, 2025.....989**

**Mar 31, 2026.....951**

**34 Clubs**

**YTD Members Added: 33**

**YTD Members Dropped: -47 YTD**

**Net Loss/Gain: -14**

# 2026 MD5M CONVENTION



5M3 Hall of Fame recipient Lion Delbert Skoblik receives the award from PID Deb Wasserman and I.P. A.J. Singh. Congratulations Del!



5M3 Lions at the MDM5 Convention



MD5M DGE's



MD5M VDGE's and partners in service.





## Board of Trustees

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Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

Rose Thies, Treasurer

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

21515 371<sup>st</sup> Avenue

Green Isle, MN 55338-2027

# D FEET WALK

2026 MN Lions Hearing Foundation Fundraiser

Dear Lions and Friends:

Your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 2026 Walk to DFEET Hearing Loss is just around the corner on June 6th, 2026.

It is not too late to help those with hearing-related issues.

Please consider participating in our 2026 Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, MN. If you or your club cannot participate at either site, you can take a walk at your local park, bring some club members together for a walk in a park, jump on your treadmill, or ride your bike.

## Levels of Support

\$25

\$35 includes a walk t-shirt

\$100

\$250

\$500

\$1000 gets your Club name on back of the t-shirt

Children under 12 will receive a free walk shirt.

We challenge your club to create a team to help raise funds for this important event. Please complete the attached registration form and mail to Lion Rose Thies by April 15th, 2026.

We hope you will support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation to raise the much-needed funds to support our mission of research, education, and clinical support to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

With regards,

**Kathleen Bleckenberg**

Board Chair

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation





## D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM

June 6, 2026

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dis-  
trict \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email ad-  
dress: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box for the type of donation:

Club Donation

Personal Donation

*\$25 donation with no t-shirt.*

*\$35 donation includes a t-shirt. Registration form must be received by April 15th, 2026 to receive a t-shirt.*

*\*Complete the next page for t-shirts*

**Club Sponsorships:**

*\$1000 level - Club's name on the back of the t-shirt and up to 28 entrants with t-shirts*

*\$500 level - Up to 14 entrants with t-shirts*

*\$250 level - Up to 7 entrants with t-shirts*

*\$100 level - Up to 3 entrants with t-shirts*

Check the box for which event you/your club are attending:

Dfeet Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Dfeet Walk at the Diamond Point Park in Bemidji

Donation Only



## Greetings from the Global Service Desk

Welcome to the nice spring weather! We are having 50 miles per hour wind and temps that are really nice and wait...it will change in ten minutes. Enjoy the nice spring we are having.

The Lions clubs are working hard on service reporting, and it shows improvement as we go along. CONGRATULATIONS ON THE LION'S CLUBS THAT ARE REPORTING. We have all the Lions club in 5M3 reporting now. 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. The Global Action Team is working on trying to get a new Lions Club in Wanda. We encourage you to reach out to your clubs and inspire them to participate by **inviting at least one new member to join your club during the month of April**. Even one new member per club can make a tremendous difference in growing our Lions family and increasing our ability to serve our communities. Please ask your clubs to actively Identify potential new members in their communities and Invite them to attend a meeting or service project. Welcome them into the club. **Be sure to record all new members in the portal during the month of April.** Membership growth starts with a simple invitation. When every club commits to adding just **one new Lion**, the collective impact across the district will be extraordinary. **Let's add a little friendly March Madness competition.** Which Multiple District will lead the way by the end of the month? Will **MD5M maintain its perfect record, or will MD27, MD5, or MD9 rise to the challenge?** The scoreboard is open, the momentum is building, and every new Lion counts. Let's finish March strongly. Thank you for your leadership and for encouraging your clubs to take part in this exciting effort.

	Service Activities	People Served	Volunteer Hours	LCIF Donations
1. Canby	14	2357	157	145.00
2. Clarkfield	1	25	10	0
3. Comfrey	4	235	20	10.00
4. Fairmont	8	4,611	735	600.00
5. Fulda	10	4,511	270	25.00
6. Granite Falls	29	1910	116	101.00
7. Hadley	88	8,091	1,088	1,009.71
8. Jackson	4	1,060	250	1968.04
9. Jasper	49	1,681	229	240.00
10. Jeffers Community	1	0	9	50.00
11. Lake Benton	5	282	154	0
12. Lakefield	32	1,478	298	164.95
13. Lamberton	3	160	40	1060.60
14. Lucan	73	10,535	1,263	658.65
15. Luverne	1	0	0	285.24
16. Madelia	1	0	0	500.00
17. Marshall	62	1,661	509	115.45
18. Milroy	5	650	236	35.00
20. Mountain Lake	19	2,363	37	50.00
21. New Ulm	58	5,399	1467	1218.00
22. Pipestone	3	142	36	38.00
23. Redwood Falls	13	6800	309	200.00
24. Sherburn	13	2,928	744	627.95
25. Sleep Eye	16	1,220	188	100.00
26. Springfield Area	23	2,809	323	440.00
27. St. James	13	808	322	800.00
28. Tracy	13	1,091	231	649.00
29. Truman	10	860	1,078	50.00
30. Tyler	8	2,334	272	260.00
31. Vesta	2	100	145	125.00
32. Wabasso	1	450	500	200.00
33. Westbrook	80	10,148	620	410.35
34. Windom	38	4,695	724	473.28
5M3 Lions Clubs	743	93,630	13,491	29,250.10

Thanks for your service

GST David J.

No Club designated  
Total 16,256.88  
45,506.98

9 **SAVE THE DATE!**



**PROJECT NEW HOPE**

Military Family Retreats  
at no cost to Veterans




*"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."*

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO  
[WWW.PROJECTNEUHOPE.NET](http://WWW.PROJECTNEUHOPE.NET) OR SCAN THIS CODE:



**2026  
MINNESOTA  
RETREATS**

**2026 MAY 1-3**  
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN

**2026 JUNE 5-7**  
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

**2026 OCTOBER 2-4**  
Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN

**2026 DECEMBER 4-6**  
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN



**Multiple District 5M**  
proudly announces...

**PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP!**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

**2026  
Coming to  
MINNESOTA  
JUNE  
20-26**

Your donations designated to  
Special Olympics USA Games  
Minnesota to LCIF will help make  
our \$250,000 grant possible!

**Family Night!** **Opening Eyes®**  
For athletes & (Vision Screening)  
their families

**ALL BALLS**

Separate Sponsorships will be  
available for (Sensory) All-Balls are  
for each participating athlete.

Sponsorship information will be coming  
in the District Newsletters and Multiple  
District Website soon.

Scan this code  
for more about  
All Balls





We will be hosting an open house on Saturday, May 16, from noon to 2 p.m., at our campus. Potential clients, volunteers, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization is invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

There is no pre-registration for this event, but you will be asked to share some contact information at our registration table upon arrival.

The two presentations are each repeated and offered three times throughout the event. The later sessions tend to be a bit less packed, so don't feel you need to arrive right at noon.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at [lcarlson@candocanines.org](mailto:lcarlson@candocanines.org) or call 763-353-9230 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER for the  
Special Olympics USA Games?**




Family Night is **TWO NIGHTS** (Mariucci Arena)

Pick as many opportunities as you want to!

<b>Family Night Setup Volunteers</b> Tue, Jun 16, 2026 - 01:00 PM to 06:00 PM Family Night	<b>FUL</b>
<b>Lions Club - Opening Eyes</b> Jun 19 - Jun 25, 2026 (Multiple Shifts Available); Healthy Athletes	<b>66</b>
<b>Family Night Guest Service Volunteer</b> Jun 24 - Jun 25, 2026 (Multiple Shifts Available); Family Night	<b>41</b>
<b>Family Night Greet Team Volunteers</b> Jun 24 - Jun 25, 2026 (Multiple Shifts Available); Family Night	<b>FUL</b>



# A HARD DAY'S NIGHT BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND

PLAYING THE GREAT SONGS OF THE FAB FOUR

**THURSDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

**FAIRMONT HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**ADVANCED TICKETS \$20 (GENERAL ADMISSION)  
\$25 AT THE DOOR**

*PROCEEDS BENEFIT INTERLAKEN HERITAGE DAYS &  
EMPOWER YOUTH (MARTIN CO. SUBSTANCE ABUSE)*

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT HY-VEE, FAREWAY, STATE BANK,  
FIRST FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK



PRESENTED BY:



SPONSORED BY:

# Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation

## ANNUAL WALK TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS

**JUNE 6, 2026**

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
Chaska, MN

Registration: 9am - 10am

Walk Starts: 10:15am

Lunch Begins: 11:15am

Diamond Point Park  
Bemidji, M

Registration: 8:30am - 9:30am

Walk Starts: 9:45am

Lunch Begins: 11:30am

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2026walktod-feethearingloss/>



Minnesota Landscape  
ARBORETUM



To learn more visit us at:  
[5mhf.org](http://5mhf.org) or at  
[facebook.com/5mhf.org](https://facebook.com/5mhf.org)



# 2026 LIONS GOLF

## TOURNAMENT

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
MINNESOTA LIONS  
DIABETES FOUNDATION

**JUNE 12  
FRIDAY**

\$45.00 per golfer

Golf fee includes green fees &  
Dinner, Golf Cart not included.  
Call 507-764-8381 to reserve cart.

11 a.m. Check in  
Noon Shotgun Start  
4 p.m. Social  
followed by dinner

Location: Fox Lake Golf Course

**REGISTER / RSVP BY JUNE 5**

Call or Email  
Mark Wohlhuter  
507-236-2444  
[mwohlhuter32@gmail.com](mailto:mwohlhuter32@gmail.com)

**NOT A GOLFER?**  
JOIN US AT 4 P.M. FOR  
SOCIAL & DINNER  
\$20 PERSON RSVP BY JUNE 5

SPONSORED BY SHERBURN & JACKSON LIONS CLUBS

# HADLEY LIONS ★ BENEFIT ★ BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, May 9th, 2026**  
First Pitch: 8:00 AM

**• CONCESSIONS ALL DAY! •**  
• Meals • Drinks • Snacks

**• SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE! •**  
Proceeds Benefit the  
Slayton Area Youth  
Baseball / Softball Association

**• Admission: Adults \$5 • Students \$3**

**Location: Bicentennial Park in Slayton**  
Come out for a fun day of baseball,  
food, and community support!

# Tracy Lions are celebrating 50 years!

5 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2026, at The Caboose in Tracy

RSVP by

JUNE 1



*Social hour: 5 p.m., dinner: 6 p.m., guest speaker is past International President Brian Sheehan, awards following*

*Cost: \$25 / RSVP to Tammy Horner (507-626-0447) or Patty Peterson (507-531-0950)*

## **ATTENTION EVERYONE!!!**

**Luverne Lions Club is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Buffalo Days Raffle on June 5, 2026.**

**Five big raffle prizes!! #1. Sophia and William 3 Burner/Charcoal Combo with Smoker Grill!! #2. Ninja Food Air Fryer with smart cook thermometer!! #3 – #4 – #5. Meat bundles (Premium MN Pork Bundles)!!**

**\$5.00 a ticket each or \$50.00 FOR A PACKET OF 10 TICKETS !! (must be 18 to purchase or win). Need not be present to win. Call any Luverne Lions Club member to buy tickets.**

**Luverne Lions Club president: Glenda Schomaker – 507-220-3226**

**Raffle committee Chair – Mike Wagley – 320-979-0801**

**Drawing to be held June 5, 2026 at approximately 7:30 pm.**

**Net proceeds split between MN Lions Hearing Foundation and Mn Lions Diabetes**

# 5M3 HAPPENINGS!



Right and below: **Fulda Lions** served a delicious Palm Sunday breakfast and held a raffle drawing.



PDG Deb Rasset visited the Sherburn Lions Club on March 23 and spoke about the upcoming Special Olympic USA Games in Minneapolis. Lion Deb explained that volunteers and donations are still needed. Above: Lion Deb receives a \$200 check from Sherburn Lion President Eric Hansen.



The Jackson community supported the annual Palm Sunday **Jackson Lions** Pancake feed. WE SERVE is the motto, and it is with a humble heart that the communities continue to support their efforts for the Jackson extended area!

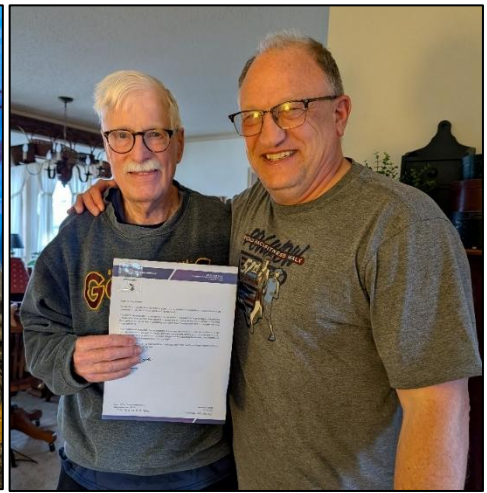


The ditches along State Hwy 30 outside of Hadley were beautified, thanks to the **Hadley Lions** Club!



**Hadley Lions** held their final Bingo event for the winter on St. Patrick's Day.





Recently the 4 charter members of the **Mountain Lake Lions** Club were awarded their 50-year pins. Above left: Eldean Ratzlaff pictured with Secretary Gary Hildebrandt. Middle: Maynard Anderson and Roger Goertzen. Right: Paul Metcalf with Gary Hildebrandt. Congratulations Lions on your many years of service!



**Lucan Lions** held their ham and egg breakfast on Sunday April 10. Upper Left: Dining room helpers Zach, Jeff, Jodi, Scott, Nels and Joe. Upper Right: Kitchen helpers Dave, Bob F., Bob P., Dennis, Dan, Mike, Jim and Ron. Left: Ticket takers Jerry and Delbert.

Right: **Lucan Lions** have a new beer cooler for rent. Contact 507-828-1312 to rent.



# SLEEPY EYE DAD'S WAFFLE BRUNCH



Far Left: Sleepy Eye Lions Russ and Jan Schmidt receive help from a high school student. Near Left: Lion Russ Sorensen and DGE Greg Janachovsky helping at the door. Below: Sleepy Eye Lions Helen Vogel and Daryl Vogel and New Ulm Lions help with the Dads Belgian Waffle Brunch.



## Lion Mary Hoffman joins the New Ulm Lions

Please welcome **New Ulm Lions** newest member (left), Mary Hoffman. Lion Mary was inducted into Lions International on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the New Ulm Lions' General Meeting. Welcome!

Pictured L-R: New Ulm Lions President Diann Warta, Lion Mary and Lion Mary's sponsor Lion John Micheel.



## Redemption Ranch

On Thursday, April 9, 2026, **Lucan Lions** held their dinner meeting. The speaker was Nancy Zollner who spoke about her business "Redemption Ranch". Shown (right) are Randy and Nancy Zollner receiving a check from Lion David Ourada.





**Jackson Lions** just completed their 133<sup>rd</sup> ramp deployment.(left) This deployment will help a person injured in a severe auto accident just north of Windom a couple of weeks ago. Assisting the Jackson Lions are employees of Corteva Soybean processing plant from Jackson.

And here's number 134! (right) Local support of **the Jackson Lions** allows them to serve the community that they we live in. Kudos to a great community supporting Lions!



**Wait...Number 135??!!** (left)

Here's the definition of SERVICE!

A special note on this deployment...welcome to new member of the Jackson Lions Club, Jack Brinkman. Welcome Lion Jack and great job Lions!



**Hadley Lions** and sponsor Lion Sharon welcome Mary Homan to the club!

Welcome Lion Mary!



**Hadley Lions** held their first family bingo event with a full house of all ages.





# LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUB OFFICER REPORTING 2026-2027 LIONS YEAR

**IMPORTANT DEADLINE**  
New club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal by:

**MAY 15, 2026**

Reporting early ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

For the 2026-2027 Lions International year, new club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal (formerly MyLCI) by May 15, 2026. While the new fiscal year does not begin until July 1, reporting them by this earlier date ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

## KEY DATES FOR OFFICER ENTRY

<p><b>APRIL</b> Hold elections &amp; begin entering new officers.</p>	<p><b>MAY 15, 2026</b> <b>RECOMMENDED DEADLINE</b> for materials &amp; system access.</p>	<p><b>JUNE 1, 2026</b> <b>FINAL DEADLINE</b> to avoid system transition issues.</p>	<p><b>JULY 1, 2026</b> New officer terms officially begin!</p>
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## IMPORTANT NOTES

<p><b>EARLY ACCESS = STRONG START</b> Add officers early so they're ready on Day 1.</p>	<p><b>AVOID LOCKOUTS</b> Clubs not updated by June 30 may lose access and need International assistance.</p>	<p><b>UNIQUE EMAILS REQUIRED</b> Each officer must have their own email address reported in the system.</p>	<p><b>HOW TO REPORT</b> Use the Lion Portal (MyLCI / Club Central) to update your incoming officers.</p>
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★ **SET YOUR CLUB UP FOR SUCCESS!** ★  
PLAN EARLY • REPORT ON TIME • LEAD STRONG

# WHAT DOES THE PRESIDENT DO?

Great Clubs Don't Just Happen... They're Led!

**THE ROLE:**  
The President leads with vision, serves with heart, and empowers others to make a difference.

**WHAT THEY DO:**

- Lead meetings and set the tone
- Work with officers and members as a team
- Plan and guide service projects and events
- Make decisions and keep the club moving forward
- Represent the club in the community and Lions family
- Inspire, motivate, and recognize members

**THE GOAL:**  
Build a strong, united club that serves boldly and grows in membership and impact.

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Provides leadership and direction
- Creates a positive and engaged culture
- Turns ideas into action and impact

**REMEMBER:**  
You don't have to do it all alone – you just have to lead, believe, and bring out the best in others!



**LEADERSHIP. SERVICE. IMPACT.**  
That's the President Effect!

# WHAT DOES THE SECRETARY DO?

Great Meetings Don't Just Happen... They're Recorded, Shared, and Remembered!

**THE ROLE:**  
The Secretary keeps our club's records, communication, and information organized, accurate, and accessible.

**WHAT THEY DO:**

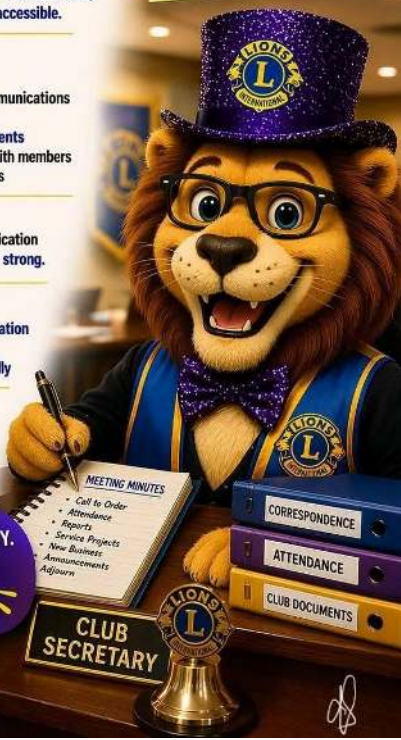
- Take accurate meeting minutes
- Manage club correspondence and communications
- Maintain attendance records
- Keep and update important club documents
- Prepare reports and share information with members
- Support the president and other officers

**THE GOAL:**  
Create clear, reliable records and communication so our club stays informed, organized, and strong.

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Decisions are based on accurate information
- Members stay informed and connected
- Our club runs smoothly and professionally

**REMEMBER:**  
It's all about accuracy, communication, and attention to detail – you're the keeper of our club's story!



**RECORDS. COMMUNICATION. RELIABILITY.**  
That's the Secretary Effect!

# WHAT DOES THE TREASURER DO?

Strong Clubs Don't Just Happen... They're Planned, Tracked, and Trusted!

**THE ROLE:**  
The Treasurer manages our club's money with integrity, accuracy, and transparency.

**WHAT THEY DO:**

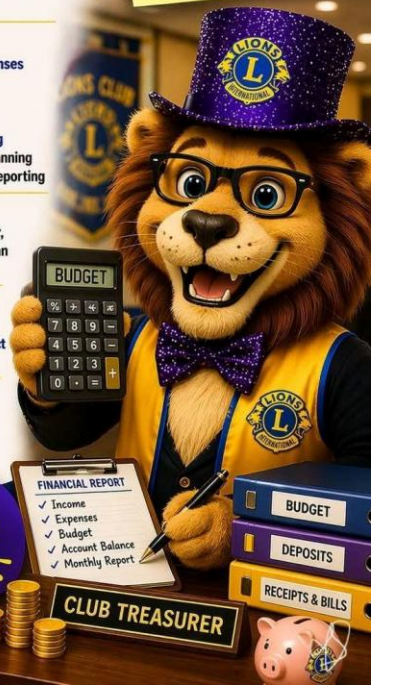
- Keep track of all club income and expenses
- Record deposits and pay bills
- Maintain accurate financial records
- Prepare financial reports for meetings
- Present the budget and monitor spending
- Work with officers on fundraising and planning
- Ensure proper financial procedures and reporting

**THE GOAL:**  
Protect our club's funds and provide clear, responsible financial stewardship so we can serve more and grow stronger.

**WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Builds trust and accountability
- Helps us plan, give, and make a bigger impact
- Keeps our club strong and sustainable

**REMEMBER:**  
It's not just about numbers – it's about responsibility, trust, and helping our club change lives!



**ACCURACY. TRUST. IMPACT.**  
That's the Treasurer Effect!





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



#222830 Purple

#6917- Granite/Heather

Sizes- XS-XL: \$30  
 2XL: \$32  
 3XL: \$33



#6917 Granite/Heather

#ST406- Royal Heather

Sizes- XS-XL: \$30  
 2XL: \$32  
 3XL: \$33  
 4XL: \$34



#ST406 Roal Heather

#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



Above shirt is available at 507 Designs in Slayton.

507-836-6255





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Make check payable to:	Can Do Canines		

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Make check payable to:	MN Lions Diabetes Foundation		

Name	<b>Leader Dog</b>		
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Make check payable to:	Leader Dog for the Blind		

Name	<b>Hearing Foundation</b>		
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Make check payable to:	LCIF		

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507-828-9238

Make check payable to: MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation

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Jasper MN 5614  
[donplahn@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
different programs)**

Name  
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  
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Make check payable to: Camp Confidence

Name **Vision Foundation**  
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507-235-8655

Make check payable to: MN Lions Vision Foundation



Memo Line (if desired) Eye Bank, MAC Center, Cornea Transplants, or Children's Eye Clinic

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 507-531-0950 507-626-0447

Make check payable to: MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

**Name** **Project New Hope**  
**Chair** Eric Hanson and Alexis Nelson  
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 Sherburn MN 56171 Franklin MN 55333  
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 507-236-4031 507-430-6315

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

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 Lucan MN 52255  
[greg.ianachovsky@gmail.com](mailto:greg.ianachovsky@gmail.com)  
 507-828-4490

Make check payable to: District 5M3 Lions  
 Memo Line Peace Poster

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 Jasper MN 56144-1101  
[donplahn@yahoo.com](mailto:donplahn@yahoo.com)  
 507-215-2113

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 Memo Line Lions Quest

**Name** **Youth Exchange**  
**Chair** Open - Send to District Treasurer  
**Address** 405 South Street  
 Morgan MN 56266



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

Name **Sheehan Foundation**  
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Lynd MN 56157-9771  
[thboss57@hotmail.com](mailto:thboss57@hotmail.com)  
507-828-1714

Make check payable to: Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation

Name **Youth Outreach**  
Open - Send to District Treasurer  
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Jackson MN 56143

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



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<b>MORGAN LIONS</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon, 6:30 PM & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon, 7:00 PM Lions Comm Center Pres. Steven Ardolf	<b>MOUNTAIN LAKE LIONS</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:15 PM The Den Pres. Deb Wallert	<b>LIONS CLUB OF NEW ULM</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 6:00 PM Turner Hall Pres. Diann Warta	<b>PIPESTONE LIONS</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30 PM Pipestone Pizza Ranch Pres. Darl Korthals	<b>REDWOOD FALLS LIONS</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon, 6:00 PM Redwood Falls VFW Pres. Paul VanDer Hagen	<b>SHERBURN LIONS</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon, 7:00 PM Sherburn Legion Pres. Eric Hanson
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