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ABOUT WORLD DIABETES DAY

14 NOVEMBER
Find out more about World Diabetes Day



Diabetes currently affects one in ten people worldwide. Understanding the condition is the first step towards managing and preventing it. In conjunction with the World Diabetes Day 2022 focus on access to diabetes education, the IDF School of Diabetes has developed a **new online education platform** to help people with diabetes and those who care for them to make informed decisions about their condition.

UNDERSTANDING DIABETES

If you live with diabetes, care for someone who does or just want to learn more about the condition, improve your understanding with our free interactive courses.



The **Understanding Diabetes** platform features a selection of free interactive courses on various aspects of diabetes care and management.

The first course – **An Introduction to Diabetes** – explains how the condition develops in the body, describes the main types and explores the warning signs, risk factors and complications.

The second course – **The basics of blood glucose control** – looks at the importance of keeping blood glucose levels in the target range as much as possible to help prevent or delay long-term complications of diabetes.

Other courses will subsequently be made available. <https://www.understandingdiabetes.org/>

ZONE and CABINET MEETINGS INFO— SEE PAGE 14





DG~Patty Peterson

Hello Lions,
As we approach Thanksgiving, I am so thankful and grateful to be part of such a caring and giving organization. I love doing the club visits and hearing about all the wonderful service projects each club is doing. Keep up the great work!

The hardest part of my job as District Governor has been finding people to say "yes" to taking a cabinet position. I am thankful and grateful to each person who has said "yes." You are appreciated more than you know. But we do need someone to step up and take the 2nd Vice District Governor position. PLEASE consider this. It is a great experience. You will learn a lot, make new life-long friends, and get to do some traveling. Two years ago at this time, it was not in my plans to do this job. But it has been a great experience. There is help available for whatever you need or whatever questions you have. All you need to do is ask. Believe me, I have asked!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider it.

Then we will also need someone to be nominated as a new 2nd Vice at our Mid-Winter Convention in February. If you have any questions about the job, please reach out and ask. I, 1st Vice Deb, or any of our past DGs will be happy to answer them.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

"Making A Difference"
DG Patty

DG Patty's Schedule

- Nov. 2 District Cabinet Meeting at Slayton Pizza Ranch 6:00 pm
- Nov. 6 St. James Lions Club Visit
- Nov. 8 Windom Lions Club Visit
- Nov. 13 Luverne Lions Club Visit
- Nov. 16 Zone 7 Mtg at Jackson
- Nov. 21 Clarkfield Lions Club Visit
- Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 27 Sherburn, Truman, & Fairmont Lions Clubs Visit



VDG~Deb Rasset

Hello Fellow Lions,
I will start telling you about my September Lions adventures. It started with a very quick trip to Michigan. Leader Dog invited all Vice District Governors to learn about

their program. We got a tour of the campus and heard all about Leader Dog. A quick white cane training and the chance to walk with a trained Leader Dog. All while blindfolded. That evening we experienced Dining in the Dark. The speaker at the Dinner was amazing. It was a great experience. I was home a whole two days before the next adventure. I attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada. Several of my fellow Vice District Governors attended also. The first morning started with a Lions Speed Learning session. They had 12 tables with different Lions topics. They were 10 minute sessions and we had enough time to do 8. The idea was to get you interested in their topic for a full seminar later in the Forum. It was a great opening session. They had 88 seminars to choose from. It was really tough to decide which one to attend, when some of them were given at the same time as others that I was interested in. In the end I was happy with my choices and it was a great learning opportunity. If you haven't attended a USA/Canada Leadership Forum, you should think about doing it. You definitely won't regret it.

Now for my October adventure. I will be attending my Vice District Governor training at Craguns in Brainerd. It will be 2 full days of learning more about my Leadership jobs and responsibilities. I have also been assigned to Group 31 for further Vice District Governor training. We will be having Zoom meetings every 2 months and given online training modules. I have completed the first 10 modules.

So, with all that, I think my training is progressing well. After this October training, I think I get a well deserved break. I will spend a few weeks in sunny Arizona. Then after the Holidays, it will be 2 months of different District Mid-Winter Conventions. A great chance to learn how other Lions Districts do their conventions and other Lions projects. That includes our District 5M3 Mid-Winter Convention. Please consider joining us in Fairmont February 16-18, 2024.

One last thing that I wanted to mention. Our District is in dire need of Lions to step into the Leadership roles. We know there are a lot of qualified individuals in the district. Please don't let our district be in the same predicament as in February of 2022. We had no individuals willing to fill those roles. DG Patty still has a few openings on the cabinet. Plus we NEED a Lion to fill the role of Second Vice District Governor. If we wait until February, we will need 2 Lions to step up. We will need a First and Second Vice District Governor. Please consider helping our District out. It is an amazing opportunity.

Thank you for all you do and keep doing great things.
Make it a Great Day.

VDG Deb

Club Sponsor Page

NEW FEE!

To have your Club listed on the sponsor page, send **\$25.00** to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266 Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor.

NOTE: Clubs can be sponsored in more than one box.

5M3 District Governor Contest 2023-24

Club Activities	Pts	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-June
District M&A submitted by month's end	20			
Submit Membership Report to LCI by month's end	20			
Submit Service report to LCI by month's end	20			
New members added or reinstated (per member)	30			
Total membership at year end plus 1	20			
2 or more clubs do activity together	30			
Governor Visit scheduled by 12/15	20			
1 st half dues paid by 7/15	50			
2 nd half dues paid by 1/10	50			
Attend other Lions Club Fundraiser (10 pts. per/max 50)	10			
Do new service project (20 pts per event)	200 (max)			
District Presentation to Club				
LCIF	30			
Leader Dog	30			
Leos	30			
Diabetes	30			
Hearing Foundation	30			
Vision	30			
KidSight	30			
Can Do Canines	30			
Project New Hope	30			
Childhood Cancer	30			
GMT	30			
GLT	30			
GST	30			

Donations Made to the following	Pts	Awarded			
LCIF	50				
Leader Dog	50				
Leos	50				
Diabetes	50				
Hearing Foundation	50				
Vision	50				
KidSight	50				
Can Do Canines	50				
Project New Hope	50				
Youth Exchange/Quest	50				
Childhood Cancer	50				
Sheehan Foundation	50				
Bring Eye Glasses to Mid-Winter Collection	50				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Club Officers attend Zone meetings (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas)	20				
General Members attend Zone Meetings (5 max)	30				

Club _____ Date _____

Please list new service projects.
If you need more information, come to the zone meetings.

Turn in Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 to DG or 1VDG



The raffle room at our mid-winter 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 507-227-1711 and we will find a way to get your gift to the convention!!

Passing of the Pride...

Has your club had any of your members pass away since the 2023 Mid Winter Convention? If so, Please send a photo of the deceased member along with their name, club name and a paragraph of information about the member to PDG Wayne Radloff. We need this for the Friday evening *Service of Remembrance* at 2024 February Mid Winter Convention.

DO IT NOW! This service is a way to memorialize and pay our final respect to our Lions and Lioness families since we last met as a district. Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com



5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention
February 16-18, 2024
Best Western, Fairmont MN
MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

REGISTRATION FORM

Title _____ Lion Guest 1st Timer

Title _____ Lion Guest 1st Timer

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Lions District: _____

Lions District: _____

Club Name: _____

Club Name: _____

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

EVENT CHOICES:	Before Jan 24	After Jan 24	#Attending	\$ Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for meals				
** Meal Booklet (all meals)	\$80.00	\$95.00	_____	\$ _____
** 1 st Timers Special Price	\$65.00	\$80.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon Luncheon	\$27.00	\$32.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$37.00	\$42.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$22.00	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
"I WANNA BE A LEO" (ages 12-18)	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Meal Packet				
	Total Amount			\$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

District 5M3 Lions (memo-Mid Winter Conv)

Mail Completed Form and Payment to:

5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention
 % IPDG Donald Kuehl
 141 2nd Ave.
 Jackson, MN 56143
 Cell: 507-841-4917
 Home: 507-847-3126 ddkuehl@msn.com

Room Reservations:

Best Western - Fairmont, MN: 507-238-4771

*Make reservations by **January 24**

*Tell them you are with **"Lions 5M3"**

Room Rates - \$109.00 + 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 26.0
LION AL JENSEN LEADERSHIP AWARD
Selection Criteria

Selection Process:

1. One or two awards may be presented annually to Lions who have been members for five years or more.
2. The candidates' selection must be based only on contributions at a District or Multiple level.
2. Each District Governor shall annually nominate no more than one Lion to receive the award.
3. 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.
4. 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:

1. **Vision...** The ability to see or seek out new ideas and new ways to advance the humanitarian service of Lionism.
2. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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:

1. Leading and/or performing leadership development activities.
2. 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)



Greetings from the Global Service Desk

Welcome to the nice season of fall. The rain has stop and we received about 5 inches and farmers are back in the fields five days later. The nice fall weather has returned with clear skies and beautiful sunsets and pretty sunrises. Enjoy the very nice fall weather.

Tracy Lions are working on the youth beds, and it seems to be going very well. They started this project in March and have delivered about 20 beds so far. Tracy Lions are starting on the next batch of about group 20 bed frames and it seems like the demand is still there. Tracy Lions are putting together a booklet of instructions on how to make these beds, along with details of the project. Tracy Lions will sell these at kits to other Lions clubs. If Clubs are willing to finish sanding, staining, and painting the beds. The motto for this project is "TUCK THEM IN ". Donations from business, such as mattress, bed sheets, cash donations would be appreciated. This will be a district wide service project. Any club that is interested in this project please call the Tracy Lions President Dennis Fultz (507 626-0281. Dennis will do give the information that you are looking for. Some Lions Clubs in the district are getting ready to go on their own and do cutting the wood up and do the sanding, staining, and finishing the beds. Some clubs might just take the material and take it back to their club and finish the beds. Also, cash donations from clubs are accepted at any time. This will be a district wide service project and it sounds like there is a need for youth size beds. I talked to someone who works for the Martin County Human Services, and they also said there is a demand for child-size beds.

Service reporting is improving. We have 18 clubs reporting this month compared to 14 last month. That is great! Maybe next month we'll have close to 20 clubs doing some reporting, which would be terrific. Keep up the good work and thanks to the clubs that are reporting. CONGRALUTIONS ON THE GREAT SERVICE REPORTING FOR 5M3!

Lions Clubs Service Reporting

	People Served	Service Activities	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
Comfrey	100	1	4		
Fairmont	1,500	1	300	3,000	3,000
Hadley	960	16	128	13,220	8,141
Jackson	1,210	6	276	1,900	16,400
Jasper	1,655	15	200	349	
Lamberton	270	2	40		
Lucan	4,075	18	619	610	1,949
Marshall	4,251	68	274	325	
Morgan	5,570	10	691		4,800
Mountain Lake	500	96	500	800	
New Ulm	5,583	19	698	2,249	9,911
Redwood Falls	700	4	300		
Sherburn	2,850	371	371	300	
Springfield Area	1,162	4	238	684	
St. James	67	4	75	125	
Tracy	1,892	21	284	5,029	8,187
Truman	100	1	50		600
Westbrook	1,600	10	42	500	2,770
People served	4,045	Total Service Activities	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated	Funds Raised
		204	4,687	28,107	57,242

Thanks to all the Clubs that are reporting,
GST David J.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Aug 31, 2022.....1,031

Sep 30, 2023.....1,023



YTD Members Added: 18

YTD Members Dropped: -19 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -1

35 clubs





GMT News

Ok, what is GMT? Just another alphabet soup that organizations come up with to confuse folks. Well yes and no. Hopefully you all recognize our abbreviations, GAT, GLT, GST, GMT, GET, and I'm sure there are more. So, what does GMT focus on? Membership of course. Membership in our clubs, the District, the Multiple District, and International. Do you know that the goals of DG Patty this year are to increase District membership in our clubs, to start at least one new club in our District and to strengthen the membership in our clubs with under 15 members. Let's start at the international level. How many of you have heard of Mission 1.5? It's the goal to increase Lion's membership to 1.5 million members over the next four years. We currently number 1.39 million members, so we have some ground to cover. We can do it, BUT it starts at the club level. Look at your club, is it growing? Stable? In a "Survival Mode"? Or are you declining? Leadership in your club sets the mood of the club to determine which mode you are in. It's been said that we can recruit new members, but we struggle to retain members. Do you have a new member's orientation or "welcome to the family" to help new members and current members understand what Lions are about? Do you do a good job of mentoring your new members? If not, consider starting a program. It's not hard, we have two certified instructors in our district that are willing to help you. Speaking of Leadership, we just completed another RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute). It was attended by 39 Lions in MD5M. It was a great group, full of enthusiasm. After witnessing this group, it gives you a good feeling about the direction of what we do as Lions. We had one participant from 5M3. I wish we could get more individuals involved with this program and we need to. It prepares our members to step up as our club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, zone chairs, and District Governors. One of the subjects of discussion was membership. One approach is to just ask. Yes, it works, sometimes you will get a negative answer, but you can't stop asking. Maybe another better approach would be to ask potential members to help with one or more of your service projects. Let them discover and see how much fun it can be. One club in MD5M only asks people to join them in their service projects, never asks them to just join. After they've served with them, they want to join. It's working for them. Whatever your approach, never give up. Your club and your community needs you and the Lions. If anyone knows of a community that could benefit from starting a new club, please let me know. Thanks for all you do, and have fun with it.

Lion Don Kuehl, GMT 5M3



Can Do Canines is proud to honor Pete Kleingartner for serving as the Can Do Canines chair liaison to the 5M Lions Clubs for the past 12 years! We recently honored Pete with a Can Do Canines jacket and mug to thank him. During his time in this role, Pete

- helped raise \$2,101,377 for Can Do Canines through the 5M Lions districts,
- helped raise \$283,026 for us with his Princeton Lions Club,
- sold 103 boxes of candy (6,180 chocolate bars) to raise \$6,180, and
- helped secure a matching grant of \$75,000 from Lions Clubs International Foundations and \$75,000 from 5M Clubs to raise \$150,000 total for our kennels during our last capital campaign.

Pete has been a Princeton Lions member for 50 years and served as a past district governor. We are grateful for his partnering efforts between the Lions and Can Do Canines!





Bert Nelson for International Director

Bert would like to encourage you to attend the MD5M Convention in April 2023 in Winnipeg, Canada. The convention is a great place to learn more about what Lions can do and have accomplished. Not only will you meet new Lions and old friends, but you will also have the opportunity to vote for our next International Director from our great multiple.

PCC Bert Nelson has been a member of the New York Mills Lions club in Minnesota since 1991. He became a Lion to meet members of his community, but since then, he has become a Lion who loves how this organization gives him the opportunity to help others in need around the world.

Bert soon became a zone chairman after joining Lions and began to see the level of work on the district, multiple and international level. When his mentor became District Governor, Bert created the job of District News-

letter Editor in 5M-9 to help free up some of the Governor's time. He was editor for 10 years during which two of his monthly issues received Honorable Mention in the International Newsletter Contest.

As 5M-9 District Governor, Bert and Pam thoroughly enjoyed working with the other governors of MD5M and they are still a tight knit group who get together every year for a reunion. Visiting the clubs of his district, Bert loved seeing what the clubs were doing and encouraged them to keep going in their services. Bert was a 100% Governor in membership growth.

Bert's true passion for helping a Lion become a better leader/person was created when he became an instructor at the original Regional Lions Leadership Institute and taught for 14 years. He is proud of the graduates from RLLI and enjoys watching them grow in their own Lions future. Bert has also presented a seminar at five USA/Canada Leadership Forums.

For the last 11 years, Bert has been MD5M's LCIF Chairman. He has consistently kept our great multiple in the top three contributors to LCIF in Area 1.

With all his involvement in Lions, you would think Bert had no time for other things, but like Pam says, if you want something done, ask a busy person. Bert held the job of Township treasurer for over 20 years. He was on the Church council as trustee. Bert currently is a 30+ year fire warden and a pyrotechnician. He has been helping area communities celebrate by setting off fireworks shows for 20+ years. For the past 30 Christmas's, Bert has been New York Mills Santa Claus at their festival. He was told by a little boy who had seen Santa in another town that "he (Bert) was the real Santa".

Bert and Pam have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Bert enjoys deer hunting, golf, playing cards, and uplifting the mood by telling a joke or two. Life is just better with happiness in it.

Contact information of Bert Nelson

Cell phone 218-298-0599

Email lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com

Thank you for your support in Bert's campaign for International Director.

DK3 for ID

Hello Lions,

As some of you already know I am seeking the endorsement of our Multiple District for the office of International Director of Lions Clubs International.

I have dedicated my Lions' life to service and leadership. A commitment to help make my community and world a better place by working with other Lions to make a difference, to leave things better than the way they were before. To lead by example and inspire and motivate other Lions to do the same. To continuously challenge present day thoughts and actions to make sure that the path we are on is the best for our members, clubs and association.

I have spent most of my Lions career and my private sector career in management positions. Leading teams, managing groups of people, giving guidance and motivation to team members and leaders to help them reach their goals and potential. I will continue to do this as a member of the board.

Being able to represent our Lions and our association at the International level requires a team approach. I have an amazing service partner, Lion Cheryl. She is

a proven leader and motivator who is dedicated to our motto, "We Serve." We both believe in the concept of servant leadership. This is a leadership approach that puts serving others above all other priorities. Rather than managing for results, a servant leader focuses on creating an environment in which their team can thrive and get their highest-impact work done.

In our district 5M6, I have served as a trustee to the MN Lions Vision Foundation, twice as District Mid-Winter Convention Chair, and as the District Global Leadership Coordinator. In this role I developed the Club President's Happy Hour. A quarterly gathering of club presidents to improve the communication between the clubs and district leadership.

In our multiple district I am currently the Global Leadership Team Coordinator, responsible for all leadership development and training, RLLI, ELLI, and FDI as well as District Governor Elect and vice district governor, I have held this position since 2019.

I also was instrumental in starting the KidSight program and have held the position of Chair of the Board of Directors of the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc since 2017. Our Lions have screened over 125,000 kids since this program began.

My experience on the club, district, multiple district and international level has positioned me to be able to fulfill the duties of a member of the International board. Lion Cheryl and I pledge to do our best to represent our Lions and help to make our association the standard to which all other service associations are measured.

To read more about my experience and qualifications please visit my website: teamdennis.net and visit our Facebook page, DK3 for ID. You can also email at teamdennislion@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to support my campaign.

We hope to meet many of you at the mid-winter convention.

Your consideration of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

Lion Dennis



UPCOMING EVENTS

ZONE 2 MEETING!

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023

Pizza Ranch

Marshall, MN

6:00 pm Meal (on your own)

6:30 pm Meeting

RSVP to rthbrner@gmail.com

Clubs: Lake Benton, Lamberton,
Marshall, Tracy, Tyler

All Lions Members are welcome!

ZONE 7 MEETING!

Thursday, Nov 16, 2023

Pizza Ranch

Fairmont, MN

6:00 pm Meal (on your own)

6:30 pm Meeting

RSVP by Nov 13 to mssullivan8@gmail.com

Clubs: Fairmont, Jackson, Lakefield,
Mountain Lake, Sherburn, Truman

All Lions Members are welcome!

21st Annual Holiday Extravaganza

Sunday November 5th, 2023

10-2

Springfield Area Community Center
Springfield MN.



Over 25 CRAFTERS & VENDORS

WITH GREAT GIFT GIVING IDEAS FOR EVERYONE

ONE STOP HOLIDAY SHOP

Springfield Area Lions Club

serving Lunch from 11-1

Take Outs Available

Zenascapes Photography
Quitting Crafts
Jordan Essentials
Mitten's & More by Sharon
Country Drieds
Avon
Uniquely Yours
Perfectly Preserved MN
Simply Sassy Crafts by Sue
Wood Crafts
Twinters Jewelry
Row & Field
Weed 'em & Reep
Pink Zebras
Danzel in Defense

Tracy Lions Soup Supper and Bingo

Saturday, Nov. 18th

The Caboose in Tracy

2 rounds of bingo:

3:30-5:00 pm

& 6:30-8:00 pm

Soup supper is free
will donation.



Tickets will be given out for
the Bingo games. Prizes
are gift certificates to Tracy
businesses.

Peace Posters due or
postmarked to



DG Patty by

Nov. 15, 2023

CABINET MEETING!

Thursday, Nov 2, 2023

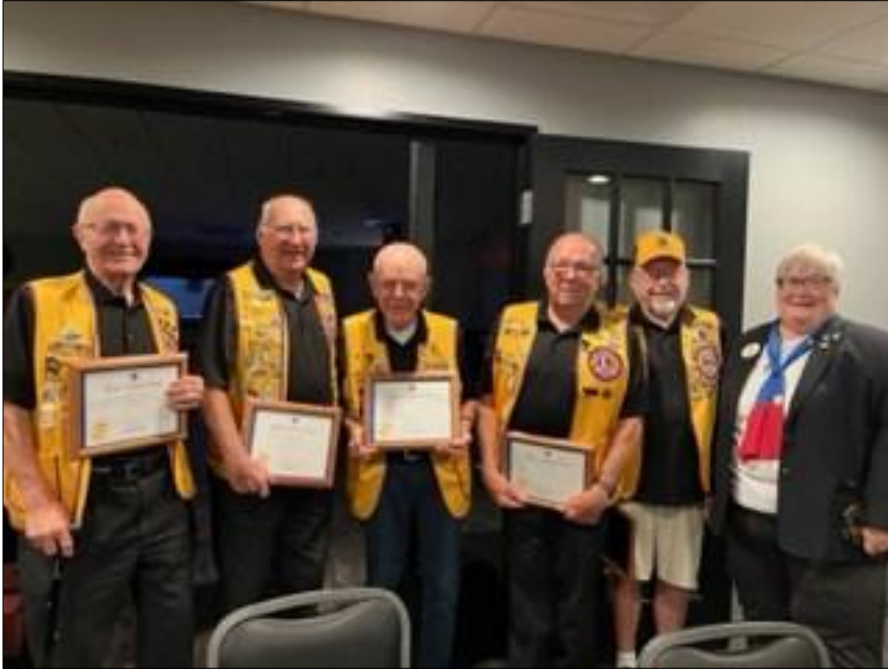
Slayton Pizza Ranch

5:30 pm Meal

6:00 pm Meeting



Lucan Lions 50th Anniversary!



The original 5 Lucan Lions from the Charter of 1973. L-R: Lion Ray Thull, Lion Del Skoblik, Lion Bob Plaetz, Lion Ron Plaetz and Lion Fuzz Klante receiving awards from District Governor Patty Peterson. Congratulations on a half century of Lionism!



District Governor Patty Peterson and Vice District Governor Deb Rasset attended the Lucan Lions 50th Anniversary Ceremony on Oct. 1st.



Lion Dennis Plaetz receiving the Melvin Jones Fellow Award presented by District Governor Patty Peterson at the Lucan Lions 50th Anniversary Ceremony. Congratulations Lion Dennis!

Can Do Canines to Host Open House November 11

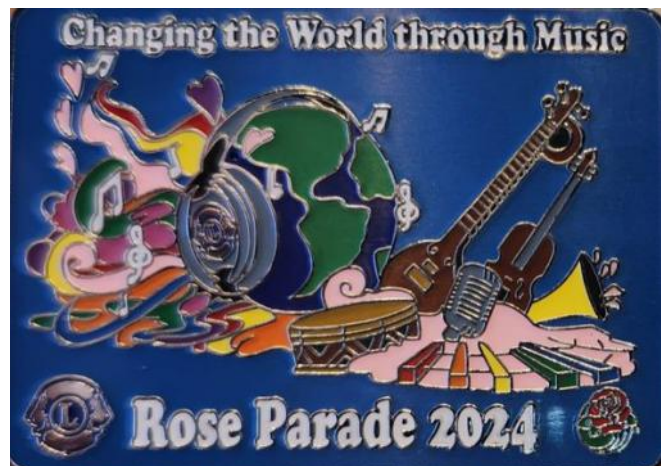
Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, November 11, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.



Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism. The assistance dog demonstrations will be held at 12:15, 1:55, and 1:35, and the dog host will speak at 12:15, 12:35, and 1:15.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



CLUB VISITS WITH GOVERNOR PATTY



Granite Falls Lions



Redwood Falls Lions



District Governor Patty Peterson Visits New Ulm

DG Patty Peterson and her "Husband in Service" Gary, visited the New Ulm Lions Club on the evening of October 12. DG Patty promoted her youth bed project that builds beds for less fortunate youth in our district. She also explained her "District Governor's Challenge", which promotes interacting with other clubs by working together and sharing ideas.



Jeffers Lions



Madelia Lions



Left:
Canby Lions
President
Gene
Bies



Left: **Lucan Lions** packed 52 pairs of shoes. Pictured L-R: Lion Del Skoblinsk, Lion Robert Plaetz and Lion Greg Jankowski. Not pictured: Lion Mark Tollefson.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



Regional Leadership Intitute Conference. Tracy Lion Tammy Horner represented Dist 5M3 at RLLI in Brainerd. She says it is a wonderful training and she encourages new members to attend ELLI March 14-17, 2024 and other members to attend RLLI next October.



Above: DG Patty Peterson spoke about **HELP TUCK THEM IN** project during District 5M3 Zone 5 meeting. Donations may be made to: **Tracy Lions Club PO Box 1121 Tracy, MN 56175.**



Above: An energetic group of **Hadley Lions** walked a 2-mi stretch of TH 30.



Zone 5 meeting was held at Knotts in Lucan. 14 Lions were in attendance.



MD5M Vice District Governor's completed training.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



New Ulm and Lafayette Lions Walk to find a CURE

The 9th Annual New Ulm Diabetes Walk to find a CURE took place at Flandrau State Park on Saturday, September 30th. This was a Strides, Lions for Diabetes Awareness Event and is a collaboration of the Lions Club of New Ulm and the Lafayette Area Lions Club. This was an approximately a half mile walk on Flandrau park's beautiful trails. It is a Fund Raiser for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, who is working with the University of Minnesota to find a CURE for Diabetes. Over \$17,000 was raised.



Tracy Lions held KidSight Screening



Hadley Lions walked/handed out candy during Murray County Central's homecoming parade on a brisk day.



Tracy Lion of the Year: Lion Bob Rialson. Congratulations Bob!



Tracy Lion of the Month: Lion Kathy Karstens for her work with KidsSight. Congratulations Kathy!



5M3 HAPPENINGS



At the September meeting, Vicki Radloff, District Childhood Cancer Rep. spoke at the **Lakefield Lion's Meeting** about Childhood Cancer. They were proud to have her award 2 families in the Lakefield area the "Believe Award" with \$2,000 donated by the local Lion's from their BINGO fundraisers. Cindy Hansen (far left photo) received the Believe plaque in honor of her son, Danny, who passed at 7 years old from cancer. She said this will help keep alive Danny's memory of fighting against Childhood Cancer. The other family that was presented with the Believe plaque was Lila Hubbard (far right photo) and her Dad, Kurt. Lila battled cancer as a child and is now a junior at the Northrup High School. They continue to be advocates for fighting childhood cancer. Lila also received a T-Shirt from Vicki.



Above: There was a great out at the **St. James Lions** fish fry, which was held on October 16.



New Ulm Lions Clean Road Ditches

The Lions Club of New Ulm and friends cleaned 2 miles of road ditch on Highway 14 west of New Ulm on Saturday October 14, 2023. They collected 14 bags of litter plus a bench and tires.

Pictured above from left to right are: Gerry Horner (front), Jeff Vogel (rear), Bob Schirlinger, Dan Irlbeck, Bob Vogel, Lois Simmons, Daryl Vogel, Cindy Talledge and Helen Vogel. Cassi Vogel also cleaned ditches and took the photo. Helen invited everyone to Carl's Corner for pizza and camaraderie after the ditches were cleaned. Lions, "WE Serve".



Above: Mountain Lake Lions Kid-Sight screening at Mountain Lake school on Oct. 12. L-R: **Mountain Lake Lion** Gene VanDen Walker, nurse Lana Sander, **Lucan Lion** Mark Tollefson and Shirley Tollefson.



Lucan Lions KidSight screened preschoolers at Wabasso Public School on Oct 16 and 17. L-R: Jane Platez, Lion Mark Toffefson and Melissa Waknitz.

\$\$ Parade of Green \$\$

Parade of Green is an annual event done at every Mid-Winter Convention in our Multiple. It is the annual donations collection from clubs to the charities that Lions support throughout the year. It is very important that each club give to help keep them operational. We are halfway through our Lions year (July 1– June 30). If you haven't given already, this is your reminder to contribute. **If you have already given to a charity before the Mid-Winter Convention, your Treasurer can put a note in that charity's Parade of Green Bucket that states your club name and the amount that was already sent in this year. 5M3 and the charity say "THANK YOU!"**.

Charity donations are listed below. Please donate to as many as you can at Mid Winter Convention. If you need to mail in your Parade of Green checks, each charity may be sent in one envelope to:

****Lion Denise Nelson, 405 S St., Morgan MN 56266**

- 5M3 Special Olympics
- Camp Courage
- Camp Confidence
- Can Do Canines
- Childhood Cancer
- KidSight **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation"**
- LCIF
- Leader Dog for the Blind
- MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation
- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
- MN Lions Vision Foundation-Eye Bank, MAC Center, Cornea Transplants, Children's Eye Clinic
- Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN
- Quest/Youth Outreach/Peace Poster **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area**
- True Friends
- Youth Exchange-Lions International/Youth Exchange Camp Spicer
"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area
- (new) Brian Sheehan Foundation

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Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.		Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Sleepy Eye Golf Club Lion Connie Knutson, Pres.		Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. The Caboose Lion Dennis Fultz, Pres.
Westbrook Lions 1st Wed; 8 p.m. Senior Center Lion John Madson, Pres.	Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:00 p.m. VFW-Redwood Falls Lion Chad Johnson, Pres.	Luverne Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Lois Mulder, Pres.	Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Mike Eichten, Pres.	
Tyler Lions 4th Wed; 7:30 p.m. Kronborg Inn 101 Hwy 14 Tyler Lion Ted Kern, Pres.		Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Linda Wallin, Pres.		Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion Cheryl Gewerth, Pres.
Windom Lions 2 & 4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion Eric Haken, Pres.	Bringing the District news to you with NEW FEE! If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$25.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor.			

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Lions of New Ulm 1 & 2 Thurs; 6 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Bob Schirlinger, Pres.		Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Tim Houg, Pres.		Marshall Lions 2 & 4 Tues; 6 p.m. Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.
	Truman Lions 6:00 pm 1st Mon; Jan-May and Oct-Nov 2nd Mon Church of Christ Lion Lynn Brownlee, Pres.	Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Jim Davison, Pres.	Lucan Lions 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Jeffrey Turbes, Pres.	
Sherburn Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Doug Rosenberg, Pres.		Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Susan Goeman, Pres.		Lakefield Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Joel Poppe, Pres.
St James Lions 1st Mon; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Stephen Ferazzano II Pres.	Hadley Lions 4th Wed; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Robyn Moger, Pres.	Fulda Wood Duck Festival June 15-18, 2023 		Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Michael Schaffer, Pres.

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