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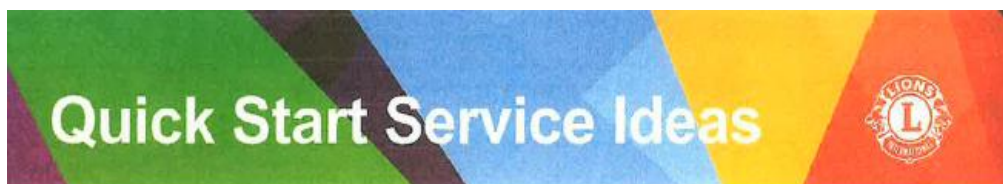
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Are you looking for an impactful service activity that doesn't require a lot of time, volunteers, or funding? Is your club newly chartered, rebuilding, or just ready for something new? Consider trying one of the following project ideas in any of our global causes to quickly grow in humanitarian service.



Childhood Cancer

Provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer.

- Fill cards with best wishes and donate them to impacted families or a cancer center.
- Organize a group activity for patients, like reading books or playing games.



Diabetes

Reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.

- Develop a diabetes resource list by connecting with a local health department or hospital and share with your community.
- Organize a weekly walking club or Strides event to promote healthy living.



Disaster Relief

Meet immediate needs and provide long-term support for communities devastated by natural disasters.

- Learn how to apply for Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) disaster grants.
- Connect with a local disaster relief organization and ask how your club can volunteer.



Environment

Protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.

- Clean a local area, like a park, roadside or beach.
- Hold a recycling drive to repurpose or donate gently used items.



Humanitarian

Identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most.

- Visit those who are disabled or elderly living alone or in care homes.
- Collect donations to support an agency helping refugees, LCIF or a local Lions foundation.



Hunger

Improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.

- Collect food and donate to a group fighting hunger or organize your own food distribution event.
- Volunteer with a community group that brings people together to share a meal or become that group.



Vision

Help prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.

- Create a fund to provide eyeglasses to those in need.
- Provide transportation for a group that serves those who are visually impaired.



Youth

Provide young people with the support they need to make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives, and become the next great generation of service leaders.

- Host a Lions story hour at a local library or community center.
- Sponsor a Peace Poster and Essay Contest at a local school.

Find additional global cause service ideas and resources at lionsclubs.org/causes.

ZONE MEETINGS: SEE PAGE 3



DG DENISE NELSON

Building a Solid Foundation

Any contractor will tell you that a strong foundation is essential for any building.

The same is true for our clubs and our membership! We need to build a strong GAT (Global Action Team) base to strengthen membership, leadership, and service. Each club is encouraged to have one member join one of these areas: GMT (Membership), GST (Service), GLT (Leadership), or GET (Extension & Training).

There are still two open positions on the cabinet: Zone 3 Chair and Youth Exchange Chair. Please contact me, Greg, or Darren if you're interested in helping out!

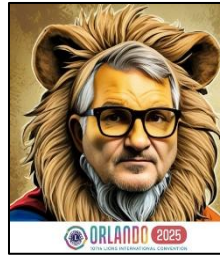
Did you know about the Lions license plate? It's a great way to show your pride and support the Team Sheehan Foundation—proceeds from these plates go directly to them.

If you missed officer training, Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers can complete their training online through LEARN on the Lions International website.

And don't forget to keep collecting glasses and hearing aids! There's an upcoming mission trip to Guatemala where these will be distributed to people in need.

Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much more!

Denise



1VDG GREG JANACHOVSKY

NEEDED 5M3 2026-2027 SECOND VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Our district is in NEED of a Second Vice-District Governor for 2026/2027. It is much easier if someone would step up

before the 2025/2026 Mid-Winter Convention in Marshall, MN. It is a 3 year commitment of your time to fulfill the requirements of training and term associated with becoming District Governor. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to anyone on our District Leadership Team.

Mid-Winter Convention February 20 - 22, 2026.

Everspring Inn, Marshall, MN: Please plan to attend our Mid-Winter convention. Come for any or all of the weekend.

We have great speakers lined up. I would love to see all 34 clubs in 5M3 represented at this year's Mid-Winter. See you there! If you need a registration form, please contact me.

Squeeze the Stuffins: Come and enjoy this fund-raising event on Friday at the Mid-Winter Convention in Marshall. People are able to make stuff animals using a stuffing machine provided by Daniel and Kandy Noles Stevens. Their son, Reed was one of four children killed on February 19, 2008 in a school bus accident near Cottonwood, MN. They do this in memory of their son, making no money at all, do not charge for mileage for coming to the event, and charge no upfront fees. There is a cost for the animal shells and stuffing.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REPORT YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE LIONS PORTAL. THANK YOU ALL THAT ARE REPORTING.
Thank you for being a Lion.

5M3 1VDG
Greg Janachovsky





2VDG DARREN SANER

Greetings Lions of 5M3,

What a busy fall!
Between Zone, Cabinet, and Mid-winter
planning meetings, not to mention 2VDG
training and GMT webinars, I'm

still finding time to work fulltime and farm parttime and attend
my own club meetings and activities.

I had the pleasure of meeting other 2VDG's in Alexandria for
my first COG (council of governors) meeting, with DG Denise
and 1VDG Greg. 1VDG and 2VDG's helped on a service
project for Habitat for Humanity one afternoon. The three days
were intense with informative and worthwhile training. We
also had fun!

When possible, I'll attend your club governor visits. I'm
working on a membership challenge for 5M3 clubs. Stay tuned
for details to come.

2nd VDG & GMT Darren Saner



Building playhouses for Habitat for Humanity.



Passing of the Pride...

Have any of your club members passed
away since our 2025 convention?

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 2026 Mid-
Winter Convention.

FEB. 1ST DEADLINE!!

Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Aug 31, 2024.....980

Sep 30, 2025.....965

YTD Members Added: 9

YTD Members Dropped: -9 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: 0



ZONE MEETINGS

ZONES 1 & 2: NOV. 13, MARSHALL

PIZZA RANCH

6:00 PM MEETING

(come earlier if eating – on own)

ZONE 4: NOV. 6, LUCAN - KNOTTS CORNER

5:00 PM MEAL (on own)

6:30 PM MEETING

ZONE 5: NOV. 20, JACKSON - PIZZA RANCH

5:30 PM MEAL (on own)

6:00 PM MEETING





Greetings from the Global Service Desk

Fall is here and it has been nice and warm during the day and jacket weather at night. Harvest is moving along well for everyone, and crops disappear very fast. Everyone, enjoy the nice weather and stay safe. Service reporting is 83% doing great and have 29 clubs this month and we had 18 clubs last month so a nice jump for clubs reporting. CONGRATULATIONS to all the clubs in 5M3!

Will start with having the zone chair get in touch with the LIONS CLUB IN THEIR ZONE. A phone call, text message, or e-mail to get some idea if they are reporting or need help. I have talked to some clubs and find it interesting how they are trying, and those clubs are smaller. Here are the zone chairs for the district: Zone 1 Gary Peterson cell 607-629-3491, Zone 2 Deb Plahn cell 507-920 - 2825, Zone 3 empty, Zone 4 Derick Determan cell 507-227-5757, Zone 5 Doug Rosenberg cell 507-920-8048. They will help with reporting, just ask David Janssen cell 507-236-2480, or DG Denise Nelson 507-227-1712 The club only needs to report 1 activity. Activities from July 1, 2025, to present. You can use your last meeting date for an activity. It would be nice to have 100% of the clubs reporting by convention. The following information is needed: Date, Name, Description of Activity, Total Number of Hours, Number of Lions Volunteers & Non-Lions Volunteers, Number Served, Funds Donated To. Funds Raised. Denise Nelson email: dlnelson0714@hotmail.com. David Janssen email: davidjanssen1947@hotmail.com. 5M3 has 5 clubs not reporting and they are Jeffers, Luverne, Madelia, Milroy, and Vesta.

Let's see if 5 clubs can get some reporting by the time the next newsletter is delivered. Thanks everyone for helping with service reporting.

	Service Activities	People Served	Volunteer Hours	LCIF Donations
1. Canby	1	100	120	
2. Clarkfield	1	25	10	
3. Comfrey	2	110	11	
4. Fairmont	6	3,968	635	
5. Fulda	6	744	146	
6. Granite Falls	8	501	42	
7. Hadley	20	1,220	201	
8. Jackson	3	1,050		
9. Jasper	9	616	87	
10. Lake Benton	1		1	
11. Lakefield	6	270	46	
12. Lamberton				1000.00
13. Lucan	20	8,700	837	20.00
14. Marshall	20	4,292	277	
15. Morgan	13	3,332	473	
16. Mountain Lake	3	83	1	
17. New Ulm	14	1,255	531	100.00
18. Pipestone	2	92	34	
19. Redwood Falls	2	4,100	34	
20. Sherburn	6	1,260	304	
21. Sleepy Eye	12	1,150		
22. Springfield Area	3	1,100	55	100.00
23. St. James	4	250	112	
24. Tracy	1	100	50	25.00
25. Truman	1			
26. Tyler	5	1,442	198	
27. Wabasso	1	450	500	
28. Westbrook	24	2,685	247	250.00
29. Windom	6	760	245	
Clubs reporting totals	210	40,638	5,432	1825.00

Thanks for your help in SERVICE REPORTING.
We are at 83% of clubs reporting.

GST David J.



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.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET OR SCAN THIS CODE:

**2025-2026
MINNESOTA
RETREATS**

2025 OCTOBER 3-5
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
2025 DECEMBER 5-7
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN
2026 MAY 1-3
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN
2026 JUNE 5-7
Osprey Woods near Sandstone, MN



Springfield Area Lions

LUNCH WITH THE LIONS

Smoked Pork Sandwich. Wild Rice Soup.
Chips. Cookie. Beverage ~ Pine In or Take Out

**AT THE SPRINGFIELD AREA
COMMUNITY CENTER**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

11AM-1PM

ALSO AT THE CENTER THE 23RD ANNUAL
HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Vendors & Crafters to help you with Holiday Shopping

PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY, SPRINGFIELD SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM & OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS

DELIVERY TO SHUT INS,
CALL IN ORDERS BY 11AM
TO LAURA AT 507-828-7515



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



Multiple District 5M
proudly announces...

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

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

Family Night!
For athletes &
their families

Opening Eyes®
(Vision Screening)

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



23rd Annual Holiday Extravaganza

Sunday November 2nd

10am-2pm

Springfield Area Community Center

Springfield, MN 56087

Over 25 Vendors and Crafters
will be available to help you get that
perfect gift.



Springfield Area Lions Club serving Lunch from 11-1
Take Outs Available

SAVE THE DATE ROAR for a CAUSE



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

Saturday February 28, 2026

Chanhasen Dinner Theatres
501 W 78th St, Chanhasen, MN 55317



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Join Us For



Holiday
Open
House

Food Drive

Spread holiday cheer
and make a difference
in our community!

11/18/2025

5:30-7:30
PM

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- DONATE NON-PERISHABLE
ITEMS
MOST NEEDED:
SPAGHETTI SAUCE
CEREAL
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- DONATE CASH



By Martha Anderson Park
(Veterans Park)

Springfield Area Lions



The Eyeglass Recycling Center
will be picking up boxes of
eyeglasses without cases. Loose
lenses and broken glasses will
not be picked up either. Please
remove all eyeglass cases.

They will be at the Mid-Winter Convention in
Marshall. Be sure to count glasses for your
report.

Hearing Aids may be dropped off
in a separate box.



Save the Date

Northern Pride Lions Forum

March 20- 21, 2026
Radisson Harborview
Duluth MN

Seminars - Meet and Greet - Keynote Speakers - More information to follow.
Check us out forum.northernpridelions.com





5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

February 20-22, 2026

Everspring Inn, Marshall MN

"FIRED UP FOR SERVICE!"

REGISTRATION FORM

NO REFUNDS AFTER FEB. 1

☐ Lion ☐ Guest ☐ 1st Timer

☐ 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****

EVENT CHOICES:	Before Jan 2	After Jan 2	#Attending	\$ Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for meals				
** Meal Booklet (all meals)	\$95.00	\$110.00	_____	\$ _____
** 1st Timers Special Price	\$80.00	\$95.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Brunch Buffet	\$15.00	\$18.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Noon Luncheon	\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$44.00	\$49.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$15.00	\$18.00	_____	\$ _____
"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 Deb Rasset

309 W. Van Dusen Street

Springfield, MN 56087

Cell: 507-220-0549

debbirasset@gmail.com

Room Reservations:

Everspring Inn-Marshall, MN: 507-532-3221

*Make reservations by January 20

*Tell them you are with "Lions 5M3"

Room Rates - \$114.00 + tax

Appendix 28.0 MD5M HALL OF FAME Procedure

Purpose

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Appendix 29.0

Date_____

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service, Family, Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects, and awards. (Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.)

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Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Midwinter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form shall be accepted and the nomination shall only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.

The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee

Building the future together: Unleashing Independence

In a recent issue of Tails for You, we shared our vision for expanding Can Do Canines' capacity to meet the growing need for our life-changing assistance dogs. Thanks to you, our community, that vision is quickly taking shape.

The Unleashing Independence Capital Campaign is a bold, \$10 million initiative designed to transform our campus, shorten wait times, and help us say "yes" to more individuals and families seeking greater freedom and independence.

If you've followed along in past newsletters, you've heard us talk about the plans:

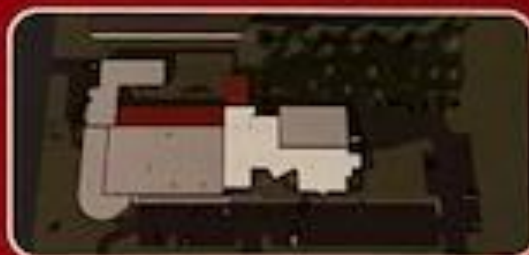
- A state-of-the-art Birthing & Enrichment Center to give our puppies and their mothers the very best start.
- An Early Learning Center designed to socialize and prepare puppies for success, while creating more flexibility for volunteers.
- Two new client overnight rooms so out-of-town clients have a comfortable space to stay during team training.
- Expanded training and enrichment spaces, giving our dogs room to learn, grow, and thrive.
- A Volunteer Engagement Center to better welcome, train, and support the volunteers who make our mission possible.

This isn't just about expanding our facility—it's about changing more lives. With more than 185 people currently on our waitlist, including children on the autism spectrum, these improvements will allow us to increase annual placements by 40%, from 50 to 70 assistance dog teams each year by 2033.

Thanks to generous leadership gifts, including support from longtime donors and foundations, we've already raised \$4.6 million toward our goal. We are still quietly working behind the scenes, carefully building a strong foundation before sharing this effort more broadly.

If you're inspired by what's ahead and want to learn more about how you can be part of this transformational journey, we'd love to connect with you.

Together, we can unleash independence—one partnership, one puppy, and one family at a time.



Aerial view



New warehouse entrance and loading dock



New front entrance



New volunteer entrance off frontage road

If you are interested in exploring how you can be a part of the Unleashing Independence Capital Campaign, please contact either:

Jeff Johnson, Executive Director
jjohnson@candocanines.org | 763-269-6338

Sheila Ross, Development Director
sross@candocanines.org | 763-269-1489

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



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: _____

[illegible][illegible]

\$\$ Parade of Green \$\$

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

1. District 5M3 Special Olympics
2. Camp Confidence
3. Can Do Canines
4. Childhood Cancer **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION"**
5. KidSight **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation"**
6. LCIF
7. Leader Dog for the Blind
8. MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation
9. MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
10. **Lions Gift of Sight** -Eye Bank, MAC Center, Cornea Transplants, Children's Eye Clinic
11. Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN
12. Youth Outreach/Peace Poster **"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area**
13. Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation
14. True Friends
15. Camp Courage
16. Youth Exchange-Lions International/Youth Exchange Camp Spicer
"CHECK PAYABLE TO: District 5M3 Lions"-Memo: donation area

*****Lions Den Newsletter IS NOT a Parade of Green donation. Money donated is used for Microsoft Office yearly fee to do the newsletter. \$25 per club is appreciated.**

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





Support LCIF & the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games!

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

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

Thank you!

5M3 LCIF Coordinator Deb Rasset

The sensory ball, known as an "all ball" or "a ball for all," originated in Europe. It is similar to balls developed after World War II for a sport called goalball, which was created for veterans blinded during the war to participate in physically challenging activities. These balls typically contain bells to make noise and are brightly colored, making them suitable for people with visual impairments. Multiple District 5M is committed to providing 3,500 of these "all balls" as gifts to the participants of the 2026 USA Special Olympics Games in Minnesota. These will be distributed during "family night" as a gesture of goodwill.

This initiative aligns with both Special Olympics and Lions Clubs in the following ways:

- **Inclusivity and Support for Disabilities:** The "all ball" concept, originally designed for the visually impaired, resonates with the Lions Clubs' historical commitment to serving the blind and visually impaired, and their broader mission to support individuals with disabilities. By providing these balls, the Lions extend a spirit of inclusivity to Special Olympics athletes, even though Special Olympics primarily focuses on individuals with cognitive disabilities.
- **Goodwill and Recognition:** Gifting the balls serves as a "goodwill effort from Lions to the participants" of the Special Olympics. It's a tangible way for the Lions to celebrate the athletes and show their support for the games.
- **Marketing and Awareness for Lions Clubs:** Each ball will feature the LCIF, Lions, and Leo logos. As 3,500 athletes take these balls home, it acts as a "great promotion for Lions and for our multiple," raising awareness of the organization's involvement and mission. Giving to Special Olympics through LCIF also "boosters those relationships for both of those organizations".





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



☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____

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Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025

\$185 US - \$266 CDN _____

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026

\$195 US - \$280 CDN _____

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social

\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____

\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____

Saturday Breakfast

\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____

\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____

Saturday Lunch

\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____

\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____

Saturday Banquet

\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____

\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____

Sunday Brunch

\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____

\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

Please specify dietary needs:

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Gluten Free

☐ Other: _____

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rhonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

-OR- you may pay by Venmo to: @Rhonna-Hed Then Email your registrations to: rhed@summitfire.com

Please provide an email address or phone # if you'd like to receive a confirmation _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

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

[Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com

Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com



5M3 HAPPENINGS!



DG Denise visits Jasper Lions Club.



Pipestone Lions Club receives visit from DG Denise.



Granite Falls Lions cleaning up Highway 23.



DG Denise presents Certificate of Appreciation to the Marshall Lions Club.



Springfield Area Lions helped with Bingo at St. Johns Home.





Good morning MLCCF Trustees,

Thank you for the energy, passion, and dedication you bring to the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. Monday's meeting was truly inspiring. Hearing from Dr. Turcotte, Jen Foss, and Emma Gamoke, seeing the impact of our support firsthand, and presenting a \$40,000 check reminds us why we serve.

I especially want to welcome and encourage our new trustees. Your fresh enthusiasm and ideas will make a difference. As Lion Chuck reminded us with Niner's words, *"It's for the kids."* That remains the heart of everything we do.

As of June 30, our Foundation has contributed **\$826,550** to the University of Minnesota. That puts us just **\$173,450 short of the \$1 million milestone**—a historic achievement within reach thanks to the generosity of Lions across Minnesota. With no paid staff, our expenses remain very low, and **100% of contributions stay right here in Minnesota**, directly supporting research and care for children with cancer. With the \$40,000 check presented on Monday, we are now roughly **\$135,000 short** as of today.

This is the season when Lions clubs are setting budgets and preparing for midwinter conventions—an ideal time to encourage their support. Their commitments now will help us finish strong and continue growing our impact.

Thank you again for all you do. I am grateful to serve alongside each of you in this vital mission.

Together in service,
Lion Gary Stevens
Chair, MLCCF

612.867.7249



Tracy Lions held KidSight screening at the Tracy High School, St. Mary's and Tracy Elementary.



Lion Greg Holland receives the Tracy Lion of the Year award.

Springfield Area Lions cleaned ditches.





Kids Sight was done on September 22, at Milroy Public school by Milroy Lions Ron Schmidt, Rose Warner, LaVonne Knopik & Lucan Lion Mark Tollefson.



Wabasso Public KidsSight screening. L-R: Vicky Daub, Lucan Lions Ron Plaetz, Greg Janachovsky, Pam Zollner, Lions Bob Plaetz, Mark Tollefson and Elaine Moore.



Kids Sight screening was done on September 26, 2025 in Sleepy Eye at St. Mary's, Grace Lutheran and Sleepy Eye Public schools. Pictured are: Sleepy Eye Lions Dakota Krume, Tom Larson, Lucan Lions members cleaned Mark Tollefson and Shirley Tollefson.



On September 17th & 18th Lucan Lions Greg Janachovsky, Ron Plaetz, Bob Plaetz, Delbert Skoblik, Pam Zollner, Mona Ourada, Lion Mark Tollefson & Vicky Daub tested kids eyes at Wabasso Public school.



New Ulm Lions Donate Park Bench to City of New Ulm

The Lions Club of New Ulm donated a Park Bench to the Park and Recreation Dept. of the City of New Ulm. The bench was placed in German Park. This is the 3rd bench that has been donated by the New Ulm Lions through this project.

This donation was made possible through the efforts of Lion Jedd Edel who chairs the Trex Bench Plastic Bag Recycling Project. The Trex cooperation donates a bench for every 1,000 pounds of plastic bags donated to them.

Pictured, L to R, Lions Dale Gluth, Bob Schirlinger, Bonnie Schirlinger, Joyce Walsh; New Ulm President, Diann Warta; New Ulm Park and Recreation Director, Joey Schugel; Jedd Edel, Jack Minch, Emily Edel, Jan DeLeo and Sid DeLeo.



New Ulm Lions Donate to Transitional Home

Lion Glen Setterholm and Lion Brad Ufer (pictured) delivered the hygiene products purchased and collected at the last meeting of the New Ulm Lions Club to a community transitional living home in New Ulm on October 10th. This project is one of three service weeks dedicated to specific needs uniting Lions Clubs worldwide in making a difference in communities around the globe.



5M3 Mid-Winter Convention

February 20-22, 2026

Everspring Inn Marshall,
MN

Early Registration prices
end Feb. 1, 2026

Granite Falls Lions President, Mike Brown, presenting Lee Mar Ranch Equine Center with a check for the funds raised from their burger/brat feed.





New Ulm Diabetes Walk a Big Success

The 11th Annual New Ulm Diabetes Walk took place at Flandrau State Park on Saturday, October 4th. This is a Strides, Lions for Diabetes Awareness Event and is a collaboration of the Lions Club of New Ulm, 5M3, and the Lafayette Area Lions Club, 5M2. This is a Fund Raiser for the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, who is working with the

University of Minnesota to find a CURE for Diabetes. This event has generated over \$158,000 in 11 years. This includes donations of over \$14,000 this year with more still coming in. Over 70 people came out to walk for a CURE on a beautiful morning. "Thank You" to all who worked, and also to those who made generous donations to this life



New Ulm Lions Clean Road Ditches

The Lions Club of New Ulm and friends cleaned 2 miles of road ditch along Highway 14 west of New Ulm on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Pictured from left to right are: Bob Schirlinger, Bob Vogel, Helen Vogel, Olivia Booms, Doug Booms, Lincoln Reinarts, Jeff Vogel and Daryl Vogel. Glen Setterholm also helped and took the picture. Helen invited everyone to Happy Joe's for lunch and camaraderie after the ditches were cleaned. Thank you for lunch, Helen. Lions, "WE Serve".

District 5M3 Lions
November 2025





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

District Shirts

Deluxe Print:

#222830- Purple

Sizes- XS-XL: \$34

2XL: \$36

3XL: \$37

4XL: \$38

#6917- Granite/Heather

Sizes- XS-XL: \$30

2XL: \$32

3XL: \$33

#ST406- Royal Heather

Sizes- XS-XL: \$30

2XL: \$32

3XL: \$33

4XL: \$34

#Short Sleeve- Purple

Unisex Sizes- XS-XL: \$20

2XL: \$22

3XL: \$23

4XL: \$24



#222830 Purple



#6917 Granite/Heather



#ST406 Roal Heather

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Long sleeve T-Shirt- Navy

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Extended sizes: \$30



Above shirt is available at 507 Designs in Slayton.

507-836-6255



DISTRICT SHIRTS

Send to: debbirasset@gmail.com

Name	Phone	Style #	Size	Cost



Foundations:

Name Can Do Canines

Chair	Karen Fennern	and	Jodi Skoblik
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	karen.fennern@icloud.com		skoblik@hotmail.com
	507-88-8498		507-401-6139

Make check payable to: Can Do Canines

Name Diabetes Foundation

Chair	Bob Schirlinger	and	John Tiervold
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	New Ulm MN 56073		Sherburn MN 56171
	bschir@comcast.net		tirejohn784@gmail.com
	507-354-8940		507-236-9313

Make check payable to: MN Lions Diabetes Foundation

Name Leader Dog

Chair	Deloy King	and	Shannon McClanahan
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	eloyellen@yahoo.com		shannon.diamond@yahoo.com
	507-831-5706		320-407-2200

Make check payable to: Leader Dog for the Blind

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	507-601-8359		507-236-4031

Make check payable to: MD5M Lions Hearing Foundation

Name LCIF

Chair	Deb Rasset
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	Springfield MN 56087
	debbirasset@gmail.com
	507-220-0549

Make check payable to: LCIF

Name KidSight

Chair	Mark Tollefson	and	Craig Valentin
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tolle724@gmail.com
 507-476-366

Morgan MN 56266
cvalentin_00@hotmail.com
 507-828-9238

Make check payable to: MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation

Name **5M3 Special Olympics**

Chair Don Plahn

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Jasper MN 5614

donplahn@yahoo.com

507-825-6756

Make check payable to: District 5M3 Lions

Memo Line Special Olympics

**Camp Courage/True
 Friends/Friendship
 Ventures (all the
 same Place - just
 different programs)**

Name

Chair

Address

(None)

10509 108th ST NW

Annandale MN 55032

Make check payable to: True Friends

Camp Courage, or Friendship

Memo Line

Ventures

Name

Chair

Address

Camp Confidence

Jerry Wohlers

15601 Foilage Ave Apt. 216

Apple Valley MN 55124

Make check payable to: Camp Confidence

Name

Chair

Address

Vision Foundation

James Hoyt

PO Box 381

Walnut Grove MN 56180

jahoyt@hotmail.com

218-639-8517

and

Allen W. Struck

117 Homewood Dr.

Fairmont MN 56031

allen@sbof.com

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

Name **Childhood Cancer**

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	lionpatty8791@gmail.com		rthbrner@gmail.com
	507-531-0950		507-626-0447

Make check payable to: MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Name **Project New Hope**

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	hanson1052@gmail.com		raen1130@gmail.com
	507-236-4031		507-430-6315

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

Name **Peace Poster**

Chair Greg Janachovsky
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Lucan MN 52255
greg.janachovsky@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
507-215-2113

Make check payable to: District 5M3 Lions

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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thboss57@hotmail.com
507-828-1714

Make check payable to: Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation

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Chair Diana Kuehl
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Jackson MN 56143
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Memo Line Youth Outreach



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HADLEY LIONS 4 th Wed, 6:30 PM Hadley Comm Center Pres. Riley Engbarth	JACKSON LIONS 2 nd Monday, 6:15 PM Jackson Golf Course Pres. Ronald Anderson	JASPER LIONS 3 rd Monday, 6:00 PM The Gathering Table Pres. Paula Sanow	JEFFERS COMM LIONS 1 st Thurs, 6:30 PM Jeffers City Hall Pres. Nathan McClanahan	LAKE BENTON LIONS 2 nd Thurs, 6:00 PM Country House Supper 2 nd Tues, 6:00 PM Center Post Pres. Jodi Riedel	LAKEFIELD LIONS 1 st Monday, 6:30 PM Lakefield Multi-Purpose Building Pres. Barbara Bakalyer
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