



5M3 Lions Den

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OCTOBER IS VISION AWARENESS MONTH



OCTOBER 8

WORLD SIGHT DAY!



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation



MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

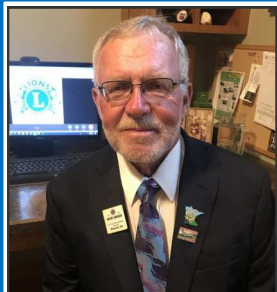
Due to COVID-19 and the safety for all,
we have decided to cancel
Thanksgiving for Vision
and the
MLVF Eye Ball.

*Thanksgiving
for
Vision* 

Even though things are limited in the
world currently...

the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation and
Lions Gift of Sight are up and running.
MLVF Directors are available to visit your
clubs (virtual or in person) to give you an
update on all that is happening.





5M3 District Governor David Janssen



Greeting Lions of 5M3

Things are starting to happen for the Lions of 5M3. Had a club visit with the Tracy Lions Club the other night. It was an enjoyable evening with a nice turnout of members. Stayed for their meeting and some of the activities that will be taking place in the near future. Thanks for the nice Hospitality from the Tracy Lions Club. Next went to Hadley and met with Hadley and

Fulda Lions club. Enjoyed the visit and to see where some of the Lions Clubs meet. Had a great time meeting with two clubs and enjoyed meeting the members. Listened in on their meeting. It looks like an exciting meeting and a great time was had by all.

Zone meetings are starting to take place and Zone 7 with John T, was held at the Fox Lake Golf Course near Sherburn. Fairmont, Sherburn, Truman, Jackson and Lakefield Lions Clubs were there. It was a very good meeting with lots of great information that was happening to these clubs. A couple of the clubs discussed the programs that were taking with some good results. Keep up the great work! It makes you proud to be a LION. Zone meeting was held in Slayton with Zone 3 Chair Eddie A. from Jasper; Jasper, Luverne, Pipestone Lions Clubs were there. Also meeting was Zone 4 with Chair Darren S. and clubs from Fulda, Hadley, Jeffers Community, Lake Wilson, Westbrook, Windom. Great job by Darren and Eddie on an interesting zone meeting! VDG Gordon M. gave a great talk on LCIF and the different ways of supporting the foundation. PDG Don K. gave a great presentation on the NAMI program and how to improve the membership of 5M3. We need the help of all the members and clubs of 5M3. Zone meetings, DG visits and club meetings are taking place. It is up to the individual clubs if they want to meet or do a go-to-meeting. I would say whatever the clubs feel comfortable with.

We are planning to do a Guiding Lion training in the district. The question is how we will do it. It will be determined by the amount of interested members who want to take the training. This will take place in a couple of spots in the district or it could be a Go-meeting format like officers training. If interested let DG David or GLT Wayne know if you like to do this.

Lions Club International has come up with a plan for payment of dues. Flexible payments and no clubs will be suspended or cancelled through December 31,2020. Charter fees and end entrance will be waived till December 31, 2020.

The Childhood Cancer Blanket project is going really well. Hats off to Diana K. for doing a tremendous job on this endeavor.

Kid-Sight Screening is on hold for a while and it sounds like they won't happen this year. We hope for the best.

Mid-Winter Convention will maybe happen in Fairmont at the Holiday Inn Feb. 19-21. We will tie the cancer blankets that are put together and will finish them. It should be a fun time working together on this project.

USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience: Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity has been held as an online event. It starts Sept. 25 at 8:00 pm and it ends Sept. 27 at 5:00 pm. You have the opportunity to select from 19 educational seminars, to be inspired and motivated. The cost is very reasonable at twenty dollars.

RLLI, Regional Lions Leadership Institute is being held on March 18-21 2021 in Detroit Lakes at the Holiday Inn. We are looking for Lions from our District to improve their Leadership skills and other learning opportunities. 5M3 can take 6 members to this great Leadership Institute. 5M3 hasn't sent anyone to this for the last couple of years. If interested, let DG David know. We will get you registered.

Mid-Winter Convention will be taking place at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on Feb . 19-21. WE are looking for speakers and if you have heard someone that you think would do a great job let us know.

Still looking for a 2 Vice District Governor. It would be nice if someone would step forward to fill this position. Training starts in Oct. at the Kelley Inn in St. Cloud. If interested in this, contact DG David at (507-236-2480). You meet a lot of Lions members and really see how the Multiple District works. Give this some careful consideration.

Ask someone to be a LION today

BRING GROWTH TO LIONS
DG David Janssen

**Contact DG David Janssen to set up a visit
with your club! 507-236-2480**

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1st Vice District Governor Gordon Mulder

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

I was asked to be the LCIF liason for 5M3, and in the past two weeks I went to three different meetings to explain LCIF and to ask for donations to the cause. The 'where it came from' was a little easier than the 'please donate' part. I guess I will have to work on that avenue of fund raising.

My home club had its first meeting since last February (while I was at a meeting for LCIF). Normal has taken a new path. What worked in the past, what was the usual way of conducting business, has been set aside in favor of, depending which doctor you listen to, new ways to do meetings and trying to stay healthy. Some clubs use the go-to meeting format, some use zoom. But what ever way is used, we still have to meet and greet, and help those that would like some help. A Lion's work goes on.

There is an opportunity to attend RLLI -- Regional Lions Leadership Institute. I would highly recommend attending for any Lion. The skills learned would be beneficial in every aspect of Life, jobs, work, and home. Ask any club leader or DG David Janssen for forms to apply. Yes, there is an upfront tuition for the program, but there is also a refund for most of it upon completion. Well worth it.

Going forward, there is another opportunity to speak about LCIF this coming week, and more opportunities after that.

The world's population is not shrinking, but growing and so providing more opportunities for Lions to serve others.

The LCIF motto is 'we care, we share, we accomplish'!

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

Lion Gordon Mulder

Lions Den

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

July 31, 2019.....1,129

Aug 31, 2020.....1,105

**YTD Members Added: 2
YTD**

**Members Dropped: ... -10
YTD**

Net Loss/Gain: -8

38 clubs

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

OCT. 24, 2020 UNITED NATIONS DAY

Lions Clubs International will celebrate 74 years of partnership with the United Nations by holding two Lions Day with the United Nations events to take place in New York, USA and Vienna, Austria. These events will commemorate our long-standing relationship as a consultative NGO to the UN dating back to 1945 when Lion leaders were asked to help develop the NGO charter for the UN.



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Lions Clubs International Education Opportunities

The following Institutes will be offered by Lions Clubs International.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region, and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$125.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: March 13-15, 2021
Location: Toronto, ON, Canada
Language: English

Submission Deadline: December 13, 2020

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search ALLI

Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

The Faculty Development Institute is a three-day institute that serves to develop and expand the number of skilled Lions faculty available for use in training at the club, district, and multiple district levels. The curriculum is designed to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Lions who complete the FDI are expected to be able to effectively deliver training sessions with provided materials. They should not be expected to create their own training materials.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as instructors at local Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. A candidate's training experience should include using PowerPoint to support training delivery. (Note: Participants will not be expected to create any materials while at the FDI, but it will be necessary to use PowerPoint and other provided materials for some activities.)

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. In compliance with board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$150.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: February 20-22, 2021
Location: Los Angeles, CA, USA
Language: English
Submission Deadline: November 22, 2020

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search FDI

LIONS SERVICE PROJECTS



October 15—Matching Diabetes, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, SightFirst and Lions Quest grants application submission deadline for consideration in January 2021 by LCIF Board of Trustees and the Lions Quest and SightFirst Advisory Committees.



MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Childhood Cancer T-Shirt Sales



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZC _____

Phone _____ District _____

T-Shirt: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ \$ 25.00

2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ 5XL _____ \$ 30.00

Long Sleeve - S-XL \$30.00 2XL & 3XL \$35.00

Send order form and check payable to:

'MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation'

Linda Albrecht

1021 5th Avenue NW

Perham, Mn. 56573

218-298-4743 pdglinda@gmail.com

N.A.M.I.

OK, quiz time, who remembers what NAMI stands for? Maybe a better question is what does it mean to clubs in 5M3? It is membership, right, membership at your club level. Are you doing a self-assessment regarding membership and service projects? Are you sure you know what the needs are in your communities? These are some things the leadership of your Clubs should be looking at to make sure you are doing what needs to be done. The four goals of NAMI, and it should be for your Club, is to have a net positive gain in membership this year, revitalize your membership, look at your service projects and how they impact your communities, and hopefully get a new club or two started in 5M3. Your District leadership can not do this for you, it must start with your individual clubs. We can help with the process, but you must grab this initiative to make it work. As of today, I have only received three participation forms back from Hadley Lions, Morgan Lions, and New Ulm Lions. If you have not completed your participation agreement yet, talk to your club leaders and members, then make your decision on participation, and return it to me. Questions, please give me a call or drop me an email. Your help and support are vital to the success of membership in 5M3.

IPDG Donald Kuehl
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W A N T E D

2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

March 18 - 21, 2021

Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN

We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the 2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!

Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included.

However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.

The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.

Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2020.

Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.

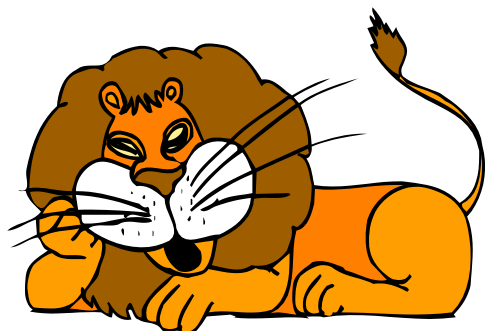
Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.

*If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:
Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com*

Participant Selection Guidelines

The following guidelines are to be used by the District Governor in selecting participants for the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

1. The applicant must be a Lion in good standing of a MD5M Lions Club in good standing.
2. The following Lions are not eligible to attend: District Governors, Vice District Governors, Past District Governors, International Directors and Past International Directors.
3. The applicant must have never attended a Lions Club International Leadership Institute.
4. The purpose of the Institute is to provide Leadership Development Training to emerging Lion leaders. The goal is to search out at least six emerging leaders in each of the 12 Districts in MD5M. Special concern will be for club leaders and less experienced Lions on the District Cabinet who could benefit from an experience attending a Lions Clubs International Regional Leadership Institute. Specific goals for the training are:
 - a. Expand the leadership ability of current and future District Officers and Cabinet members.
 - b. Strengthen the Leadership Development programs in each District by providing a stronger base of qualified Lion Leaders within each District.
 - c. Provide and support an ever-growing base of potential District leaders that are qualified to fill future positions as District Governors.
5. There should be no more than one applicant from any one Lions Club.
6. The applicant must be available to attend the entire MD5M RLLI. They must arrive on Thursday to register and attend the evening Icebreaker session, the Kickoff Breakfast on Friday, and all sessions through the closing session on Sunday.
7. The applicant must complete the MD5M RLLI Application Form, have it signed and submitted to their District Governor on or before December 1, 2020.
8. The applicant, once accepted, must provide a check for \$150.00 payable to MD5M Regional Leadership Institute to be submitted with their registration form on or before January 15, 2021.
9. Each participant that attends the entire Leadership Institute (Opening Session, Kickoff Breakfast, all Institute sessions, the Celebration Banquet and Closing Session) will receive a \$75.00 reimbursement to help cover expenses.



August 28, 2020

To: Council of Governors
From: Lion Dennis W. Kelly III
MD5M GLT Coordinator
Re: Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Barring any remaining impact from COVID-19 we are planning to hold the 2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes MN, March 18-21, 2021

We have an experienced faculty committed to the Institute and are now in need of 72 participants!!! It is our intention that each participant will be an emerging leader in each of your districts. We plan to identify, nurture, and mentor these future leaders of MD5M!! Many of you have had experience with previous Lions Leadership Institutes and recognize the value of this experience!

We have attached an application for participation in the Institute. We expect that applications will be returned to you by December 1st, 2020. You will then need to identify six (6) participants from your District and provide them with the Participant Registration Form (also attached). You will then put any additional applicants on a waiting list. The six selected participants will need to complete the Participant Registration Form and forward to Executive Secretary Bob Harms no later than January 15, 2021.

The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, a buffet breakfast on Friday, a Buffett lunch on Friday and Saturday and a banquet on Saturday evening. Hotel room costs, \$84.99 excluding tax, and additional meals are not included.

A \$75 rebate from MD5M, partially funded by a \$4,500 grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

Each District is allocated six (6) participants at the Institute; however, if some Districts do not fill their allotment, participants will be chosen from waiting lists in other Districts. All 72 student slots will be filled.

RLLI Participant Selection Process

The following guidelines are suggested for selecting and enrolling participants in the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

Provide Information:

Provide information on the Institute to all Lions in the District.

- Provide information on the Institute and a copy of the Application Form in the District Newsletter.
- Present information on the Institute at all Fall Zone Meetings. Distribute copies of the Application Form and Guidelines at the meeting.
- Send information on the Institute and Application to all Club Secretaries requesting that it be discussed at the Club meeting.

Solicit and Process Participant Applications:

Many Districts will have more than six Lions wishing to attend the MD5M RLLI. It is important to select the six participants who can bring the most value to their Lions Club and their District. The Participant Selection Guidelines spell out the criteria that should be used in the selection of the six Lions from each District. Following are some additional selections:

- Make sure that the information on the MD5M RLLI is made available to all Lions in the District.
- Form or select a committee to help in the selection process. This committee can suggest Lions who would be top candidates to attend the Institute and help in selection, from the applications that are submitted, the six Lions who will be chosen to attend.

Final Participant Registration:

By December 1st, all participant applications should have been received by the District Governor. At that point the District Governor, with the help of the selection committee, must screen the applications and choose the six participants that will be registered for the Institute. Two or three alternates should also be selected in case someone has to withdraw later. Alternated may also be selected if one or more Districts are not able to fill their six participant slots.

By January 15, 2021, the following must be submitted to Executive Secretary Bob Harms:

- The completed and signed Participant Registration Form for each participant.
- A check for \$150.00 payable to the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute, from each of the six participants.
NOTE: If a District does not register their six participants by January 15, their slots will be distributed to other Districts. All the 72 participant slots will be filled.

HAVE YOU FILED YOUR FEDERAL TAX FORM (990-N) FOR 2020?

Lions: **PLEASE** remember that all **Lions Clubs**, that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 MUST file the E-Postcard. Please note that this is an IRS requirement. This has to be filed online, and for most clubs it must be filed before **November 15** of this year (there are a few Lion Clubs that have a calendar year as their fiscal year and your club must file each year by May 15).

To file, the easiest way to do it is to go to the following website: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. Once you are at the site, you need to have the following:

Employer Identification Number (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer identification Number (TIN). Your secretary should have this, or you can get it for your club on the LCI website, www.mylci.org, then pull up your club; it will have the number listed. This is a nine digit number.

1. Tax Year Use July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
2. Legal name and mailing address
3. Any other names the organization uses.
4. Name and address of the principal officer.
5. Website address if the organization has one.
6. Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less.
7. If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business).
8. When you enter the site, it will ask for a User Name. Hopefully you wrote it down from the previous year. If not, you can create a new one.

You MUST complete this every year. If you miss for 3 years, your club loses its tax exempt status and you must pay a reinstatement fee to get re-registered. Avoid the pain, make sure that this is done at the latest by November 15 of each year, but do it early in case there is some glitch that needs to be dealt with.

~Lion Denise Nelson, District Administrator

REMINDER:

Postmark deadline for clubs' winning Peace Poster to DG Janssen is NOV. 15.

**WE NEED CHAIRS FOR:
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
PUBLIC RELATIONS**



CONTACT DG DAVID IF INTERESTED.
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VISION FACTS:

- ♦ 253 million people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI)
- ♦ 1.1 billion have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses
- ♦ >75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable
- ♦ 89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries





Another month has passed and I think most of us have survived. Hoping all is well with you. On the 12th of September we held our Woofaroo fundraiser and it was a huge success. We raised over \$70,000 from individual donors and sponsors to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities. Our next event will be Fall graduation. That will be held on October 24th with another 18 teams graduating. Anyone from the public is welcome to join us online. The event will premiere at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020, and will last about 30 minutes. Visit graduation.can-do-canines.org. We will also be doing Tails to Tell presentations twice a month. If you are interested, please feel free to attend one of the presentations. Once you register you will be sent a link that will give you the tour.



This month we will join Mike. Mike was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at birth. Symptoms primarily affect his left side. He has difficulty using his left hand to grasp heavy or small items, so he uses his right arm, with his left being his "helping hand." His balance is limited due to decreased mobility in his left leg, and he tends to trip easily. If he falls, it becomes a dangerous situation since he has a hard time getting himself back to a safe position. Despite these constant threats to his safety, Mike's determination to adapt enabled him to maintain employment and a sense of independence. He's able to move about without adaptive equipment, but he recently discovered that an assistance dog was just the right fit for his life. Mike's cousin first introduced the idea for an assistance dog, and an Internet search brought Mike to Can Do Canines. He applied for a Mobility Assist Dog in hopes of enhancing his quality of life to make it even better. He was soon matched with the endearing Ellie. A gentle soul to match, Ellie is a 2-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever whose greatest joy in life is just making her person happy. Her soft and kind demeanor are a perfect match for Mike, and the two have learned to support each other in all of their new adjustments to a flourishing partnership. Before Ellie, Mike struggled to carry bulky or multiple things. Ellie allows him to save his energy by tugging his laundry basket to him or bringing along items he can't carry. In public, Ellie will retrieve Mike's keys, wallet, or any object he's shopping for. Having Ellie to pick up and bring items to his hand means not compromising his balance to lean and reach for it. By tugging heavy or lower doors, she provides the same kind of security for him. Ellie loves accompanying Mike as much as possible, and Mike feels the same. He's been happy for their team from the first day. Until next month:

You can-D0-DCanines Chair: Lion Galen Engholm

Cell 507-920-7129

PS: If I can help you in any way please call.

LOOKING TO DO GUIDING LIONS TRAINING

- Guiding Lions Training is helping clubs be successful and help clubs with:
 1. Low membership
 2. Improve their clubs
 3. Motivate and support club growth
 4. Club development
 5. Locate resources available to assist the club.
- Please let GLT Wayne or DG David know if you are interested in this training. We will set this up as go-to meeting or do it in person and see what the interest is in what the members want.

STILL LOOKING FOR 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR!

Training will start October 15, 16, 17 at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. It would be great if a Lion member would step forward and take this position. You would start at the beginning of training and would not miss anything. The first year is easy and they do a great job of preparing you to be District Governor. It is a very rewarding experience where you will make lifelong friends. District Governors meet together and develop very good relationships and enjoy their year together. If interested please contact DG DAVID JANSSEN.

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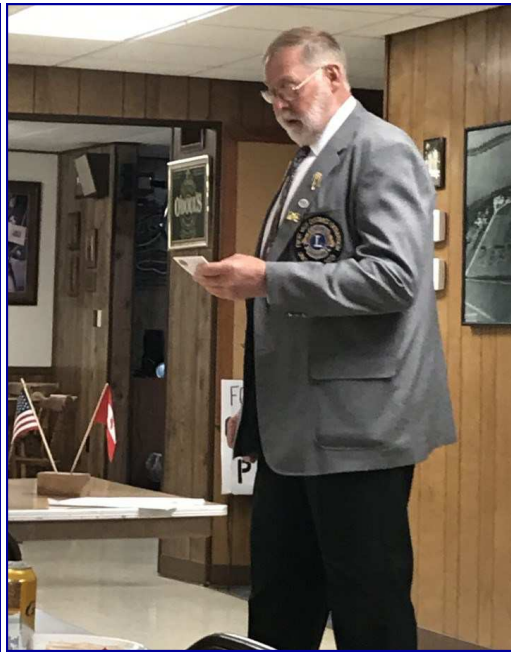


New Ulm Diabetes No Walk Fund Raiser

The New Ulm Diabetes No Walk Fund Raiser will be sponsored by the New Ulm and Lafayette Lions Clubs. We will not be meeting for an organized walk this year. Instead, we are asking you to walk on your own to find a CURE for Diabetes and to please send us a donation. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. The majority of these donations will be used at the University of Minnesota to research the CURE for Diabetes. Donations can be sent to: Bob Schirlinger, 801 N Payne St. New Ulm, MN 56073, Write checks to "MN Lions Diabetes Foundation" or, you can donate at <https://www.nudbwalk.com/> or search New Ulm Diabetes Walk 2020 on the Go Fund Me web site. A soft deadline for this year's Diabetes Walk is September 26th but, donations are appreciated anytime. Thank you for your generous support in the past. Hopefully, we will be able to gather for a fun walk next year. If you have any questions, please call Lion Bob at (612) 501-2719.

5M3 HAPPENINGS

ZONE MEETINGS



Zone 7 meeting was held Sept. 8 at Fox Lake Golf Course. Chair John Tirevold (far left) led the meeting. PDG Don (center) spoke on NAMI and DG Gordon (far right) gave speech on LCIF. Meeting was well attended.



Joint meeting between **Zones 3 and 4** was held at Slayton Pizza Ranch, with a couple guests from Zone 2. Zone 3 Chair Darren Saner led the meeting with help from Zone 4 Chair Edie Aas (left). Above L: 1VDG Gordon discussed LCIF and above R; IDG Don spoke on NAMI. DG Don encouraged clubs to recruit new members.

REMINDER:
Articles for newsletter are due by the 20th of the month!

5M3 HAPPENINGS



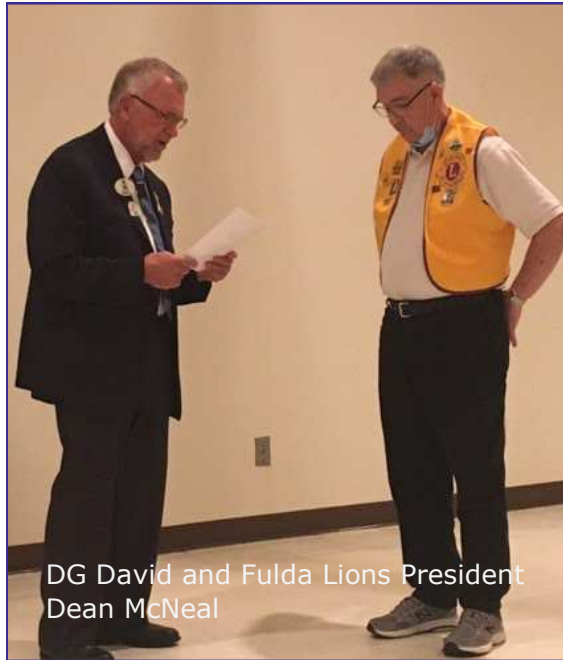
Tracy Lions Club visited by DG David Janssen



Since Tracy didn't have Box Car Days this year, the Lions gave out muffins to remind them that we are alive and functioning. Many of the people who came thanked the Lions for what we do.



DG David Janssen



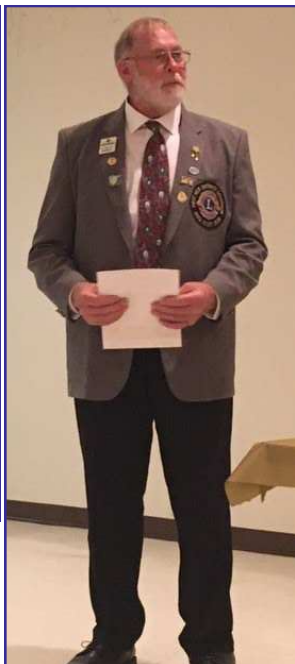
DG David and Fulda Lions President Dean McNeal



PDG Al Husfeldt (Hadley Lions President) and DG David



Hadley Lions hosted DG David, joined by Fulda Lions and VDG Gordon and IPDG Don. Officers were installed and numerous service year certificates were awarded.



GOVERNOR VISITS

5M3 HAPPENINGS—food and ditches



Granite Falls Lions held their final burger/brat fundraiser of the season. (above). September also brought the 2nd ditch cleaning.



ROAR!

Sleepy Eye Lions packed food for the Weekend Food Program at the Sleepy Eye Elementary School. Pictured above (L to R) Lions Connie Knutson, Ron Petersen, Al Lang and Mark Beito. This program feeds 50 students every week and the parents need to sign up to receive this help. Sleepy Eye Lions took 2 weeks of the program; furnishing the labor to pack food and financial sponsorship. This is a Service Project they had the opportunity to do for a cost of \$450.



Hadley Lions Club



Article borrowed from *Fairmont Sentinel*

Lions Club impacted by virus

By **BROOKE WOHLRABE**
Sentinel Coorespondent

FAIRMONT — The Fairmont Lions Club was organized in February of 1956. It's part of the large international organization that was started in 1917. The motto of all Lions Club is "we serve."

The local club raises money through different fundraisers and then donates it to a variety of charitable organizations.

Two of the Fairmont Lions Club's main fundraising projects include the fly-in breakfast, which takes place annually on the fourth Sunday in June at the Fairmont Airport. The popular pancake breakfast draws hundreds each year.

The ring toss game is a must-stop for many each year at the Martin County Fair.

Unfortunately, neither the fly-in breakfast nor the Martin County Fair happened this year due to COVID-19.

Money from membership fees, the fly-in breakfast and the ring toss are the group's primary funds.

The club's current president is Roger Bloomgren. Bloomgren is in his sixth year of being a Lions Club member. This is his first year serving as president.

Duane Nawrocki is a long-time member that joined the club in 1968.

"Sometimes we're one of the best kept secrets because we're out in public at the fly-in breakfast and the ring toss, but we forget to tell the community that we're doing these other things as well," Nawrocki said.

The Lions Club collects both hearing aids and eye glasses from various places in town. They support several diabetes programs, including Camp Needlepoint for youth and the International Diabetes Center in Minneapolis. They also do-

LIONS CLUB

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Above: Lions Club members serve up pancakes during a past fly-in breakfast at the Fairmont Airport. Photo courtesy of Duane Nawrocki

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nate to Can Do Canines.

"It's a firm in New Hope that trains dogs for people who have a disability," Nawrocki said.

Nawrocki went on to explain that the assistance dogs are for both adults and children who have a variety of health issues such as sight, hearing, balance and autism. Recipients receive an assistance dog at no charge.

"Not all of our money goes to the Minneapolis area or out-of-state," said Bloomgren.

He shared that some donations are given locally to Dollars for Scholars, Let's go Fishing and Kinship.

"Our club votes on the budget and then the money is dispersed," Nawrocki explained.

The Lions Club does several other projects with funds they raise each year. The club is responsible for constructing the shelter

houses at Amber Lake Park, Lincoln Park and Wards Park.

"We built them and donated them to the city," Nawrocki said.

Currently the Lions Club has about 22 members, but that number has fluctuated throughout the years.

"We had a lot more members way back when. We're just starting to do some serious recruiting," Nawrocki said.

The Lions Club is just one of many service clubs that lack the strong numbers they used to have. Many have said it's been a challenge to get younger members of the community to join.

Prior to the coronavirus, the Lions Club met twice a month. They would meet the first Monday of each month at Jake's Pizza for a business meeting. On the third Monday of each month, they would meet at

the Pizza Ranch for supper.

Lately, they've been meeting at the Amber Lake shelter house. They hope to go back to their old meeting schedule once there are less restrictions and it is safer to do so.

"When it comes to our two meetings we maybe get half the members coming, but when it comes to ring toss and the fly-in breakfast, everybody comes to help," Nawrocki said.

"Meetings are not mandatory, but you should try to go," Bloomgren said.

Bloomgren said they currently have a committee cooking up more ideas for fundraising projects.

"We're open to everyone. We have a Facebook page, Fairmont Lions Club People can reach out to us on that," Bloomgren said.

Nawrocki said anyone interested in the Lions Club can also call him at 320-492-1773.

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| | Hadley Lioness 2nd Wed; 6:30 pm Hadley Community Ctr Lioness Deb Helmke, Pres. | Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Railway Bar & Grill Lion Blair Fokens, Pres. | Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Tom Franta, Pres. | |
| Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres. | Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. American Legion Lion Teresa Rossow, Pres. | Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Karl Winderfeldt, Pres. | Hadley Lions 3rd Tues; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Al Husfeldt, Pres. | Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion Alan Hillestead, Pres. |
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