

5M4 Newsletter



Time to Serve



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Spring is here!

The snow is melting, the sun is shining, tulips are peaking through the ground, and we will soon see green grass, be mowing and be able to enjoy the MN outdoors!

Let's take advantage of this beautiful weather, spring air and jump start our spring Lions service projects! Some do ditch walking and food drives, others do pancake/hamburger/hotdog feeds, many volunteer to deliver meals on wheels and give rides to seniors and/or Veterans. What other spring projects does your club do?

I'm hoping many of you have gotten your COVID-19 shots and will be back to meeting with your clubs in person soon. We all need that socialization, and we need to revitalize our members and clubs! Please take time to send photos into the newsletter showing your new/creative ways to meet, completed services projects and how you serve your communities and Lions Clubs International.

Remember, new member dues are waived through June 30th and with that being said....LET'S HAVE A CONTEST!! Please take a look at the new member contest in this newsletter. My District Governor goal is for each club to end the year with +2 members. So, from April 1st - June 1st we will be having a contest amongst 5M4 clubs to see who can get the most new members during that time frame! Whatever club is the winner, myself, DGE Marty and 1st VGE Rob will be coming to your town and doing a burger cookout for your club! Let's make this challenge fun for everyone! I will post the top 5 clubs in the upcoming newsletters and on Facebook. I can't wait to see your clubs and District 5M4 grow our membership!

Just a reminder that the MD5M convention, which was supposed to be held in Mankato will be held virtually this year. Please find the enclosed poster and get registered today, its FREE and will take place on Saturday, May 1st. Also, please remember to register your delegates as we will be voting to endorse PDG JoAnn Odgen from Canada for International Director of CA-2.

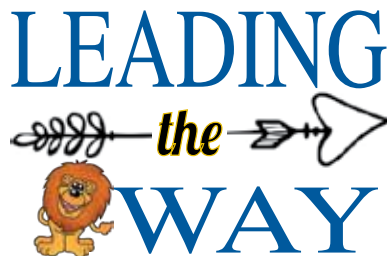
Lastly, I encourage you to look at your calendars and contact me to schedule a club visit. I am doing many of them virtually, due to Covid, but have a number of them scheduled for March and April for in person club visits.

Thank you for your service and being a Lions member!



District Governor
Kellie Knudson

**CONTACT KELLIE
NOW
TO SET UP YOUR
CLUB 'VISIT'!
320-226-4156
OR E-MAIL:
lionkellieknudson
@gmail.com
FORM INSIDE**



District Governor Kellie Knudson



**Lion Karla Athman and
1st VDG Lion Marty Athman**

the snowman, as we tried to uncover it's identity. Both teams failed miserably! When the Snowman head was removed, it was none other than 2IVP Brian Sheehan!

I am a bit embarrassed to say that even after he removed his head, I still had no idea who he was until he started laughing!

We are continuing to fill out next year's Cabinet and there are still spots available. I highly encourage anyone who has thought about serving at the District level to consider doing so. Please contact me at athmannmarty@hotmail.com or 320-522-0856 if you would have interest. Or better yet, if you may know of someone that you think would be a good candidate to help us out at the District level you can send me that persons name and I will reach out to them. It's always a good idea to volunteer someone when the don't know about it!!

*Some upcoming dates to remember are:
Multiple Dist. Convention—Sat May 1st
International Conv. June 25-29.
USA-Canada Leadership Forum Sept 9-11.
RLLI - Detroit Lakes October 21-24.*

This Leadership institute is amazing and I cannot encourage you enough to attend if at all possible.

Thanks for ALL you do!!!

DGE Marty (320)-522-0856

Hello, Hello, Hello

It always amazes me how fast time flies by us. We are already into March Madness and it seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the Holidays!

This has been a very busy month for me. I was able to attend DGE training earlier this month in St. Cloud. It was an incredible 2 days filled with lots of learning, lots of bonding for our class of Governors, and most importantly, a lot of FUN!!

We were visited by a surprise guest. The 5M snowman popped in on Thursday afternoon during our "team" building activity. Each team had 3 yes-or-no questions to ask



Success!

As I sit here writing this article, I keep thinking about the word 'success.' The accomplishment of an aim or purpose. The success of making it through winter months. The success of making it this far through a pandemic.

Things I am looking forward to is camping and hanging out with family and friends. My wife and I enjoy camping as many weekends as possible in the summer. And of course, the opportunity to getting back together with our Lions family. I miss being together with each and every one of you.

The word 'success' has so many meanings to so many people. As the GLT I am working with a group of Lions to bring to you something truly special. I had a talk with a great Lion and a friend, Micki Rogal, and she came up with this amazing idea. We are working on a program we call SUCCESSFEST. Yes, you read that right SUCCESS-FEST.

What is Successfest you ask? It is a one-day event where we as Lions get the opportunity to learn from each other's success. We get the opportunity to share ideas and share worries and plans. We will have some planned training, time to brain-storm and time to listen. We will do the things that have made multiple clubs successful. There is a reason clubs have been around for so long. Sauk Centre is celebrating 75 years of club activity this year. They didn't do it alone. They shared ideas, fund raisers, and issues with others. And as a team worked it out. That is why we are doing this event.

In the next month we will have more of the details together. Like date time and location. If you have any thoughts. Let me know and let's talk about it.

The District Governor journey has slowed this far. I have been in training and zoom meetings. My experience has been outstanding so far though. I have personally learned so much. I look forward to learning even more in future. Again, I thank you for this opportunity.

I have always said, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to ask me. I may not have the answer, but I do have the phone number to the person who does.

1VDGE/GLT Lion Rob Wiener

320-241-7100 5m4lionrob@gmail.com



**2st VDG Lion Rob Wiener
and Lion Jo Wiener**



2021 MD5M Convention – status updates as of 3.11.2021

District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention “Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree” on May 1, 2021 for a one-day virtual convention!

REGISTRATION IS FREE!!! **Register today** via online registration on the MD5M website ([lionsmd5m.org/Conventions/MD5M Multiple Convention/2021 Online Convention Registration](https://lionsmd5m.org/Conventions/MD5M%20Multiple%20Convention/2021%20Online%20Convention%20Registration) (Eventbrite). An in-depth letter explaining the convention changes was sent to all club Presidents and Secretaries in the Multiple with email addresses at the end of February. If you either your club president or secretary did not receive a copy of the letter, please contact your District Governor or convention@lionsmd5m.org.

As the convention nears, there will be links available to access Zoom and Facebook live for convention participation. This is an exciting year for the 2021 convention that will give the opportunity for all of you to join! There is no traveling required, no registration fee, no hotel or meal costs. An exciting fun filled day will be had by all! Do not miss this opportunity to Join the Jamboree!

Tentative schedule—beginning at 8 a.m.

- Welcome
- Service of Remembrance (2020 & 2021)
- Opening Ceremony
- Business meeting with online voting, which will include voting to endorse PDG Joanne Ogden, District 5M10, as International Director representing Constitutional Area 2, Canada
- Keynote speaker—PIP Frank Moore. Past International President Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.
- Awards—Peace Poster, International Essay Contest, Hall of Fame (2020 & 2021), Al Jensen Awards (2020 & 2021)
- Afternoon speakers (online) - three University of MN speakers -
 - MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Childrens Hospital
 - MN Lions Hearing Foundation, Dr. Bevan Yueh, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.
 - MN Lions Vision Foundation, Dr. Joshua Hou – Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight and Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences

Watch for additional information on virtual voting, silent auction and annual Foundation meetings as well as a separate flyer explaining a service project challenge to all MD5M clubs.

District 5M-2 is Looking forward to seeing you all ***Joining the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III – MD5M 2021 Convention!***



Lions Children's Hearing Center 10TH ANNUAL WALK



JUNE 5, 2021 9:30AM

We are going virtual this year for our walk to D-Feet Hearing Loss! Although we won't gather, the important work of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation doesn't stop so join us on June 5th wherever you are to support hearing health!

Your participation in this fundraiser helps us continue to meet our commitments to the Lions Children's Hearing Center at the University of Minnesota and the Department of Otolaryngology at the U of M. Kids are diagnosed and treated six days a week at the Lions Children's Hearing Center. Thanks to the Foundation's pledge to fund the new sound booth construction and equipment purchases, you can help us and the U of M provide support to even more kids! In addition, we continue funding research projects to find new cures and treatments for patients experiencing hearing issues and our Professorship endowment will facilitate teaching students who will help those with hearing loss well into the future.

YOU can help continue this important work by participating in our virtual walk on June 5. TOGETHER, we can all do our part to help D-Feet Hearing Loss!



To learn more visit us at:
5mhf.org or at facebook.com/5mhf.org

Catch the Dream...
...a world without Diabetes!



& Catch some Ca\$h

A Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation cash raffle.

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation will donate net proceeds from this cash raffle toward research to treat and cure Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes.

10 Winning Prizes! Tickets \$10

2 \$1,000 winners 2 \$500 winners

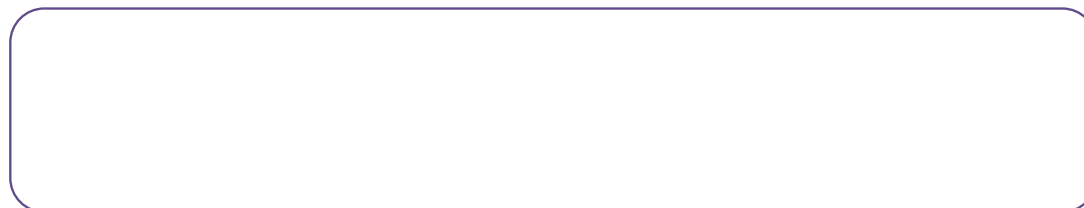
2 \$200 winners 4 \$50 winners

Minnesota Permit # X-93230-21-003

Drawing 7:30 a.m. **Saturday, May 1, 2021**

Ticket holders not required to be present to win. Winners will be notified.

**Contact your District Diabetes Foundation Trustee
for tickets & information!**



Visit MnLionsDiabetes.org for more information and contacts.



Mn Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.

Believe Award Application

Club Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Recipient:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please check:

_____ Memorial Donation \$1,000.00, given in memory of a deceased Lion or non-Lion.

_____ Cumulative Award - Accumulated gifts over time resulting in a \$1,000.00 donation.

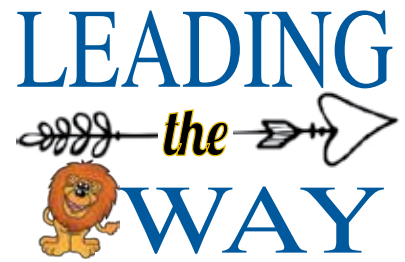
Mail or Email Application to:

Lion Genia Sjerven
14496 Geneva Ave N
Hugo MN 55038
sjerven@gmail.com

Mail Award to: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____



2020-2021 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION
Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify

Date _____

Club Number	Club Name	District
Member Number	2020-2021 Club President's Name	Email Address

1. MEMBERSHIP

Achieved a net growth of: _____ **or** Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch:
Name of club, or branch: _____

2. SERVICE

- Contributed to LCIF
- Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*
- List Three projects/events hosted by the club:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events. *Select all that apply:*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International | <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center | |

Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.
Improvements include: _____

4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media. Choose all that apply:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards | <input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

District	2020-2021 District Governor Signature*	Member Number	Date
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Due by: August 31, 2021
Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828
Awards Mailed to: 2021-2022 District Governors

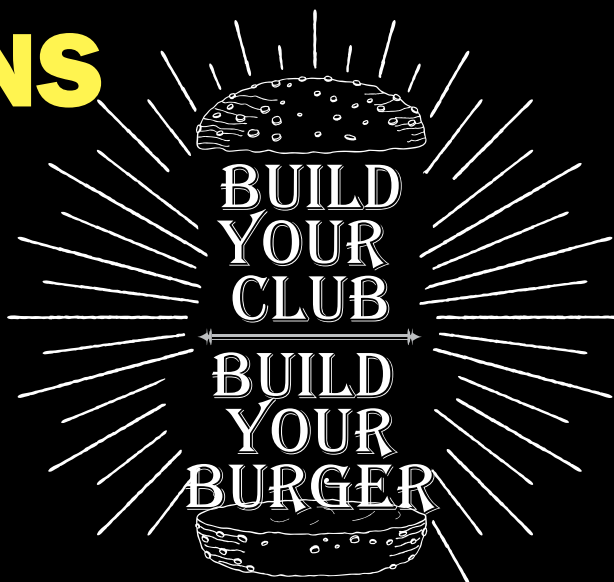
*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



5M4 LIONS

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST



April 1st to June 1st, 2021

The club with the most new members during this time period will win a burger cook out from District Governor Kellie Knudson, DGE Marty Athmann and 1st VDGE Rob Wiener!

TRY ONE OF THESE EASY ITEMS TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP!

Try a membership drive

Bring a guest to your next meeting

(spouses, co-workers, church friends, business co-workers, etc.)

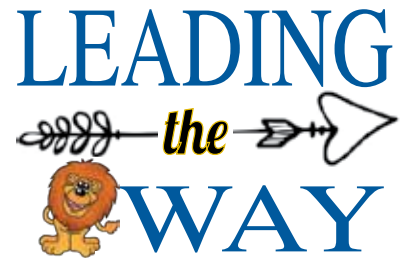
Letters or personal contact with local businesses

Contact with Chamber of Commerce

Place customized bookmarks in library books

Host an Open House

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!



PUT YOUR EVENT ON THE 5M4 WEBSITE!

Please let us know if you'd like us to post your 5M4 club event.

Send to patrickposl@gmail.com

Lion Kellie Knudson

District Governor 5M4

4171 340th Ave

Montevideo, MN 56265

Cell: 320-226-4156

E-mail: lionkellieknudson@gmail.com

Visitation requests are preferred for August through mid-

December and early January through late March. Two or more

clubs working together for a joint visit would be appreciated.

Lions 5M4 2020-2021 Request for Club Visitation by Lion Kellie Knudson

Lions Club Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Lion requesting the visit: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Dates of preference: 1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Time of social, if held: _____ Time of meeting: _____ Will there be a meal: Yes ___ No ___

Name of meeting location: _____

Address of meeting location: _____

Will there be other Lions Clubs represented? If so, please list: _____

What time will be best to meet with the executive officers? _____ Before the meeting would be preferred.

Would you like any of the following done?

District Governor Dress Code

1. Install Officers: Yes ___ No ___

Formal, in uniform: _____

2. Install Members: Yes ___ No ___

Casual, in comfort: _____

3. Present Awards: Yes ___ No ___

Spouse able to attend: Yes ___ No ___

4. Other, Please List: _____

Please mail this request form or email it to the appropriate address above. Thank you!

The date will be confirmed after checking the schedule and the requesting Lion is notified.



**Minnesota Lions Hearing
Foundation
Hearing Research Fellowship
Application**

The Hearing Research Fellowship Award can be presented to a club member, family member or member of the community by a local club on behalf of the MN Lions Hearing Foundation. For every \$1000 donated to the Hearing Foundation, a Club earns one recognition award. Please consult with your District Hearing Foundation Trustee to determine how many club credits your club has earned.

Please PRINT

Club Name: _____ District _____

Person submitting Application: _____

Address where to ship recognition: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Contact email address: _____

RECIPIENT:

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please Check Appropriate Fellowship:

_____ **Individual Fellowship** = gift totaling \$1000 made by individual, Lions Club, or Lions District to honor someone as a Lion Hearing Research Fellowship.

_____ **Memorial Fellowship**= gift totaling cumulative \$1000 given in memory of a deceased Lion or individual.

_____ **Cumulative Fellowship**= accumulated gifts over time resulting in \$1000 donation. Fellowship plaque awarded upon cumulative \$1000 donated.

_____ **Progressive Fellowship**= gift to honor an individual who has previously been awarded a Hearing Fellowship Award.

Amount of donation: _____ Check # _____ Date _____

Please send completed application to PDG Mike Vos, Foundation Treasurer for processing.

Check Payable to: **Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation**

Payment to: PDG Mike Vos, Foundation Treasurer
20472 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN 55338

Please allow 30 days to process & ship award recognition

Hearing Research Fellowship Application

This award can be awarded to a Lion, a community member or business or other organization the club chooses. The award helps with the ongoing hearing health research projects at the University of Minnesota.

This award can be given for every \$1,000 the club gives to our organization. Clubs can check with their trustees to find our their balance.



Early Identification By Newborn Hearing Screening

In 1999, the Lions Multiple District 5M Hearing Foundation established the first and only statewide screening program for the early detection c hearing problems in newborns.

With more than \$417,000 in contributions and a matching grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, WE created the Lions Newborn Hearing Screening Program.

This was an ambitious initiative designed to establish newborn screening, without state funding or mandate, in every birthing hospital in Minnesota. All newborns in Minnesota are now screened.

Thank you, Minnesota Lions!



PS. Don't forget to award members of your club with a Hearing Foundation award.

SAUK CENTRE LIONS



Out of the ordinary

PANCAKE DAYS

January, February & March



Due to the Covid Pandemic, we have decided to cancel our usual Annual Pancake Day. Because this is our largest fundraiser of the year, we are hoping to maintain our donations, so we have added a TWIST to our annual event.



We are hoping you will continue to support the Sauk Centre Lions by purchasing breakfast tickets and enjoying your meal at Tutti Fruitti or Trucker's Inn, any time during the months of January, February and March! Each ticket purchased for \$7.50 will get you a delicious breakfast meal consisting of:

2 pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns & beverage!

(SORRY, no substitutions. NOT all you can eat.)

Buy several tickets and eat multiple times at each location to help out in 2021!

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Sauk Centre Lions!

Buy Your Ticket Today from Any Lions Member or at MN National Bank, First State Bank, Central MN Credit Union, Schaefer's Market, Coborn's, SC Chamber of Commerce & Merchants On Main Street

— Proceeds go for —

- ◆ Fairy Lake Park
- ◆ Outdoor Skating Rinks
- ◆ Dollars for Scholars
- ◆ Vision, Hearing and Diabetes Programs
- ◆ Many other Lions Activities

Thank you for your continued support!



HELP BUILD UP A FUND FOR AFFORDABLE HEARING AID BY DONATING USED HEARING AIDS!

Most clubs and communities don't realize that it isn't **just glasses** that can be donated to Lions, but also **HEARING AIDS**. These are then sent to a place that refurbish them as needed and make them available at a lower cost. PLEASE LET YOUR COMMUNITIES KNOW ABOUT THIS!

Your contribution of used hearing aids makes a significant difference in the lives of those who would simply slip through the cracks.



Catch the Dream...

Together We Can

Lions improving health worldwide

Virtual Silent Auction

In lieu of an in-person silent auction at the MD5M 2021 Convention, our auction will be online. The auction will support the service of:

- Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Canada Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



Bidding Open

April 9th – April 16th



Join the fun!

View Auction Items Now at:

<https://lions.betterworld.org/auctions/lions-diabetes-childhood-cancer>

For more foundation information, visit:

MnLionsDiabetes.org MnLionsChildhoodCancerFoundation.org



LCIF = Our Lions Foundation - Donation Information Campaign 100 started July 1, 2018

- * Our district 5M4 targeted is to do our part for this 3 year campaign matching with the 100 theme:
 - > 100 percent participation
 - > \$100 average per club member per year with personal and club donations going into the average
- * Easy ways to donate are:
 - > Go to web address: lcif.org and set up ACH bank account or credit card automatic giving
 - > Go to lcif.org and donate with credit card

Mail with attached form to
 Lions Club International Foundation, Dept 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547
 or give to your president, secretary or treasurer
OR: Give or mail to: 5M4 Foundation District chair Craig Schellberg, 6233 97th Ave NE, Spicer, MN 56288. Phone/text: 320-894-6843 email: spicerlioncraig@gmail.com

For technical help: Phone 630-203-3836 or email: donorassistance@lionsclubs.org

Please Detach this form and include with donation

Date: _____

Name: _____ Member # _____

Address with town: _____

Donate to: ___ Empowering Service = Area of Humanitarian greatest needs
(pick one) ___ Disaster Relief
 ___ Half & half

Donation amount: _____ I plan to give this amount:
(pick one)
 ___ One time
 ___ Monthly
 ___ Yearly

I would like to receive a recognition pin (minimum \$50 donation): yes___ or no ___

Thanks for giving to Campaign 100 for others in need!



MD5M Lions

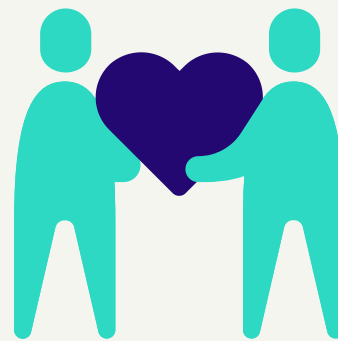
Annual Convention Call for Service

Even though we are not together,
let's be united in service during
our Annual Convention.

There are needs in every
community, and Lions ready to
serve. Join us in sponsoring a
Food Drive or Diaper Drive (both
adult and infant) in your home
community or surrounding areas.

Send us photos & number of
items collected and where you
donated them. Homeless
Shelters, women's shelters,
schools and food shelves are all in
desperate need at this time.

Join us in making a difference
locally.





How to help

About Us

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization. Where there is a need there is a Lion.

1 Start brain-storming what type of project your community needs (diaper or food drive) something else?

2 Begin promoting your project. Use traditional methods (radio, newspapers, flyers) but also use Social Media (Facebook, instagram, etc.)

3 Set up your collection sites and collect until April 30th or do another type of project.

4 Send photos and a recap of your event to 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com

Need more ideas or have questions?

Contact your District's Global Service Team or Rose Thies @ rthies001@gmail.com.



 @MD5M Lions



"In spite of the difficulties fundraising in the era of COVID-19, the Olivia Lions were still able to donate \$3,100 to local recipients including the Olivia Fire Dept. and Ambulance. Along with the Renville County food shelf."

AT LEFT: (l-r)Olivia Fire Dept. members Mark Everson, Randy Johnson, Chief Tim Seehusen, Lions Carol Buhr, Dick Hagen, Gladie Hagen, Richard Haugen and Ron Kubesh.

Pictured below are (l-r) Lion Dick Hagen, Food shelf volunteer Mary Ann Lewis, Lion Carol Buhr, Lion Richard Haugen, Food Shelf volunteers Phyllis Roker and Pat Dillon.

GREAT JOB OLIVIA LIONS!



WANTED
APPLY TODAY

?

2022 CABINET MEMBERS

DESCRIPTION

- ENERGETIC
- FORWARD THINKING
- CREATIVE
- DETERMINED

INDIVIDUALS.

REWARD

MANY REWARDING EXPERIENCES

Lions... We Serve





Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

Do you have a low-income person who needs hearing aids? There is a procedure that needs to be followed in order for your club to help out. First, that person must see an audiologist for a hearing evaluation. The audiologist should work with Medicare and/or Lions clubs to help with costs of hearing tests and later installation of hearing aids.

After the evaluation, if the person needs hearing aids, the audiologist needs to order hearing aids from Starkey (address below). Your district should have money in their Starkey account from the used hearing aids that your district has donated. This money will provide free aids for the person. The audiologist then calls territory account manager at Starkey to order hearing aids. Your district trustee will help get that information for you. The audiologist then will fit the aids. Lions Clubs may have to offer some financial assistance.



If your recipient is young person up to age 15, the audiologist may want to check with other hearing aids companies for grants to help with purchasing hearing aids for children.

Lions Club International also has more information and materials to help with hearing aids in a program called Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP) available only through local Lions clubs. To learn more about this project and for an application, go to <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/all/pdfs/lcif/lcif128.pdf>.





LEO'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

\$10 ticket includes: 1 of The Rivers famous big pancakes,
2 sausage links, juice or coffee (no substitutions)

Purchase your \$10 ticket from any Leo member or stop by the Community Education office at Sanford. Tickets can be used the entire month of April at The Rivers. Ticket must be presented at the restaurant when ordering and are only valid April 1- 30, 2021



DAILY 6 AM-8 PM

610 W Hwy 212 | Montevideo | MN | 56265

BENEFITS GO TOWARDS Childhood Cancer

Made with PosterMyWall.com



Anyone wanting a ticket can reach Marie Reszel at marier@montevideo-schools.org or 320-269-6538 ext. 3264



International Director Candidate

It is an exciting time to be a Lion in Canada this year! This is the year that the Canadian Lions of 5M10, 5M11, and 5M13, had the responsibility of choosing a candidate for International Director for the year 2023-25. I am humbled and honored to be the endorsed Candidate not only for our amazing organization but to also represent our great country of Canada.

Born in Winnipeg, MB and raised on a farm in the suburbia of Emo, ON I am no stranger to hard work. An honor student throughout my schooling, including nursing school, and in a multitude of courses and education completed since. I am a 36 year old veteran of nursing having nursed in ICU, in home care and currently in public health doing my part in COVID19. I have volunteered my nursing skills in both Haiti and Guatemala and have been honored with National Nursing Award of Excellence in 2018. I volunteer some of my spare time as the chair of our local hospital organization board.

My family has been hugely supportive in my Lions journey as we are now 3 generations of Lions (Father, Mother, husband, daughters) and my granddaughters can't wait until they are able to join as well. Charter member of Emo and District Lions and now Charter member of NWO Cyber Lions I have been a Lion since 2010. I am a graduate of RLLI, presented at Northern Pride, as well as at the USA/Canada Forum in Spokane and the International Convention in Milan. I completed my Faculty Development Institute training with LCI this past January. I continue my contributions with Lions at our Club, GMT for the District and as well as the current Multiple District GMT. I am the NAMI champion for 5M10, the Chair of the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NWO, as well as a director on MD5M KidSight Foundation.

I have been honored with many achievement awards in Lions including a Progressive Melvin Jones, a Presidential Leadership Award, Stew Peever award and most recently the PID Ben Ward Fellowship. I have created several successful fundraisers to support both the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and NWO as well as my current one for LCIF.

I believe in the Principles embodied by the Lions Code of Ethics, I believe in tradition but I embrace change... not for the purpose of just change but for a change that has purpose. I believe that the success of our organization requires the eyes and voices of our youth, the knowledge of our elders and the strength and commitment of those brave enough to make the changes required. I believe in diversity and inclusion not just through our words but through our actions. I also believe that I am brave enough and committed to contribute to the betterment of our organization, our districts, our clubs and our members.



PDG Joanne Ogden
Canadian Endorsed Candidate for
International Director CA-2
Lions Clubs International

Lions Club:

- District Governor 2018-2019
- Multiple District Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson 2019-2020
- Multiple District Global Membership Chair, 2020 – Present
- Director MD5M KidSight Foundation 2018-2021
- Bachelor and Masters degree Lions University
- Board Chair Lions Foundation Manitoba and NWO

Vote
2023
Joanne



SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MD5M PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

MD5M PIDs consisting, in order of seniority, Lions Ben Ward, Ross Thorfinnson, Debra Wasserman, Brian Sheehan, Mike Molenda and Bruce Beck approved these Supplemental Recommendations that address concerns raised following the October Council meeting. We realize that we do not, nor should we, have any power to select an International Director candidate from MD5M. But we also have a sense of history from which we can, and should, make recommendations.

We note that we are a strong and proud International Multiple District, with friends on both sides of the border. This is reflected in our motto, "Hands Across the Border". Our status as an International Multiple District also gives us an opportunity to have one of our Lions to be the lone Constitutional Area II (Canada) International Director.

To keep one province, Ontario, from monopolizing the Canadian International Director position, the Canadian Leadership has instituted a handshake agreement as to the residency of the lone Canadian International Director. The rotation, per PIP Judge Stevenson, is set out below:

2019-2021 - West (ID Allan Hunt)

2021-2023 - Ontario

2023-2025 - West (at the moment, the Canadian side of MD 5M - Manitoba/NW Ontario - is favoured, as that area has not had an International Director representing Canada for 20 years)

2025-2027 - Ontario

2027-2029 - East

2029-2031 - Quebec

2031-2033 - West

2033-2035 - Ontario

2035-2037 - West

2037-2039 - Ontario

2039-2041 - East

The western provinces consist of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and MD5M (Manitoba and NW Ontario). Those 4 provinces also rotate within themselves. This means that once every 14 years MD5M will have a chance to elect an International Director from Canada.

In January 2019, MD5M had 2 PIDs from Canada, the late PID Dr. Bud Danylchuk (1978-80) and PID Ben Ward (1999-2001). We believe the next opportunity for an MD5M Canadian Lion to be a Canadian International Director will be the one to be placed on the Board for the 2023-2025 term (immediately after Lion Brian Sheehan completes his term as IPIP/LCIF Chair). Under the Canadian Rotation, the next opportunity after 2023-2025 for a Canadian MD5M Lion to serve as an International Director would be 2031-2033.

We believe that is too long and it is impractical to expect PID Ben to serve effectively until then. Therefore, we recommend that if there is a qualified International Director candidate from 5M13 or the Canadian portions of Districts 5M10 or 5M11, we hope the Lions of MD5M would support her or him at the 2022 MD5M Convention to stand for election at the 2023 International Convention.

We also recommend that the Lions of MD5M endorse an International Director candidate to be elected to the International Board as soon as possible after the 2024-2025 Lions year.

Thank you for your consideration and time it has taken you to read this material, and most of all for your service.



Basic Info/history for Lion Joanne Ogden's campaign team.

1. Last International Director (ID).from MB/NWO was BJ. Ben Ward, 1999 - 2001. Canada, Constitution Area II
2. Only other recent International Director. from Canadian part of MD5M was Dr. Bud Danylchuk, 1978 - 1980. He sat on the USA seat, Constitution Area I. He passed away recently.
3. Candidate PDG. Joanne Ogden of EMO, ON won the election to become an ID. Candidate for the Canadian part of MD5M in January 2021. She won over PDG. Doug Wiens of Grunthal, MB.
4. The next step to get on the ballot at the International Convention is to get the endorsement of MD5M at the Multiple Convention in April 30/May1, 2021.
5. Canadian candidates from MD5M are elected to Constitution Areas II. USA Candidates are elected to Constitutional Area I. Consequently there should be no conflict.
6. Earlier in history, by a hand shake agreement, Canadian Lions from coast to coast decided that a rotation system should decide the area from where an ID would be elected.

Recent rotations are:

- 2001-2003 - Ontario – Art Woods
- 2003-2005 -East - Sherry, NS.
- 2005-2007- Ontario – Terry Graham
- 2007-2009- West – Dr Patti Hill , Calgary
- 2009-2011 - Ontario - CarlYoung
- 2011 -2013 - West – Marvin Chambers, SK.
- 2013 -2015 - Quebec – Yves Leveille
- 2016-2017 - East – Rod Wright, NB.
- 2017- 2019 - Ontario – Tom Gordon
- 2019-2021 - West – Allan Hunt, BC.
- 2021-2023 - Ontario. ??
- 2023-2025 - West - MB/NWON.

Note: Ontario for 3 terms then Quebec. The East and the West alternate between the Ontario/ Quebec seats. Also note Canadians are elected on uneven years - West-1999-2001, West-2023-2025 are examples.

7. Again back in history, the USA. Multiples along the Canadian/ USA border decided that no longer would Canadians be allowed to sit on a USA seat in Constitutional Area I. PID. Jack Isaman of Calgary (1997-1999) was the last Canadian to do so
From the Canadian rotation system and the fact that Canadians could not sit on the USA seat, it became evident in MD5M that some time in history a conflict could occur.

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7. Continued: Added to our problem, was the fact that no protocol had been established to trade rotation positions

The problem mentioned in #7 has occurred and would affect the Canadian rotation period 2023 - 2025. It seems that the USA Past International Directors decided they should promote an ID. Candidate for this time period, without knowing that the Canadian rotation was reserved for the Canadian portion of MD5M.

A USA. Candidate was named and promotion started.

Word got out that MB/NWON Lions were also gathering names to run for Canada ID. Candidate for the period 2023-2025. PID. Ben Ward was tasked with the job of finding the best candidate.

2nd VP. Brian Sheehan called a meeting of all the PID.'s . A major discussion took place, where ideas were exchanged and finally a recommendation was agreed upon to be sent to the Council of Governors.

The Canadian Lions in MD5M are very appreciative of the USA PID.'s and the Council of Governors for withdrawing the USA. Candidate, and allowing a MB/NWON Candidate to run in their rotation position.

8. The final requirement to become an ID. Candidate (USA or Canada) is to get the endorsement of the Multiple District at a Multiple Convention. This is when all delegates, USA and Canadian, get to vote to endorse. This is also why the candidate then represents the whole multiple.

Final Note: LCI does not recognize the Canadian rotation system so LCI Legal may state that anyone, USA or Canadian, can run for the ID. Position CA.II.

The hand shake agreements and serious discussions were made to keep the district MD5M a strong, united, friendly, International area.

So far elections seem to work fairly smooth when Lions understand the history of our Multiple District

PID. Ben Ward.