



5M4 Newsletter



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2023



What a Year!!

So far, this last year has been UNBELIEV-
LY AWESOME. My wife and I were able
to make it to all but 3 midwinter conven-
tions, The reason we missed two of them
was they were the same weekend as ours.
The other one, I was presenting at the
midwinter in Rochester. Every midwin-
ter convention throughout the multiple is
unique in its own way. It is fun to see what
each district does. I highly recommend it
if you get a chance to go to a different dis-
trict convention. Or even a different club
meeting. Share ideas, or just sit and listen
to what they are doing.

We have also gotten the opportunity to
visit almost every club so far. This has
been nothing short of amazing. we have
met so many great Lions along the way.
I have also learned. so much from all of
you. I say THANK YOU. Thank you for
supporting the district goals and for wel-
coming me into your clubs.

At the last council of Governors meeting
in Roseville I was elected as next year's
Council chair. What this means is I will
be able to help the next group of District
Governors achieve their goals. I am truly
looking forward to this next step in Lion-
ism.

With that, Lion Jo and I will attend the
Multiple convention in St. Cloud. Also
we re attending the International conven-
tion in Boston. We are inviting everyone



**DG Lion Rob Wiener
and Lion Jo Wiener**

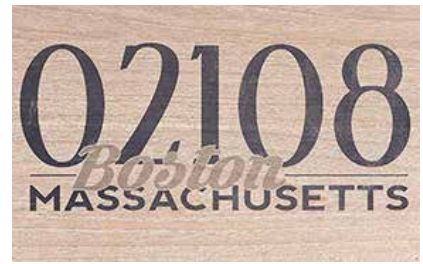
to join us in St. Cloud and in Boston. It
is not too late to register for either one.
Remember our International president
Lion Brian will there.

At the multiple convention we have a
number of decisions that need to make
for the Foundations (see Vision Founda-
tion letter). So come and cast your
vote and have your voices heard.

Remember if you have any thoughts
questions or concerns never hesitate to
call, text, or email me. I may not have
the answer but I do know the person
who does.

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5m4 DG Rob Wiener
5m4lionrob@gmail.com
320-241-7100





PDG Bob Kulberk and 1st VDG Sue Kulbeik

SIGN UP!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/g60B0E49AAAA2AA6FB6-mnlions1>

Newsletter website Facebook page.

Lion Rob

A note from DGE Sue

Officially, spring has sprung! Although it may not look like it yet, I'm sure things will start melting soon, and I can't wait.

Recently, we attended District Governor training in the Twin Cities, followed by the Council of Governors. We toured Can-Do-Canines, the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, the Diabetes Foundation, and the Lions Eye Bank. It was a whirlwind day, and a LOT of information to take in. The overwhelming feeling, we all agreed, was that we are so proud to be affiliated with Lions organizations who serve so many. I wish each of you could see all of the miracles that happen every day in these organizations because of your hard work and donations. It really makes it all worthwhile. While at the Council of Governors meeting, I was so proud to see our very own DG Rob Wiener be elected as Council Chair for next year! Congratulations to him and Lion Jo for this honor. I look forward to continue to working with both of them next year.

I can't tell you how excited I am about the upcoming Multiple Convention in St. Cloud in May! 5M4 is the host District and the committee has put together an AMAZING group of speakers, events, and fun. I sure hope you are all planning to attend. I know it will be something you will remember forever.

One of the speakers will be our very own International President, Brian Sheehan, or Just Brian as we know him around here. He will be sharing stories of his year, his travels, and all the wonderful things he's done and seen.

Another speaker will be a friend of mine – Mark J. Lindquist. If you haven't been following him on Facebook, you really should. He is an Air Force Veteran, who continues to serve others. He is currently in the Ukraine working to provide supplies, clothing, medical products, you name it, to the Freedom Fighters and the people of the Ukraine. He has amazing stories to tell and will share some of the extraordinary ways he has raised funds for his non-profit foundation. We'll also have a service project to help make life easier for the people of the Ukraine – including Lions members we are working with from there.

Remember the “Miracle on Ice”? I sure do. Those young kids going up against the world in Olympic Hockey was really something to see. One of the players will be speaking at our Sunday morning breakfast at the Multiple Convention.

We have exciting news to share! One of my goals I have established for my year as District Governor is the implementation of a program called Lions Alert. This began with our Past District Governors, but I wanted to really get it going so DG Rob allowed me to get a jump on things. I have organized a couple of meetings of a core group of Lions and so far, we have voted to add a cabinet position for this program AND already named Lion Bonnie Lay of the Forada Lions as the chairperson for the program. There will be lots more details coming soon, but start thinking who would be a good person in your club to designate as the contact person. The District Leadership, Zone Chairs and the Past District Governors will be available to come speak to your club about the program. Your club contact person will be part of a District-wide communication network should any type of emergency strike our District. Also, think about what resources your club can offer to an emergency or aftermath situation. More later....

Be sure and follow your District news and events on Facebook. We are listed as “Lions District 5M4”. If your club has a Facebook page, please let us know so we can follow and share your information. If you don't have a Facebook page but would like one and have someone to administrate it, let me know and we'll get you set up. Social Media is the way to go for communication and free advertising – but you have to keep putting out information to keep it fresh!

Have a great spring and be sure and contact me if I can be of help.

DGE Sue Kulbeik

kulbeik@hotmail.com

Cell phone: 605-949-0161



Full Page \$175 – 6.5” wide x 8” tall - Add color for \$20

EXCLUSIVE Back inside Cover in Color = \$225

EXCLUSIVE ~~Back outside Cover in Color = \$225~~ Sold

EXCLUSIVE Inside Front Cover in Color = \$225

(available on first-come basis)



Half Page \$90 – 6.25” wide x 3.7” tall

Add color for \$10

Deadline for Ad Submission is March 31st, 2023

Submit print-ready ad or ad info to Lion Todd Neumann at deerhilltgn@gmail.com

Note: Ads can be sent print ready as a PDF. Resolution: 300 Color must be CMYK or B&W (grayscale)

Questions: Contact Lion Todd Neumann at 320-295-6002 or by email.

Please remit payment to your sales person or send to Lion Todd Neumann at 91670 Wagon Wheel Rd, Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783. Make checks payable to: MD5M Lion Convention.

This is info about running an ad for your club or event in the 2023 MD5M convention booklet!

2023 MD5M Lions Convention Booklet Ad Sale Information

Thank you for considering an ad in our 2023 MD5M Lions Convention booklet. We will be printing 300-400 of these booklets which will be used every day of the convention. The booklets will then be sent home with our attendees and used for reference throughout the year.

The Lions are involved in both local and international programs to help people improve their lives. Thank you for helping raise funds for their community service programs!

Businesses: Promote your goods and services to this group of community-serving Lions.

Clubs: Promote your club's favorite project(s) – share your successes and ideas. Support the convention!

Programs: Promote your Lions Program or Foundation. Share your successes and needs with MD5M Lions. Support the convention!

Quarter Page \$50

3” wide x 3.75” tall

Add color for \$5

Eighth Page \$30

3” wide x 1.75” tall

Deadline is March 31 so act NOW to get an ad in!



PENGUIN SOCK-WALK



MD5M 2023 CONVENTION FUND RAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LUNCH!

PROCEEDS GO TO

TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Receive a Penguin Sock-Walk pin for a minimum donation of \$20.

Register in advance at the registration table.

Walk in your favorite Penguin Socks! (not required) All penguin attire welcome and encouraged!

All walking will be indoors at the Holiday Inn. One lap around the center of the hotel pool area.



William Taunton, Jr. honored

Spicer Sunrise Lions honor William Taunton, Jr, owner of the Green Lake Mall, for allowing the Lions space in the mall corridor for their projects. As part of the club's recycling mission, boxes are made available for collecting used eyewear (including sunglasses), cell phones, and hearing aids. All of these are recycled and provided to people in need. The Soles for Souls box collects used footwear to be sorted and sent to third world countries. All footwear is accepted since unusable pieces are ground up for paving. Nothing goes to the landfill. In December, Lions use mall space for one WinterFest raffle ticket sales location. Right: Spicer Sunrise Lions president Lori Schellberg presented an appreciation plaque to William Taunton, Jr. The club appreciates having this space available to the public for these charitable projects.

PEACE PLEASE

UKRAINE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

♥ ♡

BRING NEW SOCKS, GLOVES, HATS, RAIN PONCHOS OR CASH DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE SERVICE PROJECT AT THE MD5M CONVENTION MAY 5TH 12:00-3:00





103rd Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

May 5-7, 2023

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

HIGHLIGHTS

IP Brian & Lion Lori Sheehan
Live, in-person and not flat!

Mark Lindquist
Motivational Speaker

Ukraine Service Project

Sheehan Foundation Penguin
Sock Walk

Starkey Hearing Session

John Harrington
1980 Olympic Miracle on Ice



REGISTER ONLINE
If you plan to pay by check, it is kindly requested you fill registration out online. Details for mailing the check are included there.



MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA



**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



Complete 1 form per attendee

**May 5-7, 2023
Holiday Inn & Suites
St. Cloud, MN**

www.lionsmd5m.org

Registration Questions? contact Dennis Heinen
320-491-3996

heinende@centracare.com

OR

Nikki Fisher, Visit Greater St. Cloud

320-202-6712

nikki@visitstcloud.com

Name _____
Title _____
Your District Club & Name _____
Phone Number _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
Email _____

Are You A... Lion Leo First Timer

Will you require Braille Documents at the Convention? YES NO

PRICE INCREASES TO \$160.00 MARCH 1, 2023 **\$AMOUNT**

Full Hospitality Book	\$160.00	USD	includes all meals and registration fee	<input type="text"/>
Registration is included in any meal chosen below:				
Friday Night Social	\$25.00	USD		<input type="text"/>
Saturday Breakfast	\$30.00	USD		<input type="text"/>
Saturday Lunch	\$35.00	USD		<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$55.00	USD		<input type="text"/>
Sunday Brunch	\$30.00	USD		<input type="text"/>

CIRCLE Saturday Banquet Option

Stuffed Chicken Roasted Pork Shoulder Wild Mushroom Fettuccine

Special Dietary Needs: _____

★ **Make Checks payable to Lions MD5M Convention**
PCC Dennis Heinen 12069 Bluegill Drive
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Cancellation fees apply - NO cancellations accepted
after April 1, 2023



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www.e-district.org/sites/5M4

APRIL 2023



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk

TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS



JUNE 3, 2023
9:30 AM

MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM - CHASKA, MN

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2023mlhfwalk/>
- Text DFEET2023 to 50155 to register or donate!

Sign up Today!



Minnesota Landscape
ARBORETUM

Need something in the newsletter? Send to: anneo@runestone.net



“Catch the Dream” *...Life Without Diabetes!*

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2023

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

2000 steps = 1 mile

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own

Be a part of a team

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens February 1, 2023

\$30 Registration Fee

T-Shirts available



Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health.

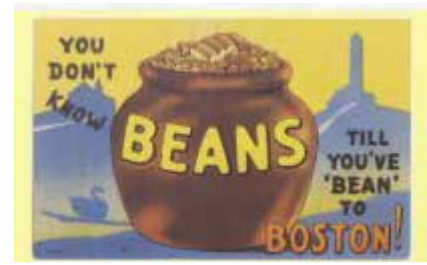


Net Proceeds benefits
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
MNLionsDiabetes.org

Contact
Lion
Amy or
Lion
Lori for
additional
info
e-mails are:

aswenson@
isd2342.org

lorischellberg@
gmail.com



Pennock Lions donate AED unit

The Pennock Lions have installed an AED unit in the Pennock Community Center with the help of the Mid Minnesota Development Commission. Pictured are Lions President Bruce Luepke and member Melanie Crowley presenting the AED to Pennock Mayor Kevin Crowley.



Spicer Sunrise Lions deliver school supplies

Spicer Sunrise Lions president Lori Schellberg delivered the school supplies boxes to Child Guide Ashley Larson at Lakeland Elementary School in Willmar pictured here. The supplies for Prairie Woods Elementary School were delivered earlier.

**‘WE
SERVE’**

Little tomato plants
will produce big
tomatoes!



Elise Meyers, Katrina Rogahn, PA-C MPAS at Lake Region Healthcare in Elbow Lake, Mark Dewey representing the Elbow Lake Lions, and Jayson Thompson

Elbow Lake Lions club steps up to help local diabetics

by Lion Mark Dewey, Pharm.D., BCGP

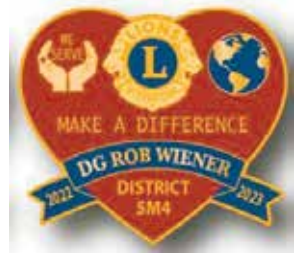
In the United States, current statistics reveal that 37.3 million people have diabetes, which is 11.3% of the US population. Of the individuals who have diabetes, 28.7 million people are diagnosed and 8.5 million people are undiagnosed.

With these statistics in mind, the Elbow Lake Lions recently approved and provided a \$2,000 donation to the LRH (Lake Region Healthcare)-Elbow Lake Foundation. It is to be used to aid those in the LRH-Elbow Lake service area who are in need of assistance to cover some of the costs related to their therapies that they fill at Trumm Drug in Elbow Lake, MN. When word of this donation made it to the Lions District 5M-4 meeting leaders, they matched this grant with another \$2,000 gift. That is \$4,000 to help those in need who have diabetes!

Diabetes prevalence is approximately 17 percent higher in rural areas than urban areas. Poorly controlled diabetes, whether you know you have diabetes or not, can lead to increased risk of damage to your kidney, heart, blood vessels, and nerves. The American Diabetes Association suggests that people with diabetes incur average medical expenditures of \$16,752 per year, of which about \$9,601 is attributed to diabetes. On average, people with diabetes have medical expenditures approximately 2.3 times higher than what expenditures would be in the absence of diabetes. Due to these statistics, the Lions Club International includes Diabetes in their Five Pillars of Service; which also include Vision, Hunger, Cancer, and Environment.

At Lake Region Healthcare-Elbow Lake, Katrina Rogahn, PA and Jayson Thompson, Pharm.D., work with many individuals with diabetes to find the best therapies to monitor and treat high blood sugars. Many of the therapies that are standard treatment, including insulin, can be expensive whether someone has insurance coverage or not. There are many patient assistance programs available, but occasionally people have to decide on skipping needed insulin, or other essential therapies, due to cost. This can be catastrophic in certain diabetes patients. The Lions are helping with these costs with their donation.

For any questions on this program, please contact Jayson Thompson, Pharm.D., Pharmacy Manager at LRH-Elbow Lake, or Elise Meyers, Pharm.D. at Trumm Drug in Elbow Lake



Lion Portal Important Dates!

7/15/23-7/24/23: Target Conversion Date

Before 6/15/23: Enter all club officers for 2023-2024

Before 6/15/23: Enter service activity for events prior to 6/1/23. Reporting for 6/1/23 going forward will be in the new system after conversion

Before 6/15/23: Record any club or donations to LCIF are in the bank with the appropriate supporting documentation for recognition.

Before 6/15/23: Make sure club data is accurate for this year (2022-2023). For Example, new members, sponsors, new clubs formed, transfers and other end of year activities specific to clubs are correct and recorded in MyLion/MyLCI

- Make sure every member has an email listed and no shared emails can be used in the new LIONS PORTAL
- Make sure member birthdays are entered since birth dates in MyLCI will be converted - even the old conversion 1/1/1900 date! Hint: in MyLCI under reports run "Member Information Update Report" and have your members update their info!
- Training is slated to begin in late April 2023 - Stay tuned!



HARVEST PACK EVENT

Facilitated by The Forada Lions



Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Volunteers Needed!

Times: Noon, 2PM, 4PM, & 6PM

Location: Forada Fire Hall

Goal: 100,000 Meals

\$25,000 in Donations Needed

by April 5th

Send donations to: 11791 Maple Springs Dr SE, Alexandria, MN 56308
If questions call 602-403-9542

122,000 meals were packed last year with the support of many organizations, businesses, and churches - as well as over 250 volunteers



Meals are sent to Haiti and local Minnesota Food Distribution outlets.



The Muddy Boot in Forada is offering a 25% discount on April 13th to those who help with the project



Let's go to BOSTON!

Have you made your travel plans for the new year yet? Here is a great opportunity; for learning, serving, and to have some fun!! Our own 5M4, International President Lion Brian will be passing on his duties during this time; he is an unbelievable motivational speaker, you will not want to miss this!!

Also a plug for Facebook if you do social media... if you have not "Liked" the pages yet, please find the Lions International page and the 5M4 page. There is a lot of items shared on these to keep you connected.

The Lions International Convention will be held in Boston this year; July 7-11. Please click on the link below for more information and to complete your registration online!

<https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/>

Cabinet Members – a quick link for you.

Clubs – please forward this to your members and encourage them to attend as well. This is a great experience in a great city! Sincerely, Lion Susan Krumrey, 5M4 Cabinet Secretary



SEPT. 21-23, 2023

THE ROW • Reno, Nevada

**EARLY
REGISTRATION**
ENDS MAY 31, 2023

FREE PARKING
at The Row hotels

**NO SHUTTLES
NEEDED**
all Forum hotels are connected
in six city blocks

**4
INSPIRATIONAL
SPEAKERS**
during meals

3 RESORTS – ONE DESTINATION
El Dorado • Silver Legacy • Circus Circus

THE ROW Reno offers 24-hour entertainment with access to 23 restaurants, 23 bars and lounges, and several venues and nightspots all within day-trippable range of world-class recreation destinations.

4 MEALS
included with
registration

**OVER 80
SEMINARS**





Visit LionsForum.org for more information



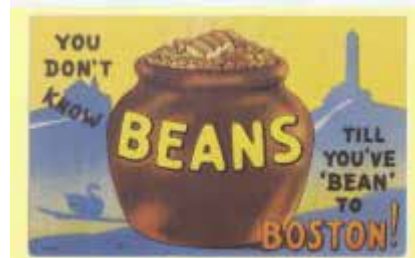
<http://www.5mhf.org>

As I have traveled this last couple of months with club visits and district conventions, I am always overwhelmed with the generosity of Lions and their clubs. We have many projects that we have supported over the years with your donations – and continue to support--to help those with hearing needs.

Lion Michele Plagman, Chair "Believe and Be Heard"

<p>A statewide newborn hearing screening, the first in the country to do so in 1999.</p>	<p>Hearing aid loaner programs for infants, children and adults with side effects from cancer</p> 	<p>Research grants that bring future medical solutions to fruition by providing space, equipment and money necessary to support promising ideas. Some that are in the process of researching are: tinnitus, nerve replacement, and cochlear implants</p>	<p>State-of-the-art updates to previous projects, including diagnostic equipment for the Children's Hearing and ENT clinic and the U of Minnesota temporal bone lab</p>
<p>Affordable Hearing Aids Project</p> <p>Talk to your local Lions club for more information</p>	<p>Portable testing device for hearing</p> 	<p>Used Hearing Aid collections</p> <p>Please donate by placing them in the eye glass donation boxes</p>	<p>U of M Lions Fellowship chair – Hubert Lim,</p> <p>noted researcher and professor with the University's otolaryngology department, who is working to cure deafness</p>

Thanks to all of you and your clubs who continue to support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. Your work is so appreciated. And thanks in advance for your support of the D-Feet walk, our signature fundraiser in June. For more information, please go to our website www.5mhf.org or use our QR code (above).



Heart of a Lion Award Application

District 5M4 Lion members are eligible to apply. A Lion member may apply or a club may apply on behalf of a member. Applications can be turned in throughout the year. Awards will be presented at the Mid- Winter Convention following completion of the application. Any criteria completed after July of 2015 qualifies toward this award and may be earned over several years.

A Lion member must MEET 5 of the 8 CRITERIA listed below to RECEIVE the AWARD!

The Lion member: _____ **Club:** _____
(Name of Lion Member)

_____ **Sponsored a New Lion** _____ **Club:** _____
(Name of new member)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of club president or secretary)

_____ **Attended a Zone Meeting** _____ **Date:** _____
(Date and Zone # meeting attended)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of a Zone chairperson)

_____ **Attended the 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention.** _____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of convention chairperson)

_____ **Served as a Club Officer or District Chairperson.** _____ **Date:** _____
(Office or Committee Chaired)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of club president, secretary or DG)

_____ **Be a Chair or Co-Chair of a club or district project.** _____
(Name of Project)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of club president, secretary or DG)

_____ **Attended one training event: 5M4 Forum, Officer training, Leadership training or other Lions Clubs International sponsored class.** _____ **Date:** _____
(Training attended and date)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of District officer, trainer or copy of certificate of completion)

_____ **Attended one of the following: USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum, International Convention or Multiple Convention.** _____ **Date:** _____
(Event attended and date)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of District officer, Council Chairperson or Convention Chairperson)

_____ **Promote a new idea, service project or fundraiser that is adopted by your club or District that meets the mission of LIONS.** _____ **Date:** _____
(Promotion Idea and Date)
_____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of club president, secretary or DG)

Original to be completed and turned in to the DG or District Secretary

Signature of DG or District Secretary _____ **Date:** _____



Why should I go to a Lions Leadership Institute?



Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI):

Registration is now open

The goal of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level. Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that all club vice presidents attend ELLI.

The Institute will be held at:

the Dean Lakes Education Center 4601 Dean Lakes Boulevard | Shakopee, MN 55379

Accommodations are available at the *Holiday Inn Express 4550 12th Avenue E Shakopee, MN 55379*

952-445-2244. Cost will be \$124 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 24. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

Cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is March 17, 2023.

The application is located on the MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

If you have any questions please email Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com

For more information on Lions Leadership institutes





**MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
APRIL 13-16, 2023, SHAKOPEE MN
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than March 17, 2023
PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____

OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____

I WAS REFERRED BY: _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.

Any food or other allergies? _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute you will need to provide a check payable to MD5M for \$100 upon notification of your acceptance.



**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

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.

Please allow 30 days to process & ship award recognition



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 _____

Annual Meeting Notice



MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

Dear Lions and Leos of Multiple District 5M:

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF) wishes to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of the foundation. Your Parade of Green donations, memorial and honorary gifts, fundraising events, and legacy (deferred giving) pledges have enabled us to continue fulfilling our mission to help improve and restore sight by supporting vision related projects.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on the morning of Saturday May 6, 2023 at the MD5M Multiple Convention in St. Cloud, Minnesota. This year we have a proposed amendment to Bylaws to change the term limits of Directors and will require a vote. Each Lions Club in Minnesota, and in attendance at the annual meeting, is entitled to one vote on this proposed by-law change.

Significant events for the past year include:

- SARS-CoV-2 research: Epidemiological evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 in donor corneal tissue. .
- Automated software to evaluate endothelial cell loss in DMEK. We have developed a sophisticated software that can automatically evaluate how much damage there is in a donor cornea after it has been processed for transplantation.
- MAC Center - Dr. Glenn Lobo reported at Thanksgiving for Vision on the use of the gift of ~\$30K to the MAC center to purchase a High-Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC). Dr. Lobo reported on his work on Vitamin A metabolism in the retina and its role in Macular Degeneration.
- Lions Children's Eye Clinic - purchased 2 non-mydratic (Does not require dilation) cameras. The cost for two cameras is \$35K, and an additional \$5K to integrate patient images to their electronic medical record.
- Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: Over 12 millions recycled glasses have been collected since the start of this program.
- LifeSource: Our relationship with LifeSource continues to improve and evolve, including their participation at Thanksgiving for Vision. This strengthened relationship has led to four leaders at LifeSource joining the Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club.
- Legislation - The legislative effort by Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is currently on pause due to our redeveloped partnership with LifeSource. This new level of friendship and cooperation could be derailed by the pursuit of eye banking legislation that may not have their support.
- Lions Gift of Sight continues to recover and distribute ocular tissue for transplant, research, and education in records numbers in their effort to restore sight.

The Minnesota Lion Vision Foundation Finance, Legal, Public Relations, and Long-Range Planning Committees will give a summary of our 2022 – 2023 year.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for continuing to be “Knights of the Blind”.

Sincerely,

PDG Rob Hed, Chair

Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation Board of Directors

