

5M4 Newsletter



‘We are off and running!’

Greeting 5M4,

Well, truthfully, we’ve been off and running for a while now - thanks to the vision and leadership of IPDG Jacques! Our momentum is strong and steady, and I am honored to carry that forward into the new Lions year. July 1st may have marked a new Lions year, new District leadership, but our focus and mission is unwavering... build and support strong clubs, be a champion for our LCIF Foundation, and serve those in need – both in our communities and around the world. Stepping into the role of District Governor is exciting and humbling. I’m committed to working alongside you, supporting you and your community in any way needed, and lifting you up as we all rise higher together!

July has been full speed ahead! 1VDG Jason and I have already had the pleasure of visiting several clubs and helping install new officers. Thank you for the warm welcome, we are honored to connect with you and support your clubs in person. We have also had the chance to represent by participating in a couple summer parades! August is shaping up to be just as busy, but we are looking forward to it! If you have an event coming up and would like your district leadership to join the fun or lend a hand, please reach out! And do not forget to get your flyers in our newsletter for some free advertising – it helps us all stay connected!

The 107th International Convention was absolutely incredible! From final DG training to the energy at the International Parade, powerful speakers, and learning from the many seminars... there is so much value in attending, and no experience quite like it. I was honored to have IPDG Jacques pull my ribbon – a symbol of passing the baton, continuing on and new beginnings! See some of my favorite pictures in this issue, giving you a glimpse into the fun. This also marks the opening speech from our International President AP Singh. Now, I have heard him talk before in trainings and on a couple zoom sessions, but his address to us on our final day was nothing short of amazing, inspiring, a grass-roots lion just like me and you, ready to serve with us, to push forward and accomplish our Mission 1.5 goals. I wish you all could have heard him!! If you haven’t yet, check out his message and Presidential Theme at Presidential Theme I Lions Clubs International

Please take time to set your club goals with the Club Excellence Award achievements in mind. Planning ahead will help you hit key milestones. There are specific timed service events that you must participate in (look for more information on these inside this issue), planning now will ensure you don’t miss these opportunities.

Our GAT team is working hard on expanding our Lions footprint in communities currently without a Lions club. We know the need is there, let’s help to bring the service! If you would like to be a team member, please let us know!

Thank you for all the service you provide to your communities, making them stronger. Your cabinet team is ready and eager to support you, contact information is on the back page. Let’s rise higher, serve more, and make this year unforgettable! In service with gratitude,

District Governor Susan Krumrey susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com 320-295-8327

See pages 10 & 11 for Convention Photos

Is your club hosting a summer event or planning a service project?

I’d love the opportunity to attend, lend a hand, and show support.

If you have a flyer or event details, we’d be happy to help promote it on the District 5M4 Facebook page.

Is your club posting events and projects on your Clubs Facebook page? Let us know so we can help spread

*the word by sharing it on ours?! **Don’t keep those great activities a secret!** Let’s work together to showcase all the amazing things happening across our district - let me know how 5M4 can support you!*

Contact me anytime at susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com or 320-295-8327.



DG Susan Krumrey
and Lion Brad Krumrey



Get set for fall!



We are Rolling!

The first month of our Lions year sure flew by and it seem like we have only scratched the surface on the impact we are going to make on our communities this coming year. I urge you to find out when your Zone is having its Zone meeting, with most of them having their first one of the year in August. This is your first chance to hear the latest info that comes from International. The meeting is open to any Lions member not just the Presidents and Secretaries. Also in August, I will be attending a first vice district governor tradition of touring the Leader Dog campus in Michigan. I am really looking forward to checking it out.

The annual State Fair is right around the corner as well and with that, the Lions are once again being asked to work our booth at the fair. If you are interested, please reach out to me and I can direct you to the sign-up genius online to pick your date and times that work best for you. Have you sold your golf-crazy brother-in-law his Golf Passport yet?... you have time! This is a really great deal for the golfer, because they are able to be used until October 1, 2026 and if they use it at just 2 of the 25 courses the card has literally paid for itself already. Let me know if you or your club needs more passports. It is going to be a long running fundraiser, let's make this a district-wide concentrated effort to make our LCIF contributions look absolutely amazing this year.

When you are heading to your next club meeting, pick up a prospective member and give them a ride to the meeting. The new prospective member just may be hesitant in walking into something alone and may feel more confident if you were to accompany them the first time or two.

Looking forward to coming to your communities and learning more about you and your clubs. Please reach out to me for anything, I am here for you.

Serving by your side, Lion Jason Kerfeld, 1VDG
320-429-0794(cell)

333 Morning View Lane, Sauk Centre MN 56378



*Lion Jason Kerfeld,
1VDG District 5M4*



Here's our Newest Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Steve Sportel of Carlos Lions Club. He was recognized for his extensive work he has done for his club and for Special Olympics.



Pictured is (from left) Lion Dennis Miller he was the recipient of the Membership Builder Key, he has currently sponsored 6 new Lions. To Jeff's right is Lion Cliff Korkowski who has recently re-joined the Lions family in Alexandria. Photo taken at Alexandria Lions Annual Picnic 7-14-25.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The theme for this year's PEACE POSTER CONTEST is

“Together As One”

Kits are available through the Lions Store. They are for ages 11-13 (as of November 15, 2025) Completed winning entries must be postmarked by November 15, 2025 and send to DG Susan Krumrey, PO Box 134, Buffalo Lake MN 56314



Hector Lions honor member

Charter member (1978) Lion Curt Hollan receiving the 2025 Corn Chaff days Outstanding Citizen Award from Hector mayor Lion Dan Edwards (dark shirt) and former mayor Lion Jeff Heerdt. He has been a Lion for 48 years and taught band for over 40 years.



Benson Lions donate to Sheriff's Dept.

Benson Lions Club members Mike Hartman and Dave Martin present Swift County Chief Deputy Mike Hoffman with a \$500 donation for equipment for the department's drone



The Buffalo Lake Lions Club

had a VERY SUCCESSFUL Buffalo Lake Days weekend serving concessions at the weekend softball and volleyball tournament, hosting horse racing to a packed house Friday night, serving at the Saturday night street dance, and providing hearing testing at the Sunday morning breakfast. WE SERVE - and we asked others to serve with us! At our July meeting, we inducted 7 new members!! #JustAsk



Cabinet Meetings:

All Lions members are warmly invited to attend any upcoming cabinet meeting this year. This is a great opportunity to gain deeper insight into the business of District 5M4 and to better understand the roles and responsibilities of our cabinet members. Whether you're curious about district operations or considering future leadership, your presence is welcome and encouraged.

July 30, 2025 – Tutti Fruitti Restaurant and Market, Sauk Centre, 6pm

October 29, 2025 – Max's Bar & Grill, Olivia, 6pm

February 6, 2026 – Best Western Conference Center / Mid-Winter Convention, Willmar, Time/TBD

May 6, 2026 – Alexandria, Place and Time TBD

Please RSVP to DG Susan if you plan to attend.

OPEN CABINET POSITIONS

2nd Vice District Governor

Environment Chair

MN Lions Missions Foundation

Zone 3 Chair

If you are interested in any of these leadership positions or have questions on what each position does, please reach out to DG Susan Krumrey at 320-295-8327 or at susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com.

Alexandria
Lions
Board of
Directors
taken
at their
Annual
Picnic



2026 MD5M Convention

April 24-26, 2026

Minnetonka Beach Party

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

12201 Ridgedale Drive

Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Hosted by District 5M-5



Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN

TOUCH - A - TRUCK

... and more!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00PM - 7:00PM

TACO IN A BAG • FREE WILL DONATION

SPONSORED BY THE
BUFFALO LAKE LIONS CLUB

PROCEEDS OF EVENT GO TO THE
BALLFIELD UPGRADE PROJECT

Location: Buffalo Lake City Park



Can Do Canines to Host Open House August 19

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Tuesday, August 19, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

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

Also, don't miss out on two special promotions during this open house! The first 75 people in attendance will receive a free cup of Culver's custard, thanks to Culver's-Golden Valley. Plus, all attendees can enter a drawing to win a Bogg beach bag (value \$72) plus accessories!

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

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at CanDoCanines.org.



Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will once again be the Presenting Sponsors.



candocanines.org/woofaroo

Do you know that aluminum is indefinitely recyclable?

Almost 75% of all cans made are still in use according to the One 5c email. As part of the Lions Clubs International emphasis on the environment, the Spicer Sunrise Club has taken on recycling those cans in a big way. The trailer that sits between Perkins Lumber and Little Crow Sports Center is emptied weekly with the sorting and crushing process done once a month. When the crushed cans collect to about 512 per month (32 cans per pound), they are hauled out for sale. The money earned goes back into the club's charitable work. Win, Win, Win.

The can are kept out of the landfill, charities benefit, the aluminum is reused meaning more does not need to be mined. Residents are invited to help by putting only drink containers in the trailer or the Message in a Bottle containers at gas stations. Plastic and glass beverage containers are sent to the county for recycling.

FYI Aluminum foil and pie plates are NOT recyclable.





Lions... can you help with these events?

MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION

Minnesota Lions Vision, Hearing and Diabetes:

2025 State Fair Booth Volunteering

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AAB>

FE3-51742227-2025#

Hey Lions! The Minnesota State Fair is fast approaching. The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors. Thanks for your support of your Diabetes Foundation.

More information at our website: mnlionsdiabetes.org

5M4 trustee, Lion Lori Schellberg 320.894.8643

lorischellberg@gmail.com

KIDSIGHT TESTING AT THE FAIR!

The MN State Fair is only a month away. More volunteers are needed to staff the Kidsight Booth in the Education Building. Entry tickets will be ordered soon. 5M3 & 5M4 are asked to work

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Mult [go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-56251349-state#/)

our past year and 11,157 were referred. Thank you to all clubs and Lions who reported!

Please schedule your screening events with Lion Susan at 320-905-2412. Let's surpass our number of events from last year and reach out to our local daycares, preschools, etc. This is an opportunity to serve our communities in an impactful way. You make a difference!

rshonken@frontiernet.net

Camp Sweet Life appreciates YOU!

Thanks in advance for all the Lions support in the past and this year. Your volunteering helps us tremendously. Whether you can make it as a group or an individual - Camp Sweet Life Appreciates you!

Dates to volunteer:

Sunday, July 27th

Thursday, July 31

Where: Our Diabetes Camp is held at Camp Courage,
8046 83rd St. N.W, Maple Lake, MN 55358

Here is the link for our volunteer sign up for Camp.
Please share! More information about parking, etc will be shared as we get closer to camp!

Please copy the link below to sign up your volunteers to help at our Diabetes Camp!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0845AFA62DA0FE3-57482292-camp>

Thanks!
Lion Rene'
Rene' Maes Jr.
Executive Director
cell - 507-995-6910
email - rene.maes@campsweetlife.org
web site - www.campsweetlife.org

Sauk Centre Lions Club & Melrose Lions Club
"Working together to better our communities"

Please join us for our

FALL TASTING EVENT

Friday, September 26, 2025 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Sauk Centre Civic Arena

♦ Wine ♦ Beer ♦ Liquor ♦ Food

Sponsored by	Featuring Samples from: Bucky's Horseradish Pickles • Campbell Village-Cookies Clyne's Country Baked Goods Melrose Meat Shoppe • Strawberries Galore & More Schaefer's Market	Onsite Food Options offered by:
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\$20.00 advance ~ \$25.00 at door
Tickets available at Spiritz Liquor, The Bear Trap
or any Sauk Centre or Melrose Lions Member
MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND



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)

(Signature of club president or secretary) Date: _____

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

(Signature of a Zone chairperson) Date: _____

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

Served as a Club Officer or District Chairperson. _____ **Date:** _____
(Office or Committee Chaired)

(Signature of club president, secretary or DG) Date: _____

Be a Chair or Co-Chair of a club or district project. _____
(Name of Project)

(Signature of club president, secretary or DG) Date: _____

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:** _____



Elbow Lake Lions honored for their 40 years of Fish Frys at town festival - Flekkefest. Lion Dean Schneeberger chosen as Grand Marshal for the annual parade.

Lion Dean 'captained' the food for the fish fry for many many years and this year will be Grand Marshal of the Flekkefest Parade. The parade will be held on Saturday, August 2 at 5 p.m. The 40th Fish Fry was also chosen to be the 'theme' of the festival for 2025 and is featured on the festival's button. The Fish Fry is held on Sunday, August 3 at the Elbow Lake Firehall and the Lions will be serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Lion 'Captain Dean'

ELBOW LAKE LIONS
40TH ANNUAL
FISH FRY

SUNDAY
AUGUST 3RD
11 – 1
ELBOW LAKE
FIRE HALL

Fish Fry

GOLDEN TICKET

Win
Free Fish
for Life!





Ways to Give



Donate online

lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive



Make a Pledge

lionsclubs.jotform.com/90524105483149

Mail

Mail USD checks drawn from a U.S. Bank and payable to LCIF to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
 Department 4547
 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Visit lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive for mailing checks in Canada and India

Wire transfer

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
 ABA Routing Number: 021000021
 10 S. Dearborn St.
 Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation
 Chicago, IL 60603 USA
 Account Number: 754487312
 Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – along with your name, Member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.

If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, Member ID, club name, and district name.

Contact Donor Services

For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.



Lions Clubs International Foundation
 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA
www.lcif.org

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

2024-2025

US\$44 million+

in grant funds awarded

1,800

grants distributed for Lions service

Empowering communities: LCIF and the 5M4 Lions

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) serves as the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, providing grant funding to support the humanitarian efforts of Lions members around the globe. This impactful partnership enables Lions to address critical needs in their local communities and beyond.

One of the longest-standing and most impactful partnerships for LCIF is with Special Olympics. Since 2000, LCIF has provided significant support to Special Olympics programs in over 100 nations worldwide. This partnership, known as "Mission: Inclusion", focuses on expanding opportunities and fostering inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

In Minnesota, the LCIF-Special Olympics partnership has a tangible impact, particularly through programs like the Opening Eyes program, which provides free eye and vision health screenings, corrective prescription eyewear and protective sports eyewear for Special Olympics athletes. This partnership will be further highlighted by Minnesota hosting the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota

Minnesota will proudly host the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games from June 20-26, 2026. This major event will bring together over 4,000 athletes from all 50 states, along with 1,500 coaches, 10,000 volunteers, and 75,000 fans. The Games, featuring 19 sports, will be held at various locations, including the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and the National Sports Center in Blaine. This event, considered the largest humanitarian event ever hosted in Minnesota, will showcase the power of inclusion and the remarkable abilities of these athletes. Lions will be sponsoring family night for the participants.

How can you and your club help?

Please promote and sell the 5M4 LCIF Golf Passport. These passports are good until October 2026. Funds raised will go to Lions Special Olympics USA event. If you need more passports please let us know. Your club may also donate to the event by making a check out to LCIF –Special Olympics MN.

Join us in making a difference!

Supporting LCIF through initiatives like the potential 5M4 LCIF Golf Passport allows Lions to continue their vital work in empowering communities and creating a more inclusive world, especially as, Minnesota prepares to host the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games. By participating in and promoting LCIF, Lions in District 5M4 can amplify their impact and ensure that the legacy of service continues for generations to come.

Remember, even small contributions can collectively make a substantial difference. Let's work together to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

PCC Dennis Heinen
 5M4 LCIF Chair
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 Sauk Centre, MN 56378
heinende@centracare.com
 320-491-3996




**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026**

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



PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP!

**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

**Multiple District 5M
proudly announces...**

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

Family Night! For athletes & their families
Opening Eyes® (Vision Screening)

ALL BALLS
Separate Sponsorships will be available for (Sensory) All-Balls are for each participating athlete.
Sponsorship information will be coming in the District Newsletters and Multiple District Website soon.

Scan this code for more about All Balls



Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play, or as stated on Passport 1 offer per participating location

Can be used Monday-Friday (Friday until 3 p.m.)

*Courses might limit play availability due to other scheduled events. Not available on holidays.

Must make tee times with participating courses

GOLF COURSE NAME	ADDRESS	WEBSITE	PHONE
Albany Golf Club	600 Church Ave., Albany <i>Monday play only</i>	albanygolfcourse.com	320-845-2505
Alexandria Golf Club	2300 N. Nokomis NE, Alexandria	alexandriagolfclub.com	320-763-3605
Appleton Golf Club	331 E. Wyman Ave., Appleton	appletongolfclub.com	320-239-2511
Benson Golf Club	2222 Atlantic Ave., Benson	golfatbenson.com	320-542-7961
Dawson Golf Course	1380 Walnut Street, Dawson		320-769-2212
Eagle Creek Golf Club	1000 28th Ave NE, Minnetonka	eaglecreekgolf.com	320-235-1166
Geneva Golf Club	4181 Geneva Golf Club Drive, Alexandria	genevagolfclub.com	320-762-7089
Greystone Golf Club	105-B Adams Ave., Sauk Centre	greystonemn.com	320-351-4653
Hardwood Hills Golf Course	8440 County Road 27 SW, Alexandria	hardwoodhillsgolf.com	320-886-1400
Hawk Creek Country Club	100 Spicer Ave N., Raymond	hawkcreekcc.com	320-967-4853
Island Pine Golf Club	1601 Wyoming Ave. W., Atwater	islandpinegolf.com	320-974-8600
Little Crow Country Club	15880 Hwy 23 N., Spicer	littlecrowresort.com	320-354-2296
Lynx National Golf Course	40204 Prienrose Lane, Sauk Centre	lynxnationalgolf.com	320-352-0242
Mayflower Golf Club	46321 Co. Rd. 39, Fairfax	mayflowergolfclub.com	507-426-9964
Meadowlark Country Club	837 Country Club Drive, Melrose	meadowlarkcc.com	320-256-4989
Minnewaska Golf	23518 Dero Drive, Glenwood	minnewaskagolf.com	320-634-3680
Nordic Trails Golf	4343 39th Ave NE, Alexandria	nordictrailsgolf.com	320-762-5420
Oakdale Golf Club	55116 Co Rd 38, Buffalo Lake	oakdalegolfclub.com	320-587-0525
Olivia Golf Club	5125 5th Street, Olivia	oliviagolfclub.com	320-523-2313
Osakis Country Club	801 14th Ave E., Osakis	osakiscountryclub.com	320-859-2140
Pomme De Terre Golf Club	24860 State Hwy 9, Morris	pdgolfclub.com	320-589-1009
Stoney Creek Golf Course	21278 820th Ave., Renville	golfrenville.com	320-779-4653
Tipsinah Woods Golf Course	15185 Golf Course Road, Ellsworth <i>Mid-West play only</i>	tipsinahgolf.com	218-685-4271
Valley Golf Course	1900 Becker Ave SE, Willmar	valleygolfwillmar.com	320-235-6790
Hook & Slice Simulator	2621 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria <i>Buy 1 hr, get 2nd hour FREE</i>	hookandslicemn.com	320-391-5353

More info regarding the Platinum Sponsorship...

On to the next thing our Multiple is a Platinum Sponsor for the Special Olympics USA Games Minnesota 2026!

Please check out this website for more information about the Special Olympics Games. It is very well done and informative.
www.2026specialolympicsusagames.org

MD5M is committed to \$250K

That \$250K covers the hosting of the Family Night for the athletes/families/coaches. The understanding is that Special Olympics organizes the event and we come in and volunteer.

MD5M will also be involved in the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program for the athletes. www.specialolympicsminnesota.org

We will be sending out more information for volunteers as it gets closer!

Where does LCIF come into the picture?

LCIF is willing to give us a grant for the \$250K. This will be a pass through grant, NOT a Matching Grant. These donations will count for MJF/PMJF credit and also your LCIF Coordinator's Goals.

The only thing it will NOT count for is your District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG).

These are some tips on how to handle this for your clubs going forward.

For any clubs or individual donors that mail their donation into LCIF. Please **MARK ON YOUR CHECK** and **ON THE FORM** that it is designated to **SPECIAL OLYMPICS MN.**

For any online donations. When you get the receipt from LCIF call into Donor Services or email Donor Services with your receipt and tell them you would like it put in **SPECIAL OLYMPICS MN.**

For recurring donations. You must contact Donor Services via phone @ (630) 203-3836 and tell them you want to designate your donations to **SPECIAL OLYMPICS MN.** Remember to change your recurring contribution back to wherever you want it to go after we have met our \$250k Goal.

A Ball for All is something that MD5M is working on gifting a Ball (that jingles) to each athlete that is competing in Minnesota. There is a 25 minute YouTube Video www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AedEvi5RW or website aballforall.com

CONVENTION PARADE





More about the Golf Passport!



Lions Teeing it up to help Special Olympics!!

Get your Golf Passport today!



This Golf Passport will fund Family Night at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games that will be held in Minnesota in June 2026 and other Lions charitable endeavors

Sponsored by the Lions Clubs of West Central Minnesota-District 5M4



A GREAT SAVINGS FOR YOURSELF OR A PERFECT GIFT IDEA!

Available from your Lions Club or selected participating golf courses

Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play.

1 offer per participating location

Can be used Monday-Friday (Friday until 3 p.m.)

*Courses might limit play availability due to other scheduled events. Not available on holidays.

Must make tee times with participating courses

When Purchasing the passport, make checks payable to...Lions

Hello Lions!

From Your 2025-2026 District Service Chair, Lion Jacque Heinen

I'm honored to serve as your District Service Chair this year!

As we kick off the new Lions year, let's start strong:

- Define your clubs goals
- Plan ahead
- Get ready to serve!

Now's the perfect time to launch a new service project or bring fresh energy to an existing one.

New Global Service Focus: Mental Health

Lions Clubs International is introducing Mental Health as a new area of service. Let's think about how our clubs can make a real impact in this important space.

District Service Focus Windows

Our Multiple District is encouraging projects during these key timeframes to align with other Lions around the world:

- October 1-12 - Mental Health
- January 3-11 - Hunger
- April 8-26 - Environment

What can your club do in these areas? Start planning, dreaming, and making it happen!

More info and ideas coming soon!

Let's make 2025-2026 a year of meaningful, compassionate service.

In service and gratitude,
Lion Jacque Heinen



CONVENTION PHOTOS Orlando

DG Susan receiving her certificate of completion for training.





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Save the Date

September 25-28, 2025

Country Inn and Suites, Mankato

Empower Your Leadership. Enrich Your Service.



Join Lions from across the region for a transformational weekend of leadership development, fellowship, and service planning.

Dynamic sessions on:

- Team building and communication
- Leading with impact
- Change management
- Club success strategies

LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD.



Registration Opening Soon
Use the QR code to get more information





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



☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ City: _____
Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____ Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Email: _____
Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____
Club: _____ Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN _____

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN _____

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social	\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____	\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____
Saturday Lunch	\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____	\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____
Saturday Banquet	\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____	\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____
Sunday Brunch	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____	\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

Please specify dietary needs: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free ☐ Other: _____

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lions International

2024-2025

CLUB EXCELLENCE AND 5 STAR EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

This application features criteria for the Club Excellence Award and 5 Star Excellence Award. As you go through the application, please check all qualification boxes that your club has met. At the end of the application are criteria for the 5 Star Excellence Award. Your club will be awarded either the Club Excellence Award or the 5 Star Excellence Award.

Club name: Club number: District:

2024-2025 club president name:

Member number: Email address:

1. MEMBERSHIP

☐ Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members (whichever is greater) **or** ☐ Chartered a new Lions club.

Name of Lions club:

2. SERVICE

☐ Started a new service project. *Consider one of our global causes!* Explain:

☐ List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to Lions International:

1.

2.

3.

3. LCIF

☐ Contributed to LCIF an amount greater than or equal to the club's membership total multiplied by US\$10.

Year-end membership count x US\$10 =

4. LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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

☐ Reported club officers to Lions International.

☐ Key officers participate in club officer training.

☐ District

☐ Webinars

☐ Multiple district

☐ Lions Learning Center

☐ International

5. MARKETING

- ☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media.

Provide a link to where they were publicized: _____

Learn more about [promoting your club and activities](#), and learn about the Marketing Award.

DOES YOUR CLUB QUALIFY FOR THE 5 STAR EXCELLENCE AWARD?

- ☐ Achieved the Club Excellence Award.
- ☐ Membership increase of 20% (minimum of five (5) members for small clubs).
- ☐ Minimum donations of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 (whichever is less).
- ☐ Annual service and membership report submitted.

2024-2025 district governor signature*: _____

District: _____

District governor member number: _____

Date: _____

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

Due by: August 31, 2025

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org

Awards mailed to: 2025-2026 district governors

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

Club Excellence Award criteria

The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors.

Membership

- Induct a minimum of two or 20% new members, whichever is greater (not including transfer, reinstated or charter members). Eligibility is determined based on the club's membership count on June 30th of the previous Lion year.
- Or sponsor a new Lions club.

Service

- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities to Lions International. Three of these activities must show participation in each of the three International Weeks of Service.

October 4-12th, 2025 ~ Mental Health and Well-Being

January 3-11th, 2026 ~ Hunger

April 18-26th, 2026 ~ Environment

Leadership

- Report newly elected club officers in Lion Portal by May 15 of the current Lion year.
- A minimum of 10% of the club's members complete any three courses in the [Lions Learning Center](#).
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served more than two consecutive terms.
- A minimum of two or more club officers (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Of which, one must be the club president) complete Club Officer Training (online with the Lions Learning Center or in-person as reported by a GLT coordinator in Learn) between July 1 – December 31 of the current Lion year.

Donations

- [Contributed to LCIF](#) a minimum of the club's membership total on June 30th of the previous Lion year, multiplied by US\$20.





AUGUST 2025

LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter



It's Summer Camp season! In June, 22 teenagers with no or low vision from across North America gathered on Leader Dog's campus for a week of fun activities to explore mobility options, discover leadership skills and build friendships with peers facing similar challenges. **Returning camper Riley shared, "This organization has so many programs to help so many people for free. They have changed my life and the lives of so many others, so anyone who can help Leader Dog continue their free life-changing support will be appreciated by so many."**



Campers spent Monday at Lions Bear Lake Camp, which is dedicated to making summer camp accessible to all persons, regardless of ability. **Our partnership with Lions Bear Lake Camp is very special to us, because Leader Dog was founded by Lions in 1939.** Lions Clubs in Canada and the United States continue to be the top supporters of our mission. Our Lions Engagement team joined the campers at Lions Bear Lake Camp to experience the day of accessible outdoor adventures.

On a scorching hot day, the campers were happy to start off kayaking. With an accessible ramp to get in and launch each kayak, and a crash course on paddling, campers were soon gliding over the lake. Some challenged themselves to sail around the entire lake, and others chose to drift and simply enjoy the cool water and breeze of a beautiful day. In the afternoon, the campers took on the Climbing Tower, a 40-foot rock climbing wall in the woods. **They trusted in their footing and their strength to make it to the top while their peers cheered them on from below.** When they reached the top of the Tower, they



encouraged other campers to complete the climb. And as a final reward for their success, they each soared down a zipline back to solid ground.

The day at Lions Bear Lake Camp is only the start of a week of adventures, including night walks with GPS navigation, bonfires, "test driving" a Leader Dog, archery, and even a zombie apocalypse scavenger hunt. **Over this week, we were so proud as the campers learned again and again that they can do hard things, and that their courage and strength always pay off.**

For more information about Teen Summer Camp, scan the QR code to the right.



The Helen Keller exhibit



District 5M4 Service Calendar 25-26

Month 2025-2026	Focus Area	Project Ideas
August	★ Youth	- Host a youth leadership workshop. - Support a local school with supplies. - Organize a youth sports day.
September	★ LCIF	- Plan a fundraiser dinner or auction. - Promote LCIF grants and projects. - Share success stories of LCIF impact.
October	★ Mental Health October 4-12, 2026 <i>International Service Initiative</i>	- Conduct a mental health awareness campaign. - Partner with local mental health organizations for workshops. - Organize a community walk for mental health.
November	★ Humanitarian	- Organize a community service day. - Collect winter clothing for those in need. - Volunteer at a local shelter.
December	★ Diabetes	- Host a diabetes awareness event. - Provide free diabetes screenings. - Distribute educational materials on diabetes prevention.
January	★ Hunger January 3-11, 2026 <i>International Service Initiative</i>	- Coordinate a food drive. - Partner with a local food bank for distribution. - Host a community meal for those in need.
February	★ Vision/Childhood Cancer	- Support a childhood cancer support group. - Organize a vision care event for children. - Fundraise for childhood cancer research.
March	★ Youth	- Plan a youth mentorship program. - Organize a career day at a local school. - Host a youth talent show.
April	★ Environment April 8-16, 2026 <i>International Service Initiative</i>	- Organize a tree planting event. - Conduct a community clean-up day. - Launch a recycling awareness campaign.
May	★ Hunger	- Continue food drive efforts. - Develop a community garden project. - Partner with local restaurants for food donations.
June	★ Humanitarian	- Focus on mental health initiatives. - Support the MN Lions Hearing & Voice Clinic. - Organize a childhood cancer awareness event.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS!



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MN Lions Mission Foundation – Brand New

Foundation Awards:

- LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellowship
- MN Lions Vision Foundation – Hellen Keller Award
- MD5M Hearing Foundation – Hearing Research Fellowship
- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation – Dreamcatcher Award
- MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation – Believe Award
- MD5M Kidsight Foundation – Sight Saver Award
- Can Do Canines – Top Dog Award
- T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation – Lapel Pin & Foundation Medal

MD5M Multiple District Awards:

- Hall of Fame Award
- Al Jensen Award
- Int'l Presidents Leadership Award
- Int'l Presidents Presidential Award

District Awards:

- Club Excellence Award
- Heart of A Lion Award
- Be Kind Award

Grant Applications:

- T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation
- LCIF website



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