



# 5M4 Newsletter

"It's time to step up to the plate!"



**BONUS  
ISSUE**

## Lions 5M4 2022 Convention! A photo story

Let's start at sign-in and registration!



Lots of great information available...



Fabulous Silent Auction and Raffle prizes

Please take time to read the columns from  
DG Marty, DGE Rob, and 1st Vice DGE Sue.

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Posing with the penguin



Cabinet Meeting



A great group of 'First Timers'



'A Time of Remembrance'

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Why, yes, we ARE having fun!



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**STILL  
having fun!**



**yup...  
having fun!**

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Mike Kingery -- Lead Off Breakfast



ID Bob Block



Well-deserved honor  
for PDG Bob Knutson for his  
work on Childhood Cancer  
Program

(kinda looks like he's tickling  
the ID doesn't it???)

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Well-deserved honor for Ron Buse for his dedication to Project New Hope. Speaker Dale Johansen presented the award at the Saturday morning session.



Lion Dennis Kelly III gave a wonderful presentation about Leadership.

## 5M4 Raffle Ticket Winners:

\$500 Terry Smith  
\$250 Scottt Nissen  
\$250 Todd Erickson  
\$100 Ronda McCoy  
\$100 Ron Branch  
\$100 Keith Johnson

\$50 Joel Johnson  
\$50 Ron Honken  
\$50 Chris Leske  
\$50 Mike Loken



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Lion Sue Kulbeik gave a wonderful presentation for the Leader Dog program on Saturday. She brought in a program director and two former inmates of the Lino Lakes Prison training program. Sue also told stories of how the Leader Dogs change lives - in many ways. We also got to meet new puppy-in-training Olee (left) with PDG Bob Kulbeik - puppy trainer, too!



(Far Left) Lino Lakes program director, and (left) a former inmate and puppy trainer talked about how training the puppy positively impacted his life. Very touching...



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Patrick Becker gave a very informative presentation to help us all understand the Lions Gift of Sight Program.



DG Marty Athman presented the First Place Peace Poster prize to the talented Aiden Middendorf, sponsored by the Sauk Centre Lions.



DG-Elect Rob Wiener gives his acceptance speech.



DG Marty Athman conducting the annual business meeting..



1st Vice President Brian Sheehan at the business meeting



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# GRAND ENTRANCES!

...and a little smooching!





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**PUT YOUR EVENT ON THE 5M4 WEBSITE!**

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

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# G I F T S



HAIR CUT AND SHAVE  
FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Kevin and Rosie have a race!

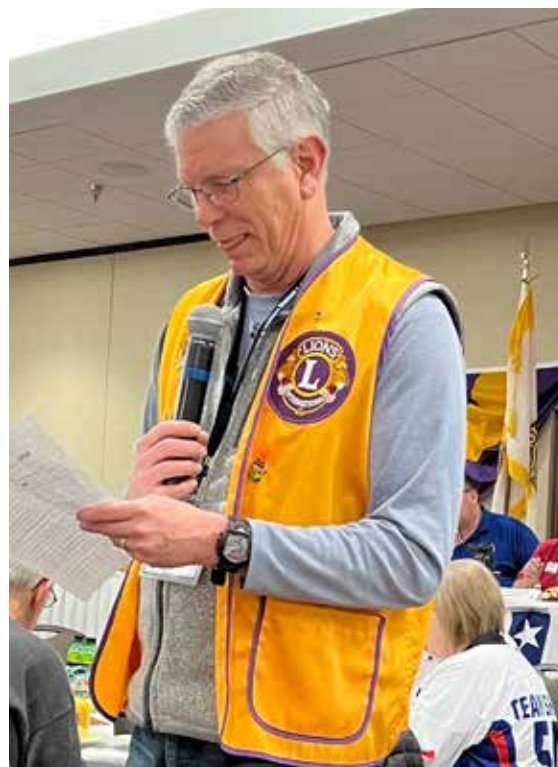


Being silly





Can-Do-Canines Speaker, Laurie Carlson did an amazing job of telling us all about the various training and personal impact aspects of this program.



Champion Tail-Twisting!



Lori and Brian get a giant roll of toilet paper!



Champion First-Timer!





## THANK YOU!

'Thank You' doesn't seem to be enough to express the gratitude we feel towards everyone who had a hand in this year's Mid-Winter Convention! Whether you helped in the planning, helped at the Convention, helped with the hospitality area, helped with one of the programs or banquets, or just came to the Convention to enjoy and re-light your passion for Lions, I want to offer a GINORMOUS "Thank You".

I have said several times, that without the Lions of 5M4 engaging and becoming involved, there wouldn't be much for me to do as Governor. The support that we received for this year's Convention was humbling and overwhelming. The clubs in our District really Stepped Up To The Plate to help knock one out of the park!!

I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did.

AND I HAD A BALL!!!

Yours in Service

Lion Marty and Lion Karla



## WOW!

Wow! Great job DG Marty and Lion Karla and the Bird Island members who made this a successful Mid-Winter. Merlin you are a Rockstar!!! These pictures show we have fun along with learning while at the mid-winter convention. If you haven't experienced a mi-winter, look at joining us in the years to come. Great comradery had by all. Looking forward to next year's mid-winter. Thank you Annie and crew for another amazing Newsletter.

DGE Lion Rob



## ONE OF THE BEST!

The 2022 Mid-Winter Convention is behind us, and I think it was one of the best! Great team work made it all possible and DG Marty pulled us all together to put on a fun, informative, and meaningful event.

I'd like to personally thank my Leader Dog family for their contributions. Lion Kim Wollrey, along with puppy raisers Shane and Joey, were amazing representatives of what we do.

Special thanks to our leadership, from "Just Brian," to all the past and present ID's, to the PDG's, and especially to DG Marty and 1st DGE Rob, thank you for your confidence and encouragement as I go forward toward becoming District Governor over the next 2 years.

Sue Kulbeik, 1st VDGE





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These photos by 1st DGE  
SueKulbeik - check out the 5M4  
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# Lions District 5M4 Governor's night



Above (l-r): Lions Club International 1st Vice President Brian Sheehan, District 5M4 Governor Marty Athmann and First Lady Karla Athmann, Bird Island Lions President Todd Fritsche, Buffalo Lake Lions President John Schmalz, Olivia Lions President Kelsie Kingstrom, Hector Lions President Chris Leske.

The Hector Lions Club hosted District 5M4 Governor Marty Athmann of Bird Island last Thursday evening in Hector; as well as Lions Club members from Bird Island, Buffalo Lake, Hector and Olivia, at the former Catholic Church in Hector for the annual District Governor's Night meeting.

Approximately 70 Lions members representing four area clubs were in attendance for an evening that began with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by a meal, and featured a message from District 5M4 Governor Athmann.

"My job as Governor is to visit and provide guidance and goals to each of the Lions Clubs in my district at least once a year," stated Athmann. "I was able to reach four of my (Lions) clubs in one night tonight with my message... 'What would the world look like if there were no Lions in it?'"

That question certainly resonated among those in attendance as each of the Lions Club members ruminated on the possibilities of a world absent of Lions members and how differently that would look for each of our communities.

In attendance of this year's Governor's Night meeting in Hector was none other than Lions Club International 1st Vice President Brian Sheehan.

Sheehan, who was a very welcome presence, and a Lions member from Bird Island, was deliberate in deflecting attention from his highly-respected International position. Instead, he promoted the importance of attending the 2022 District Convention (January 28-30 at the Willmar

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*As printed in the News 'Mirror'  
Union paper which covers the  
towns of Bird Island, Hector, and  
Buffalo Lake - nice!*

## Incredible Peace Posters



moted the importance of attending the 2022 District Convention (January 28-30 at the Willmar Conference Center) and shared stories about his travels across the globe, always speaking very highly about the Lions members in this area and what they've accomplished.

Near the end of the evening, District 5M4 Governor Athmann, who's theme during his Governorship revolves around the sport of baseball, awarded "MVP" pins to three deserving members of each of the four Lions Clubs represented at the

annual meeting.

MVP pins were given to:  
Buffalo Lake: Howard Ryberg, Susan and Brad Krumrey.  
Olivia: Gladie Hagen, Richard Haugen, and Ron Kubesh.

Hector: Mark Kramer, Teri Hill and Keith Peterson.

Bird Island: Mark and Rosemary Glesener and Merlin Athmann.

Howard Ryberg was also honored and congratulated as the only remaining "Charter" member of the Buffalo Lake Lions Club, founded in 1979.