

# 5M4 Newsletter



Time to Serve



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## CONVENTION!

I hope everyone is kicking off 2021 with bang! 2020 proved to be a challenging year marked by historical events and unforeseen changes to our work, home and Lions lives as we previous knew them. It has also been a learning year for many of us on an individual and team level. Many of us have gotten to know Zoom and Go-to-Meeting really well! I am proud of our Lions Clubs and members in 5M4 as you have embraced these changes and continue to meet and serve your communities.

As I write my 2nd newsletter column in 2021 it is proving to another year of history in the making, bringing us new joys, adventures and challenges! Today, January 20th, is Inauguration Day for President Elect Biden and the first African American, Asian American and female, Kamila Harris, to become Vice President! She was sworn in by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the 1st Latina on the Supreme Court. Today it was also announced, due to the continued concerns about COVID-19, the board of directors have voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event, which will be totally delivered online.

I want to remind everyone about the 5M4 Mid-Winter online Convention this coming Saturday, January 30th! Please visit the 5M4 website at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/5m4/> to find the link to join the online meeting! Consider making this a fun event, gather your club members and watch the convention online with us! The Friday night memorial service will be pre-recorded and available on the 5M4 website to watch at your convenience. We have some amazing speakers that will be live on the Zoom call including our own 2nd Vice President Brian Sheehan from Bird Island and International Director Justin Faber from Michigan. We will also have a link, on the 5M4 website, to view the winning peace posters and other peace poster entries that were received this year. Normally we have speakers from some of the foundations at our in-person convention and since we won't be meeting in person there will be video links on the 5M4 website to watch at your leisure. We are also still collecting funds for the Parade of Green, so please mail those to DG Kellie or Secretary Jacque Heinen so they can be tallied for the convention report. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support to your clubs, communities, District 5M4 and continuing to support our Lions Club Motto, "We Serve".

As your District Governor for 2020-2021, I'm entering this year with inspiration and encouragement to keep moving forward with great expectations! Please remember to contact me for your club visits, virtually or in-person and let's work together to make 2021 a great year!

District Governor Kellie Knudson



District Governor  
Kellie Knudson

CONTACT KELLIE

**NOW**

TO SET UP YOUR CLUB 'VISIT'!

320-226-4156

OR E-MAIL:

lionkellieknudson@gmail.com

FORM INSIDE

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

## RESOLUTIONS!

*Happy New Year everyone,*

*I hope the holidays were wonderful and fulfilling for you all. This is the time of year where we all make our New Year's resolutions... and also the time of year where we break our New Year's resolutions! My goal for a resolution this year is to have my club, THE Bird Island Lions Club, to do one new visible service project in our community. I challenge you all to do the same.*

*The end of my year as First Vice District Governor seems to be quickly coming to its conclusion. I've been busy with online trainings and meetings, "attending" other districts virtual conventions and attending my own online meetings. It's starting to get exciting and I am getting pretty stoked about my year coming up as Governor. I am busy thinking of Cabinet Positions that may need filling and very soon I will be reaching out to some Lions about stepping up and filling these.*

*As we begin the second half of our year, let's all try to get out and ask one person to join Lions. Ask them to come and attend a meeting, ask someone to help with a service project. Think for a second what life would be like without a Lions club in your community, what would happen? How would things look different. This is why we need to always keep a new supply of members infused into our clubs. I was honored to attend the Buffalo Lake Lions meeting and induct 4 new members into their club. This club has rejuvenated itself and is doing great things in their community. It was a treat to spend the evening with them.*

*I am looking forward to a fun mid-winter convention. The virtual format will be different but there will still be great things to hear from the guest speakers, and lots of business to take care of. Much planning has gone into this and I truly thank all who have helped with preparations.*

*Here's to a great 2021!*

*1st VDG Marty*



## Here we go 2021!

The end of 2020 was not too bad. Jo and I were able to see three of our grandkids that we have not seen since July. We were able to spend time with three out of our six children over Christmas. With all the curveballs 2020 through at us we made it. Now it is time to move forward into 2021 and take what is given to us and make the best of it. I am looking forward to getting back together in person with our Lions Family. I miss the interaction and comradery that comes with Lions.

These last couple weeks I have been trying to log into as many midwinter conventions I can through out the multiple. Every district is in the same situation we are. Every district is doing their own spin on virtual conventions. Just like each district does their own thing at their midwinter conventions. This is the closet to actual interaction we can get at this time. If you have time, it costs nothing to watch on Facebook or even log into other conventions.

One of the highlights of watching 5m1 convention is their guest speaker was Casey O'Brien the 5-time cancer survivor who was the placeholder for the Minnesota Gophers. He told his story about beating cancer 5- times. How it affected his attitude and how he grew from it. Casey has a fundraiser he is working on. He is attempting to raise 1 million dollars for the 9th floor of the Masonic children's hospital infusion center. He is looking for the support from the Lions. I am sure we will all here more about this great young man.

Now the exciting news. The 5m4 midwinter convention. We are set to have an amazing convention. To log in, go to the 5m4 E-District (5m4 website). From the foundation videos, to the international director. We will also have the second international vice president Lion Brian Sheehan speak and motivate us. Everything will be available on the 5m4 district webpage. The memorial service will also be available on the web site. So, log in and enjoy. The Sauk Centre Lions are planning a watch party. We are getting together safely and watching and enjoying the convention as a club. There maybe one or two cocktails shared after the business meeting.

Glt news. It is time to think outside the box. Our spring officer training is quickly approaching. What works best for all. I am starting to put together a plan to facilitate spring officer training. I have received a few calls from the last newsletter. The majority would like to have in person officer training as a large group in one central location. I have interest in having an online version and a in person event where the ones who can not make it can zoom and watch. And I even had one say just to have it available on line. What are your thoughts? How would you like to see the Spring Officer training presented? I am willing to give any idea consideration. If I could get at least one officer from each club to email me their thoughts I would greatly appreciate it. Together we can have an informational and worth wild officer training in the spring of 2021. My email 5m4lionrob@gmail.com.

Let's make 2021 the year to grow and build our Lions clubs. Invite new people to check us out, but let's not forget about our current members. The best way I know how to do this is the three L's, look, listen, and learn. Look at what the club and the community needs. Listen to what the club and community say. Learn what the club and community needs. What I am trying to say is open your eyes, ears, mind. To new ideas and new needs in this changing world around us. Take the time to hear what others are saying. It is a great day to be a Lion. Let your ROER heard.

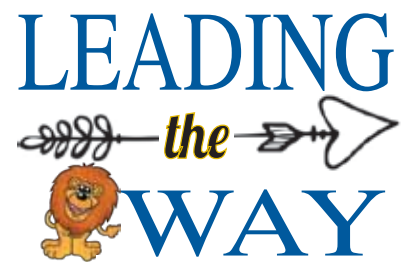
I received an email from a fellow Diabetes board member with a question. The question was, we have a group of diabetics in our community looking to share recipes and exercises, and diabetes knowledge with each other. How do we go about helping to form this group and making them a branch club for our Lions club? This is just one group of people we can help as Lions; we can help them locate each other, organize meetings and give them a home. How many other groups are out there that we are missing? As Lions we can do so much more than just flip pancakes, and collect glasses and shoes. We can make a difference in multiple different ways. Let's follow the three L's and make a difference.

Never hesitate to call, email, text, or send me a note. If you have any questions thoughts or concerns. Like I said in the past I may not have all the answers, but I have the number for the one that does. And I will get the answer.

2VDG Lion Rob Wiener 320-241-7100 5m4lionrob@gmail.com 832 Ash Street S., Sauk Centre, Mn 56378



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



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:

- District Multiple District
International Webinars
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:

- Facebook Local Paper
Instagram Radio
Twitter Club Website
Billboards Posted or Distributed Flyers
Presentations to Groups
Other \_\_\_\_\_

District 2020-2021 District Governor Signature\* Member Number Date

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.



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](mailto:sjerven@gmail.com)

Mail Award to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*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**

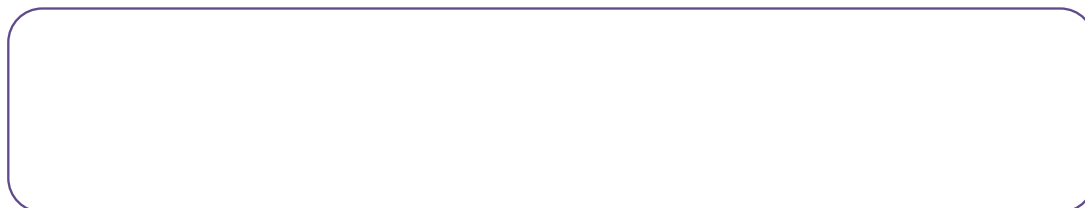
**2 \$200 winners    4 \$50 winners**

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](http://MnLionsDiabetes.org) for more information and contacts.



The Lions Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation expresses its gratitude to and honors individuals through the Lions Hearing Research Fellowship Award. A great deal of valuable research is carried out at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These awards come from the donations of clubs — through the 5M9 district projects. For every \$1000 cumulated (per club), an award can be given to an individual, business or group who the club designates. The award may be given to a Lion, but does not have to be so.



The club decides and then sends in an application to the Minnesota Hearing Foundation treasurer, whose information is listed on the form. The form must include the club applying for the award, the name or names of the recipient(s) and the address of the recipient(s). The club will receive the plaque and can then decide when to give it to the award winner.

The plaque is a lovely tribute for service to others, especially in the field of hearing health. Over the next few months, we will be describing several of the research grants that have been given out this year. We are sure you will find some of them interesting and informative.



Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Award

For more about the many services offered, visit our website: [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)



**District 5M4 Lions  
Virtual Mid-Winter Convention  
Saturday, January 30, 2021**



**Leading the way - Time to Serve!  
Live Business meeting at 10:00 AM**

**Welcome by District Governor - Kellie Knudson**

**Guest speakers:**

**International Director - Justin Faber**

**International 2nd Vice President - Brian Sheehan**

**District  
Updates**

**Guest  
Speakers**

**Special  
Awards**

**Election  
Results**

**Club secretaries,  
watch your mail!**

**Parade of Green  
details and voting  
materials will be  
sent to you shortly!**



**Visit [e-district.org/sites/5m4/](http://e-district.org/sites/5m4/) for the virtual convention link and updates!**





# Wanted: a 2nd Vice-District Governor Elect!

*Should it be YOU? Contact Kellie, Marty, or Rob*

## 2021 MD5M Convention

**District 5M2 would like to invite you to the 2021 MD5M convention "Bend in the River III - Join the Jamboree" in Mankato, MN, April 30 - May 2, 2021.**

**Our theme builds on our previous Bend in the River themes. At this point in time, our committee is planning a hybrid convention to give all members the opportunity to join us for the weekend as they feel comfortable. All in-person events will be held at the Mayo Event Center, the same venue as the 2011 and 2016 conventions.**

**Registration and hotel information is available online via the MD5M website/conventions. Registration prices will be updated shortly to reflect the necessary format changes being made.**

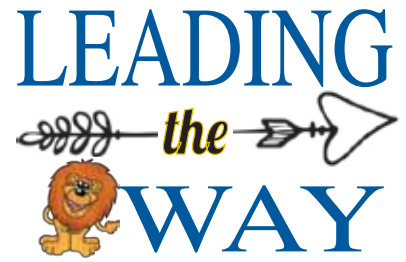
**Changes to accommodate the hybrid model will be made to the raffle room/silent auction, co-hosted by the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, and which will be conducted all online. Stay tuned for updates and additional information from these two foundations.**

**Another change will be online only voting for any voting needs. Further information on the club requirements for online voting will be sent to all club secretaries in upcoming months.**

**At this time, we have several great speakers lined up for the weekend - Dr. Lucie Turcotte from Masonic Hospital on Children's cancer; Dr. Joshua Hou - Medical Director, Lions Gift of Sight; Dr. Bevan Yueh from MN Lions Hearing Foundation and a Leader Dog speaker on the puppy program at Lino Lakes. Our scheduled International guest is Past International President Frank Moore. Frank was President in 2001-02 and has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for numerous years.**

**Plans are changing frequently as the host committee continues to deal with the changing coronavirus restraints. Watch for additional information in the next weeks and months via emails to your club secretaries, your district newsletters and via the multiple district website.**

**District 5M-2 hopes you will Join Us for the Jamboree at the Bend in the River III - MD5M 2021 Convention!**



**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 340<sup>th</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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.**



# NEW LIONS AT BUFFALO LAKE

1VDG Marty Inducts 4 new members into Buffalo Lake Lions

Welcome new Lions Sam Pettit, Derek Brecht, Michelle Mortensen, and Alison Kadelbach.

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## *5M4 CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE*

*Bob Knutson is in charge of the Memorial Service. It's important that your club needs to send obituaries and pictures to him by e-mail asap please.*

*Send info to Bob Knutson at lionbobbyk2017@gmail.com.*



## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2020 - 2021 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (2), New York (2), Ohio (3), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (3). The 2021 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2021.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org) In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, fill out ALL the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

**ALL forms and letters are to be submitted**

**by MARCH 1, 2021 to:**

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com) #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address.

Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,  
"WE SERVE"



# 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!*



## 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](http://lcif.org) and set up ACH bank account or credit card automatic giving
- > Go to [lcif.org](http://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](mailto:spicerlioncraig@gmail.com)

For technical help: Phone 630-203-3836 or email: [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto: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!**