

# 5M4 "It's time to step up to the plate!" Newsletter





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## Keep up the hard work

Easter has jumped into our rear-view mirrors and we are patiently waiting for Spring to arrive! They say it's coming, but it's really hard to believe them with the cool wet weather that we have been having. I guess that it will make us appreciate the warmth even more when it finally shows up.

It's been a busy couple months for me since my last Newsletter column. I was able to spend 3 glorious days in South Carolina golfing with a few of my golf buddies. It was a terrific getaway and great fun. Then I was able to attend our first ever Multiple 5M Faculty Development Institute held in Shakopee.



Lion Karla Athman and DG Lion Marty Athman

To say that I enjoyed my time there would be an understatement! We were lucky enough to have stellar Instructors, and Lion Dennis Kelly put a ton of effort into making this happen. Can't say enough how fortunate that I felt to attend. As a rule our Multiple gets 1 maybe 2 Lions who are accepted to this each year. By hosting it in our Multiple, we had 27 Lions from 5M attend! That could have taken 10 years or more to get that many qualified instructors, but now our cup is running over with new instructors.

We are quickly approaching the end of our Lions year, and we need to keep up the hard work that all our clubs are doing. Membership is always a critical issue within our District and I can't stress enough the challenge to find more members. Buffalo Lake Lions continues to lead the way this year with a +6 in membership. As a District we are a -20 in membership, if we could get that back to zero by June would be an incredible bonus! Keep asking!!

Also, the Multiple Convention is fast approaching. It will be in Mankato this year and Next year our District is hosting it in St. Cloud. More news about next year will follow but we will be looking for several volunteers.

I can't thank everyone enough for all the effort and time that you all have put into this year. I thank you. Your communities thank you.

And you all can thank yourselves for a job well done!!

"Worrying about things you can't control is a waste both on the baseball field and in life." – Stephen King



# Let's ROAR!!!!!

Spring is here I believe. Well I know Lions season is here anyway. That means it is time to go outside and be active. Be seen around your community, wear your lions pins, shirts and hats with pride. Let everyone know you belong to the largest service organization. in the world. Tell people why you are a lion

Being apart Lions is an honor to take pride in. You are serving and helping people worldwide every day. From donating time and resources to your community To donating money to local causes and worldwide relief. Every day Lions are making a difference and it shows. Keep up the great work, and be proud of what you do.

It is no secret that members are the key to our success. Yes we can always use new members, and all it takes is a conversation. Even your family members are not going to ask you how to join, You have to ask them. Ask a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, Ask your brother and sisters. Let everyone you know how amazing Lions are. Give others the opportunity to feel that warm fuzzy feeling you feel when you help someone out. Remember new members are always great, but keeping our current members is just as important. Work together as a team. Situations arise, WORK through them. Just like any relationship not all personalities blend. Look at the big picture. We are Lions to serve and help others. That is what we do. So let's go out and serve.

We have a great opportunity coming up with the return of SUCCESSFEST. This is a lion interactive experience. This is where lions from our district get together and exchange ideas and talk about the ins and outs of Lions behind the scene. The treasurer, the secretary, the president. How to report and how to maneuver around the lions international website. The dates and locations are coming soon. This event is for all lions, there is something for everyone. We will even have the foundations there to talk to.



1st VDG Lion Rob Wiener and Lion Jo Wiener

I am currently working on filling the district cabinet for 2022-2023. I have a few vacant spots. If you are interested in being part of the district cabinet just let me know and we will work together to find your spot..

Thanks again for all you do.

DGE 5M4 Lion Rob Wiener 320-241-7100 5m4lionrob@gmail.com

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# "Lions Strong: Making A Difference"



#### Registration Form 44th District 5M4

LIONS MIDWINTER CONVENTION

January 27, 28, 29, 2023 at Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, MN

#### PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

Call Arrowwood Resort @ 320-762-1124

2100 Arrowwood Lane NW, Alexandria, MN 56308

#### **INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM**

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Waterpark tickets \$10.00 per day per child (To be purchased after arrival.)

Cancellations will be charged a \$20 fee. Cancellations after January 1, 2023 no refund will be made.

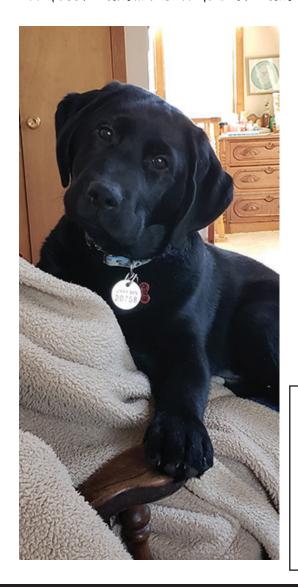
Make Checks payable to: District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter Convention Fund

Send to: Cindy Fronning, 324 E. Hillside Ave. Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Contact Cindy Fronning for questions 651-324-8415 or email cindy@nadona.org



PDG Bob Kulberk and !st VDGE Sue Kulbeik



### Spring housecleaning!

!st VDGE Sue Kulbeik

Spring should be a time of renewal, growth, and looking forward to the future seasons. In spite of the weather, we could apply that positive outlook to Lions!

Our fiscal year ends on June 30th and the new year begins on July 1st. Let's set a goal to do some spring house-cleaning and sprucing up our clubs. We will be holding Zone meetings throughout the District that will include lots of great info for new club officers, how to recruit new members, and fun ways to engage your members.

It's also a great time to be sure your club is reporting your service projects, new officers, and be sure it's all completed by the end of June.

IVP Brian Sheehan will be taking over as President of Lions Clubs International effective July 1st. Let's be sure his home district is setting the standard for how clubs can be their best.

Speaking of growth, Future Leader Dog Olee is having a growth spurt! He's looking forward to meeting everyone at the MD5M Multiple District Convention in Mankato. Please be sure and come and say hi to him and all the Leader Dogs, clients, and puppy raisers that will be there.

Let's all pray for spring to finally arrive!

1stVDGE Sue Kulbeik kulbeik@hotmail.com 605-949-0161

#### **NOTICE FROM KIDSIGHT**

For any of the clubs that gave donations to Kidsight during the Field of Green at the Midwinter Convention: If your check has not been cashed, please reach out to Lion Sara Stricker at sjstrickes@yahoo.com or 641-430-6329. Only a few were recovered from the weekend. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused any of our clubs





#### **Lions Match Campaign Launches!**

By Pearland Silverlake President Lion Fay Watson



September 2021 the Pearland Silverlake Lions Club (above) held their first "Helping Hounds, A benefit for Leader Dogs for the Blind" at Killen's Steakhouse in Pearland, Texas. Over 70 attendees and volunteers enjoyed a dog friendly evening on the Killen's Steakhouse Patio dedicated to helping raise money for this worthy cause.

The idea of a fundraiser just for Leader Dogs for the Blind was brought to our club by Lions Charise Berry and Sandy Cavazos. The pair decided our club could make an impact if we could donate enough to pay for one puppy to be purchased and trained to be a Leader Dog. The board thought the idea was great and planning began.

Sponsorships were created with names like Hair of the Dog and Best In Show ranging from \$250 to \$2500. There was a dog costume contest as well.

The event resulted in a \$20,000 donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind which will be used as a "Lions club donation match" mail campaign hitting club mailboxes early April.





# A New Podcast Launches

Leader Dogs for the Blind presents Taking the Lead. A podcast where we will take a deep dive into the blindness community.

Our goal is to bring awareness of not only the blindness community but the free services we provide to those who are blind or visually impaired.

Meet one of your hosts of Taking the Lead. Timothy Cuneio was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa when he was 12 years old. Throughout his life he has continued to be proactive and never letting his visual impairment define him or hold him back. Timothy, along with LDB staff, will lead you on a journey as we learn, laugh, and make a difference in people's lives.

Listen to Taking the Lead in your favorite apps like Amazon music, Spotify and Google Podcasts.







**Brooklyn Park Lions** 59th Annual "WORLDS LARGEST" ALL YOU CAN EAT





April 27, 28, and 29 5 pm to 8pm

Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center / Armory 5500 85th Ave. N.

Adults \$15.00 in advance, \$16.00 at the door Children 12 and under \$8.00

Meal includes one serving of fresh coleslaw, beans, chips, dinner roll, your choice of pop, milk or water
and all the delicious breaded and deep fried Smelt you care to eat.

<u>Beer available for an additional cost</u>

> Advance tickets available at **Community Activity Center** Godfathers Pizza Online @ www.BrooklynParkLions.org

Proceeds provide free eyeglasses for children in need in Brooklyn Park and support many other local, national, and worldwide charitable causes



The Buffalo Lake Lions Club have worked hard on their membership drive for the year and have had eight new members join in these last few months! February: President John Schmalz, Keri Nelson, and Jesse and Hannah Duenow. April: Nathan Scharmer, Randy and Colleen Peterson, Sponsor Sarah Schaffer, Kara Scharmer, Connie Maiers, and President John Schmalz



#### Through a self-guided tour:

- · watch a trainer working with an assistance dog,
- talk with a Puppy Program volunteer and staff members, and
- meet assistance dog teams.

#### Join us at our campus

9440 Science Center Dr. New Hope, MN 55428

candocanines.org







Opening Eyes vision screening at the Summer Games (Special Olympics)

When: June 24-25, 2022 Where: Stillwater High School

What: Assist with eye screenings for athletes—they receive glasses or sports goggles FREE!! Lions team up with eye professionals to serve this population. Training provided.

Out of every 10 athletes on a Special Olympics team, 2 have never had an eye exam and 4 need a new prescription for glasses.

Check out the Special Olympics Minnesota website: SOMN.org for more information about all things

Special Olympics

Sincerely Lion Lori Schellberg District chair

LCIF Campaign 100 Fundraiser



Lion Craig & others are doing a 100 mile bike ride Saturday, June 4, 2022 - Fergus Falls to Saint Joseph on the Central Lakes/Lake Wobegon trails as a fundraiser event for the Lions Clubs International Foundation which has the following focus areas:

- Support for Ukraine and neighbors
- \* Disaster relief worldwide, including locally
- \* Teaming up with Lions clubs and Lions Foundations on larger projects including hearing, vision, hunger, diabetes, youth, clean water and other humanitarian projects
- \* Others are welcome to join this unsupported ride
- \* Lion Craig and Lion Lori Schellberg will match donations @50% up to \$2,500

Donations can be by check (written to LCIF) or online to LCIF.org or texted to 888-801-5959 and enter LCIF.

Text/call (320-894-6843) or email name, donation amount and method of payment to spicerlioncraig@gmail.com or mail to Lion Craig, 6233 97th Ave NE, Spicer MN 56288

Name:	
Donation amount:	
Method of payment:	

Having a hard time finding new members?...maybe you should ask one of these?

your spouse your children your neighbor your brother your sister your best friend your mailman your garbage man your insurance agent your banker your car dealer your doctor your nurse your pastor your boyfriend your girlfriend your mother your father your cousin your past Lions members your business partner your barista your mayor your local store owners

As you can see the options are limitless. Find one of the above or one of your own choices. Share the gift of Lionism today!!

Submitted by Jason Kerfeld



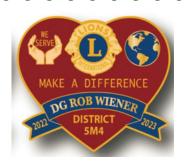


Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. Dear MD5M Lions,

The Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022. The meeting will be held at the MD5M Convention at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato, MN, USA. Each Lions Club in the Multiple District is allowed one voting delegate. The Foundation Meeting will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. in the "vault" room.

During the annual meeting we will review the past year's activities, recognize, and honor outgoing Trustees, and announce the Board of Trustees that will serve starting July 1, 2022. I want to personally thank all the Lions, Clubs, Districts, individuals, and businesses in Minnesota that have supported our Foundation this year. We are using your donations to improve the quality of life for people by funding research to cure diabetes, providing education, and sponsoring preventative health activities. Yours "Catching the Dream",

Lion Brian Rykhus Chairman Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.



#### 2023 5M4 Mid-Winter Lions Convention Tidbits

Hi Everyone,

Easter is over and we are in full swing with convention preparations. Our logo is "Lions Strong Making a Difference!" This is a takeoff on Boston Strong which is where the 2023 International Convention is being held.

#### **Lions Strong: Making A Difference**

reflects the following:

L - Leadership makes a difference

- I Individuals making a difference
- O Organizations making a difference
- N Networking and working together to make a difference
- S Solutions making a difference

#### STRONG!

We are in the process of securing your speakers for this great event! We some excellent speakers picked out.

Our committee members are out selling ads. If you have a business and would like to support District Governor Elect Rob's convention, please contact me and we can take care of your ad. We are also looking for Silent auction items and prizes for the Chinese Auction. More about those things later.

Check out the registration form in the newsletter. Register early and get a significant reduction in the cost of the registration fee! Just a reminder that the 2023 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention will be held in Alexandria at the Arrowwood Resort from January 27 through January 29, 2023. The room blocks are already available so feel free to call and make your reservations. Water Park tickets will be available after check in for \$10.00 per child per day. That's it for now! More to follow in the coming months. Remember

"Lions Strong: Making A Difference" is about all of us and what we can accomplish together. The more we work together the greater the result! What can you do? What can your club do? What can we all do to make a difference? I challenge you to make a difference everyday if only to smile at someone who is having a bad day. Just your smile could turn their day around without you even knowing it. Make a Difference!

Until next month, Lion Cindy Fronning 2023 Convention

Chair651-324-8415 cindy@nadona.org

MAY 2022

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Mn Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.

#### Believe Award

#### **Application**

Club Name		
Address		
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Recipient:		
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City		
Please check:		
Memorial Donation \$1,000	0.00, given in memory of a	a deceased Lion or non-Lion.
Cumulative Award - Accum	nulated gifts over time re	esulting 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		<del>-</del>
Address		
City	State	Zip Code

#### **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



#### **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**

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Please allow 30 days to process & ship award recognition

# Hearing Research Fellowship Application

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

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



# 1 DAY - 2 LOCATIONS!







Please make check payable:

#### **D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM**

Club			
Name	Distric	t	
Contact Person (please print)			
Address:	City	State	Zip
Phone # Email add	dress:		
Donation Amount: \$1000 \$500	\$250\$100	\$50\$35	\$25
Club Sponsorship at \$1000 level gets Club	o's name on the back of t	he t-shirt.	
Donation is on behalf of your club	-		
Personal donation			
\$25 donation with no t-shirt. \$35 donation includes a t-shirt. Registrat	ion form must be receive	ed by <b>May 10</b> to rece	eive a t-shirt.
Adult sizes: small medium	large XL	2XL 3XL_	4XL
Youth sizes: small medium	large		
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Please send check and registration form t	to:		
PDG Mike Vos, Treasurer Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 20472 371 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Green Isle, MN 55338-2172			

Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation





#### Early pricing extended until March 31

As we look forward to our 104<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal, we realize that current international travel guidelines continue to change. In order to give all Lions and Leos a better opportunity to make their travel arrangements to the convention, we are extending the early discounted pricing deadline to **March 31, 2022**.

Register by March 31, 2022, and pay the discounted US\$175 registration fee.

We can't wait to see you in Montréal!





#### "5M4 Membership Helper T-Shirt"

#### Some of you may have a hard time trying to find future Lions

Here is a chance for your shirt to break the ice and start a Lions discussion. Without membership our clubs and communities will start to suffer. The GMT of 5M4 is urging our members to strongly consider ordering some for yourself or the club ordering these to assist you with your membership advancement, plus they are only \$10.

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<sup>\*</sup>Complete this form above.

<sup>\*</sup>Any questions please contact: Jason Kerfeld (320-429-0794) (fax 320-352-0047) kerfeld@mainstreetcom.com



<sup>\*</sup>Send payment with checks written to the Sauk Centre Lions Club, 333 Morning View Lane, Sauk Centre MN 56378



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

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

Mail with attached form to

Lions Club International Foundation, Dept 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 or give to your president, secretary or treasurer

OR: Give or mail to: 5M4 Foundation District chair Craig Schellberg, 6233 97th Ave NE, Spicer, MN 56288. Phone/text: 320-894-6843 email: spicerlioncraig@gmail.com

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

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# Thank you Kellie!

We presented PDG Kellie with her appreciation plaque at our last Cabinet meeting, thanking her for her year of service last year.





Olivia Lions Breakfast fundraiser

