

# 5M4 Newsletter



MEMORIAL DAY -  
A TIME TO REMEMBER  
THOSE WHO SERVED.

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## So much going on!

What an AMAZING weekend we just had! We spent it in Winnipeg with several hundred of our Lions friends at the 2024 Multiple District Convention and it was a memorable one.

The special guests of honor were International President Dr. Patti Hill and her husband, Lion Greg. They were so accessible to all of us and joined right in on the fun. We had many conversations and the opportunity to get to know her much better. She is lovely and is so passionate about Lions serving and being visible in our communities. Her real passion is the environment – which is why we elected to have two environmental projects at our Mid-Winter Convention (recycling plastic and growing wildflowers). She has personally planted thousands of trees and was thrilled to hear 5M4 is doing the same. (More info on that elsewhere in this newsletter). Maybe it's because she's a farm girl from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, that she seems to be so down to earth and relatable.

One piece of business that was accomplished was the election of Lion Bert Nelson as our endorsed candidate for International Director. Bert is from New York Mills and will be a wonderful representative to the world from Minnesota. We were also proud to award this year's Hall of Fame Award to PCC Dennis Heinen of the Sauk Centre Lions. Well deserved, and he received a standing ovation! Next year the Multiple District Convention is in Bloomington, MN, and I would encourage all of you to attend. There will be many opportunities to learn more about the causes we support, spend time with other Lions, and watch how decisions are made on behalf of our District. Oh, and by the way, the 2029 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be in Minneapolis so get ready for that!

A few reminders as we move along through our year -

1. Time to order your Peace Poster kits – they are available now!
2. Be sure and log into the new Lions International communications Portal. Club secretaries should try this as soon as possible. If you have trouble getting on, please contact our District Administrator, PCC Dennis Heinen.
3. If you have NOT made your annual donation to LCIF, NOW is the time! I set a goal for 100% of the clubs in my District to contribute and we're not there yet. Please see what you can do. Any amount qualifies as a donation. Don't forget how much has come back into our District in the form of LCIF Grants! Thousands and thousands of dollars are being put to good use in our District. If you have any questions, please contact our LCIF Chair, Lion Allen Ulbricht (see our list of cabinet members for contact information).
4. We had our District Facebook page shut down by META and therefore have had to create a new one. Please on and like the "Lions District 5M4", to get all the up to the minute news and notices. We strive to like the pages of the clubs in our District so we can share your news too!
5. Have you checked into a Club Excellence Award for your club? It's a pretty easy process and the forms are available on line or I have some too.
6. Be sure and get your new members reported ASAP. We want to show what a great job all the clubs in our District are doing at recruiting new members.
7. Have you selected your club contact person for the Lions Alert program? You'll be hearing more about that as we move into summer.

This year has truly flown by. I can't believe there is only a couple of months left in my year as District Governor. If there is anything I can do to help your club wrap up this year on a positive note, please let me know. I still have some late arriving chevrons to deliver to clubs and will be working with our entire Leadership Team to accomplish that.

*Have a safe spring and remember "We Serve"! DG Sue Kulbeik*

1st VDGE Susan Krumrey, IP Dr. Patti Hill, DGE Jacque Heinen, & DG Sue Kulbeik in MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, MB



DG Sue Kulbeik and PDG Bob Kulbeik

**Thank you to everyone who made the LCIF Gala a great success and for your overall support of LCIF. You really are making a difference - and it shows! Keep awarding members with MJFs!**

**- Allan Ulbricht**

**Clubs: Would you like to give a Melvin Jones**

**Fellowship award? Contact me to find out the amount of MJF credit you have to give out a MJF award and I can also help you order. Thanks!**  
**Lion Allan Ulbricht, Cell 320.267.4207**  
• [Allan.ulbricht@gmail.com](mailto:Allan.ulbricht@gmail.com)





# Jottings from Jacque!

Greetings Lions of 5M4 –

Wow what amazing weather this has been. With the recent 2 ½ + inches of rain you could watch the grass turn green. Speaking of green... we had a great LCIF fundraiser on April 13 the LCIF Gala hosted by Parkers Prairie Lions. Fun for all! Learned how much has been given to LCIF from our districts and multiple and how much more we've received back: for disaster relief and special projects in our own back yards. LIONS of 5M4 DO AMAZING WORK.

Please have your current and incoming club officers attend the officer training May 19 from 3-5pm. We will have new member orientation - all are welcome, officer breakout sessions and training on the NEW lions portal with a meal afterward at the Willmar Community Center see enclosed flyer.

Please work on member retention – do an exit interview, find out why members want to leave, evaluate how to change that. Our communities are changing: we need to change our service activities as well. Invite a non-Lion in to help you see what may need changing. Be brave and listen and adjust.

The Multiple Convention in Winnipeg this past weekend was fantastic. We had International President Dr. Patti Hill as our keynote speaker. How we can change the world: one person, one community, one city at a time – “with Strong Vibrant Lions Clubs”! We also endorsed PCC Bert Nelson as our next International Director candidate. We passed the 1.50 per year fee for the International Convention to be held in Minneapolis in 2029. The resolution to restore a delegate vote to a PDG and it not count towards the club delegate count passed. Also passed in the by-laws was to change the Parade Band Fund to the Parade Fund.

Watch for your new portal invite. Once you get it log in and spend

Cell: 320.249.6536

DGE Jacque Heinen

Email: lionheinen@gmail.com

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PCC Dennis Heinen and DGE Jacque Heinen

some time clicking using the drop down bars, check out the help boxes.

Happy May Day! – call someone and make their day. We serve –

DGE Jacque Heinen

--Ask One ---Keep One In Lions, We Serve

## HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

New Service Ideas this spring from the Global Service Team:

- **Food Drive** for the food shelf
- **Birthday Cake Kit** for the food shelf  
Included cake mix, cake pan, candles, vegetable oil...they just need eggs
- **Community Garden**  
Help plant, weed and harvest items for the community or food shelf.
- **Community Orchard**  
Help plant apple trees and have available for the community.
- **Scholarships** for your High School
- **Purchase a Book** for every child, do a book for every second grader.



## KEEP THINKING OF WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY!

PCC Dennis Heinen, Global Service Team heinende@centracare.com 320-491-3996



# A note from Susan

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www.e-district.org/sites/5M4  
MAY 2024

Greetings 5M4!

As we were driving home from the Multiple Convention in Winnipeg, it got me thinking about all the gatherings we do outside our own Lions meeting; being able to connect with friends again, making so many new ones, learning more about what other Lions do and how their club serves. Also, about the fun had by all, the laughter, the clapping, and cheers in the gatherings for others. It got me thinking about GAT Leader, Jay Norby's lesson on FOMO – Fear Of Missing Out! What are you doing within your clubs to create FOMO for your members? Are you using social media or print to publicize your events within your community? We are all about service!! That is the common theme for all Lions, so what projects are you doing to make your community a better place, to make others want to join you, to create an atmosphere of fun and acceptance for all that join you? Thinking about FOMO, what can you do so your members get this feeling within them?! This is a great organization, with the best life motto "We Serve" – create a club that no one will want to miss out on!!

It seems we move from District Conventions, to the Multiple, and now onto the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. I know it may not work for everyone to travel to these international events, but I want to give you a heads up... the International Convention is being planned for Minneapolis, MN on June 29-July3, 2029! This one is in our backyard and they are something to see. Take this opportunity to plan on attending. Or better yet, here is a perfect opportunity for you to volunteer! We will need to come up with around 800 volunteers for these days! We are excited to get this back on home turf, we hope you are too!

A big thank you to PCC Dennis Heinen for heading up our Earth Day tree planting project for our District. The environment is one of our added Global Causes and one that also is dear to International President Dr. Patti Hill. Our district planted over 5000 trees in honor of her. Thank you for participating and making the environment a better place for all!

PLEASE mark your calendars for the Global Action Team Summit that is being planned for May 18th, 9am-4pm in Sauk Centre! EVERYONE is invited for this great leadership opportunity. It will be day to connect with and learn from other Lion leaders, bring out the leader in yourself and contribute your strategies and best practices from your clubs, and in all conversations, this will inspire each one of us to be the best Lion we can be. We will gain ideas on membership, leadership, service, and through these discussions we will be able to gain from networking opportunities designed to help us facilitate more unique perspectives and insights to take back to our districts and clubs. We are all leaders in our communities, we are all Lions, we sincerely hope you will consider accepting this invitation.

**TWO**  
**locations!**  
**Sign**  
**up now!**



**JUNE 1, 2024 - 9:30 AM**

**MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM - CHASKA, MN**  
**DIAMOND POINT PARK - BEMIDJI, MN**

**FUN FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES!** | **A CHANCE TO CHANGE A PERSON'S LIFE THROUGH YOUR REGISTRATION DONATION!** | **KIDS UNDER 12 ARE FREE!**

Register at: <https://secure.gqiv.com/event/2024/walktod-feethearingloss>  
Text DFEET2024 to 50155 to donate or register.

**D-FEET Hearing Loss**



Lion Brad Krumrey and  
1st VDGE Susan Krumrey

This is going to be a great day not only for you as a Lion, but for you personally as well. Let's keep moving forward!

We continue to need a District Cabinet Secretary! Please contact me, DG Sue or DGE Jacque if you are interested in learning more about the position.

*Together In Service,*  
Lion Susan Krumrey,  
1st VDGE – 5M4  
5M4 Cabinet Secretary  
Buffalo Lake Lions  
Club President

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# Benson Lions help pack meals



Friday, April 19, Benson Lions members volunteered their time to help pack meals for the Harvest Pack program that feeds the hungry. This event was held at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. For the day, 61,000 meals were packed so far. The Lions worked from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Benson Lions have helped out with this project over the years with other groups that participate.

Members of the Benson Lions, left side of table: Marlys Boone, Beth Buyck, Linda Smith, Cheryl McGeary. Right side of table: Terry Smith, Donna Christenson, Jon Buyck and Pat McGeary.

## Photos from the Winnipeg Convention



IP Patti Hill came up with this unique photo idea for all the current District Governors attending!

Photo by IP Patti Hill.

## For Spicer Sunrise Lions Earth Day is all year long

A pillar for Lions is protecting and enhancing the environment. Many know that Lions collect used eyewear but may not know that those same boxes (Erickson Library, Green Lake Mall and Faith Lutheran Church), also collect hearing aids and cellphones for recycling.

There is more! A used shoe collection is also available at Green Lake Mall and Faith Lutheran Church. All footwear can be dropped off regardless of condition, even single shoes. None will go to the landfill.

Still more! Drink containers are collected at local gas stations, Teals, BP, and Mels or can be put in the Lions can trailer located between Perkins Lumber and Little Crow Sports Center. Please use the garbage cans for other trash.

And now Lions are also collecting plastic bags. When 1000 pounds are collected the NexTrex company will provide a bench to be placed in the community. Collection boxes are provided at the Dethlefs Center and Faith Lutheran Church.

Join the Lions in making every day Earth Day.





# Photos from the Winnipeg Convention



Top left: IP Patti Hill speaking: Botton left:,PDG Dave Jensen sharing his "Lions are like a deck of cards" overview. Top right: All the District Governors honoring Council Chair Rob Wiener by wearing their "Wiener Hats" at the opening of the Council of Governors in Winnipeg.

## 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL OSAKIS LIONS CLUB WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

**WHEN**  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7am – 3pm

**WHERE**  
Lake Osakis  
Headquarters: town access

**FEATURING** -1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place payout -1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place plaques - large walleye contest: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$8,000 first place prize ( payouts based on 75 entrants)

[WWW.FISHDONKEY.COM](http://www.fishdonkey.com)

**FACEBOOK: OSAKIS LIONS WALLEYE TOURNAMENT**

**2 PERSON TEAMS**

**REGISTER AT:**  
[FISHDONKEY.COM](http://FISHDONKEY.COM)  
\$350 (\$25 goes towards big walleye contest) + \$10 registration fee

**75 TEAMS MAX**

**6 FISH STRINGER: 5 FISH BETWEEN 15-21.75" AND ONE FISH OVER 22" (UNLIMITED CULLING)**

**BOAT CHECK-IN STARTING AT 5:30 AM MORNING OF TOURNAMENT**

**BENEFITING**  
The Osakis Lions Club and the Osakis Community

## GLOBAL ACTION TEAM SUMMIT

**MAY 18TH**  
**9:00AM-4:00PM**

📍 Sauk Centre American Legion  
128 Main St S, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

LUNCH PROVIDED

GREAT IDEAS FOR

- GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM
- GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM
- GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM
- GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM
- GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH CHAMPIONS

SPECIAL GUEST PCC JODI BURMESTER FROM WISCONSIN'S MD27

RSVP WITH

CC ROB WIENER  
NO LATER THAN MAY 12TH

📧 [5M4lionrob@gmail.com](mailto:5M4lionrob@gmail.com)

ALL LIONS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

**5M4**

# Club Officer Training



*with NEW Lions Portal Training*

Sunday MAY 19, 2024 3-5pm  
Willmar Community Center

## Breakout Sessions with Q&A

- Presidents
- Secretaries
- New Member Orientation

### Send Your RSVP by MAY 13

 [mickierogal@gmail.com](mailto:mickierogal@gmail.com)  
 218.731.9749 text/phone

All members are WELCOME.  
 Participation is strongly encouraged for ALL current and newly elected club officers.

Additional Zoom training for NEW Portal available MAY 21 @ 7:30pm



7.

# 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](mailto:patrickposl@gmail.com)



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[www.e-district.org/sites/5M4](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5M4)  
MAY 2024

## REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



### IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024

WHERE: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn  
100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320) 253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night  
[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3)

TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 6:45 pm  
Program: 7:30 pm

DRESS: Black and White attire (Notice we didn't say "black tie")

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON (Not a typo!); CAPACITY: Only 280

**NO GIFTS PLEASE:  
THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION ONTO THEIR HOME!**

#### ONLY IF YOU INSIST:

Consider bringing a check payable to "LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation"

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choices: Top Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form and your check for \$15/person payable to "Lion Brian Campaign Fund" to:

Mike Molenda  
1462 Featherstone Court  
Hastings, MN 55033-9181







# Benson Lions Awards and Installation of Officers



The Benson Lions Club held their monthly meeting April 15 at Track Bar and Grill. Cindy and Mark Frank each received the Lions Club Key Award. New officers for 2024-2025 are: President Rodney Burns, Vice-President Mark Frank, Tail Twister Ron Jaeger and Director Laura Thomas.



## Rain or shine..... Volunteers lend a helping hand

Members of the Benson Lions Club and other volunteers helped unload the First Harvest semi that came to the Swift County Food Shelf Tuesday morning during the torrential rain storm. These volunteers are always on hand to help with this project that is done twice a month.

Tom McGeary (standing), Pat McGeary (Lion), Gene Anderson and Mark Frank (Lion) in front; back row: Terry Smith (Lion), Jon Buyck (Lion) and Keith Tolifson.







## *Champions club gets 'growing'!*

Sauk River Champions Lions Club April Meeting featured the Champions planting the Wildflower seeds received at the 5M4 Midwinter Convention in containers to take home and care for. Eventually the Wildflowers are to be planted outside at their homes to watch them grow. The Champions also painted a picture of a flower with the use of Bingo Dobbers, courtesy of the Sauk Centre Legion.



## Can Do Canines to Host Open House May 18

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 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 are invited to attend 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 each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.



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](mailto: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 [www.candocanines.org](http://www.candocanines.org).





*Exciting news!*

## A “Lions Alert Program” is being developed within our District.

*The Objective:* “Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Relief in relation to a disaster, means measures taken during or immediately after a disaster in order to bring relief to people and communities affected by the disaster”.

- **PREPAREDNESS** involves the development of a plan of action in case of emergency. A logistic operations center and a practiced emergency response plan are two elements of the preparedness phase. Lions Clubs continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipping, exercise, evaluation and improvement activities to ensure effective coordination and the enhancement of capabilities to respond to incidents or disasters.
- **RESPONSE** includes the mobilization of Lions Clubs and Lions Alert Coordinators. They should be prepared to do a rapid needs assessment and bring Lions to where they can do the most good.
- **RECOVERY** aims to restore the affected area to its previous state, such as rebuilding destroyed property, infrastructure. Recovery can be immediate and/or can be longer term depending on the situation. Relief can come in the form of providing food and drink to recovery workers and affected people, working with other agencies, assistance in long term recovery.

### 1. Communication

Our first phase of the program will be communication. **We need to develop a plan of communicating the program information to our clubs.** This will happen through a variety of means:

- District Leadership
- Cabinet members
- PDGs
- Zone Chairs
- Newsletter
- Leadership meetings with clubs
- Meeting with non-Lions organizations

### 2. Club Participation

We will begin to roll this out immediately.

**Each Lions Club meeting should include the following discussion:**

1. Focus of the plan
2. Structure of the program
3. Develop a leader in each club (or neighboring club if none available in all clubs)
4. Develop a call chain template in case of emergency to muster membership
5. Develop a list of members who are willing to go through training
6. Organize training sessions for Lions to become prepared for emergencies
7. Develop a list of resources available already and contact names (equipment, generators, tools, capabilities, storage, etc.)
8. Work with local Emergency Management Directors so they know of our availability and capabilities

### 3. Types of Emergencies

- **LEVEL ONE: A local emergency. House fire, flood, lost child, are some examples.** A single club could respond to the affected area. Each club will develop their own plan on how to help their community.
- **LEVEL TWO: Affects a larger geographical area, flooding, fires, or storm damage.** At this level, Districts would respond and may possibly be eligible for a LCIF Emergency Grant. Our District will develop a plan for response, capabilities, and communication depending on what each local club is willing to provide.
- **LEVEL THREE: Catastrophic event such as earthquake, tsunami, or large tornado affecting a huge area and thousands of people.**

*Questions?*

Please contact Lion Bonnie Lay at: laybonnie@icloud.com or 5M4 DG Sue Kulbeik at kulbeik@hotmail.com

*This is just the start of the Lions Alert Program in our District. First, communicating the information to the Leadership and then the clubs. From here, the rest of the program will be defined and implemented. Each club or Zone could develop their own plan according to their capabilities and their needs. They must work with local Emergency Management and First Responders to maximize their contribution. We will also work to have each club insured properly and be able to provide proof of insurance to local command centers on site. Our hope is to eventually have a mobile command unit stocked with equipment need to provide assistance and relief in case of emergency, both short and long term.*





## **Lions Portal Phased rollout for Lion Account Users**

**Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13\*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal\*\*. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience. Now – April 11: MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal. April 12 and beyond: MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available. April 15 – May 13: Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users. Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same. May 13 and beyond: All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal. \*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.**



### ***Lions donate to PAC***

Benson Lions Club Treasurer Marlys Boone presents a \$1,000 donation to Shelly Mikkelson for the Benson Area Performing Arts Center.

## ***THANK YOU 5M 4 !!***

Pam and I would like to thank everyone who helped with my campaign to become the endorsed candidate for International Director. Your help throughout this endeavor made it possible.

We would also like to thank all the Lions from MD5M who supported us and voted for us in Winnipeg. We are truly honored and will do our best to represent this great multiple.

Now it is off to the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia to have my name put on the ballot. We wished we could take you all with us.

Wish us luck!!! Bert and Pam



### **AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP CONTACTS:**

- MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.  
**BELIEVE AWARD:** e-mail tpcmcc0526@yahoo.com
- **Heart of a Lion Award:** Contact DG Sue Kulbeik
- **LITPC Youth Scholarship** Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie at 763-786-8072 or e-mail: bmguthrie9@q.com
- **Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship:**  
Contact PDG Mike Voss at 20472 371st Ave., Green Isle, MN 55338



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

*Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the Stillwater Area High School from June 23-25.*

Stillwater Area High School will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 2,500 athletes will be competing in basketball and track and field throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in Victory Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

The Lions have played a major part in this competition for many years, and will once again host the Opening Eyes screening. As part of the Healthy Athletes program offerings, Opening Eyes provides a complete eye exam, conducted by eye doctors and eye care professionals. During the Opening Eyes screening, Athletes have the opportunity to receive new eye glasses, sunglasses or sports goggles, free of charge! Opening Eyes is presented by Lions Club International.

Opening Eyes in Minnesota was first undertaken by Lions Clubs of 5M5, but we need you to make this screening happen! Opening Eyes volunteers directly impact the health of SOMN Athletes! Volunteers will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes, and also meet Lions from other clubs and other districts. Volunteers will receive a Summer Games Volunteer t-shirt and Volunteers working over six hours will also receive a complimentary lunch.



### Summer Games volunteer shifts available:

- Friday, June 21, 9:00 pm - 1:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 22, 8:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 22, 11:45 am - 4:30 pm

### Lions Club volunteers are needed for a number of roles, including:

- Assisting doctors
- Conducting initial eye chart exam
- Directing and escorting athletes
- Athlete registration

TO REGISTER VISIT:

**SOMN.ORG/LIONS**

These volunteer shifts are reserved for Lions & Friends of the Lions registration. Lions Club members, family and friends are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer!

Questions? Please contact:

Lion Ray Moonen, 952.201.7031; moonen@myinfmail.com

Lion Jim Cain, 763.232.0790; jhcain2@gmail.com.

Lion Laura Maki, 507.964.5796; relamaki@frontiernet.net

Special Olympics  
Lions Clubs International  
**Opening Eyes®**



## Cabinet Secretary needed

Due to other leadership roles coming up, I am in need of giving up the position of Cabinet Secretary to another capable individual that is interested in learning more about how our district runs, has interest in a leadership role, and is willing to take meeting minutes for us! You will need to commit to 4 meetings a year, one happening at the Mid-Winter convention, and also take notes for the business meeting at the convention. This person will also keep an email list of all clubs in our district (Secretary and/or President) for furthering on communication with them as directed from our District Governor or other cabinet members, to ensure our zone chairs and clubs within our district are well informed. You will be the contact for them as they may reply to you – you will need to have good communication skills, answering their needs or furthering on their email to the correct person to ensure all club members are taken care of in a timely manner. If this position is for you, or you have interest and want to learn more, please contact DG Sue Kulbeik at kulbeik@gmail.com, 1VDG Jacque Heinen at lionheinen@gmail.com, or myself/2VDG and Cabinet Secretary Susan Krumrey at susan@ksmillwrights.com. There is a cabinet meeting coming up, I invite you to come along with me, I can train you in!





## *Leader Dog update*

Bark and Brew event is coming up SATURDAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Bark and Brew event ticket (Ages 3 and up) is \$5. The event ticket is for the non-runners/walkers that want to cheer racers on. The event ticket for kids includes a wristband for the kids' play area – inflatables included. That's quite a deal for the day long entertainment for the family.

There is a Dog VIP pack entry fee for adults if they would like to go under blind fold and be guided by an ambassador Leaderdog to get a "feel" of what it is like to be blind and depend on guidance from one of these outstanding dogs. A limited number of VIP tickets available-so go to Leaderdog.org, events page and sign up NOW!

The Bark and Brew event will take place RAIN or SHINE, NO REFUNDS

**NEW THIS YEAR! Double Dog Dare, Ya!** Entry fee 44.99 Finish both the 5K and 1Mile run/walk and receive a BIGGER 2024 commemorative mug shaped metal, free entry fee, plus race t-shirt, race bib, pint glass, and a coupon for an age-appropriate beverage – Limited to 100 participants.

5K run/walk Entry fee 34.99 (no strollers) includes free entry fee, race t-shirt, mug shaped metal with bottle opener, race bib, pint glass, and a coupon for a free age-appropriate beverage coupon.

1 mile run/walk entry fee is 29.99 and participants include free entry fee, race t-shirt, mug shaped metal with bottle opener, race bib, pint glass, and a coupon for a free age-appropriate beverage coupon.

**DOGS:** Only Service Animals allowed on 5K racecourse. Leader Dog puppies, breeding hosts can participate in the 1-mile run/walk only. NO personal dogs allowed.

**UPDATE ON HAWKEYE:** He graduated from Leader Dog University and has graduated with Honors from Leader Dog University. He is in the deaf/blind guide dog class. We are over the moon happy for him! He was paired with a deaf/blind client and started his work with this client at leader dog. About a week into the training, the human discovered that having a dog was not for them and Hawkeye was returned to Leader Dog University campus to wait for the next person that will match his personality/style. We were reassured by the Leader Dog puppy supervisor, that Hawkeye did nothing wrong. It was simply the human choosing a different direction.

**UPDATE ON KLINGER:** Klinger participated in a Leader Dog Regional 2-day training at Carrol University near Milwaukee, WI. Puppies that took part ranged in age from 8 weeks to almost 1 year. Klinger was 6 months old at the time. Puppy raisers were given tips on how to overcome individual difficulties with their puppy. All pups went through an obstacle course, obedience cues, and had lots of time practicing their settling with other dogs and temptations around. Klinger found this exhausting and slept all the way home.

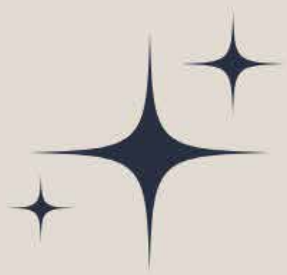
In Lions Service, Mary Bolas, Leader Dog Chair [marybolas.mb@gmail.com](mailto:marybolas.mb@gmail.com)

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5M4 Newsletter

[www.e-district.org/sites/5M4](http://www.e-district.org/sites/5M4)

MAY 2024



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SEPTEMBER 20-21 2024



**SEMINAR INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.  
SPREAD THE WORD - WE'RE BACK!**



## 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](mailto:patrickposl@gmail.com)

## *Spicer Sunrise Lions stay busy!*



### *Working together*

Spicer Commercial Club administrator Neila Duchane, Nancy Larson from Hampton Inn, and Lions Club member Todd Erickson gave an overview of the Commercial Club's purpose and activities. The two organizations are looking for ways to work together for the benefit of the Spicer community.



### *Donate \$500 to Toolcat team*

After a presentation from Toolcat Isaac Dowdey, the Spicer Sunrise Lions voted to donate \$500 to help send the NLS Toolcat team to the World competition in Houston, TX. Pictured with the robot are (l-r) Ellie Donner, Sam Weber, Isaac Snow, Lion Jean Ruter, instructor Aric Harrier, Lucas Poverud, and Henry Vetsch. Go Toolcats!



### *Peace Poster winner*

Spicer Sunrise Lions sponsor the Lions Peace Poster Contest each fall in our NLS middle school. This year's first place winner, 7th grader Ella Ann Schammel, explained what she chose for her entry. The contest, now in its 30th year, has involved students ages 11-13 in thinking about peace with 4 million students participating from 100 countries in those 30 years. One first place winner and 23 merit winners can be found by googling "Peace Poster Current Winners". The artwork from students all over the world is phenomenal. The club's second place winner Lydia Sing was unable to attend.

## Lions Clubs International – Branding matters!

Marketing your club and its projects or events is crucial for gaining public support for your activities and for growing club membership. In doing so, it's important to remain consistent with Lions Clubs International branded materials to maintain the brand equity our organization has built over the last century.



Lions' clubs are completely autonomous. However, one of the reasons that members choose to join a club is because they identify with what our association stands for. Correctly using the graphic elements, verbal tone and personality developed by Lions Clubs International will ensure that all clubs are communicating clearly and effectively with a unified voice.

The link below takes you to the LCI website page that features all the tools you need to publicize your club's events, updates, recruitment and more while staying true to the Lions International brand.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines>

On this webpage you can find items you need to successfully market your club — from photos and videos for digital communications to Lions emblems, service icons, Leo logos and more. Your club can utilize the resources, templates, and everything else found there to help you jumpstart your club marketing. From service event promotions to new member engagement, use these tools to elevate your club marketing efforts.

Included on this webpage is a branding guideline manual that you can read or download. Please use this reference guide to ensure that your club is properly using all the Lions logos and other branding. The guidelines found in this manual should be used in everything you do for promotion and marketing, whether it is



Usage of the correct Lions logo is important. A few of the easiest ways to recognize the correct logo branding requirements are:

- if the logo has a red tongue, it is the wrong logo,
- if the logo is multi-colored and not the two-colored version, it is the wrong logo,
- if the logo is not smooth across the top, it is the wrong logo, and
- if the *I* and the *L* in the word *International* are illegible, it is the wrong logo.

If any of your printed materials, advertisements, webpages, or social media sites are using the wrong logo, please change them to the current logo at your earliest convenience.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Lyle Goff  
 MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair  
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# SIGN UP!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/g60B0E49AAA2AA6FB6-mnlions1>  
 Newsletter website Facebook page.



## Special Note:

The trees (see info at right) have arrived and available for pick up or to coordinate delivery contact Dennis Heinen. Purchased with yet another LCIF Grant.

## 5M Tree Planting



5M4 has 69% of clubs who report their members info and meeting attendance.



We'd like to get that up to at least 75%! You can help!

Club Secretaries - we need your reports please!

1. After each meeting go to Lions Clubs International link (on E-club site) or [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
2. Go to Member login: MyLion
3. Enter the information - and you are finished!



<https://www.e-district.org/sites/5m4/>

Lions International President Patti Hill has an emphasis on the environment. She will be at the Multiple District 5M Convention as the keynote speaker. With that Lions of Multiple District 5M are planning on planting 6,000 trees this spring. District 5M4 has ordered 500 trees for our District and will have them available in April or May. We will have 10 trees per club. I have ordered **White Pine, Midwest Crabapple, Silver Maple and White Spruce**. These trees will be 6-12 inches tall and grow in well-drained soil and can tolerate dry conditions. The trees come as a bare root plant and will need to be kept wet and planted within a few weeks. Please make sure the trees are taken care of for the future also. These trees can be planted on public land or private. The plan would be to bring them to a regional area to be picked up. There will be no cost for these trees.

Please contact Global Service Chair Dennis Heinen at [Heinende@centracare.com](mailto:Heinende@centracare.com) if your club:

1. Is interested in receiving trees.
2. Which variety of tree you prefer (no guarantees).
3. Is willing to take more trees than 10 if more are available.

We Serve,

5M4 Global Service Team



Lions Clubs International  
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## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

Lions how are we doing with service projects? Maybe it is time to add a new project. Keep looking for new ideas to help your community. Ask your members for new ideas. New club members often bring new ideas. Is there something you can do for your local nursing home or help with a Special Olympics event. What does your local school need?



# Your donations to **LCIF** make a difference at home and in the world!



**5M4 is proud of our contributions! Watch this chart to see how we are supporting the amazing work of Lions at home and around the world.**

<b>JULY 2023</b>	<b>\$7,384.00</b>	
<b>AUGUST 2023</b>	<b>\$1,115</b>	<b>YTD: \$8,499</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>	<b>\$2,990</b>	<b>YTD: \$11,489</b>
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>	<b>\$4,122</b>	<b>YTD: \$15,611.50</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>	<b>\$614</b>	<b>YTD: \$16,225.50</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	<b>\$8,811</b>	<b>YTD: \$25,036.50</b>
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	<b>\$3,834.32</b>	<b>YTD: \$28,870.82</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	<b>\$15,325.95</b>	<b>YTD: \$44,196.77</b>
<b>MARCH 2024</b>	<b>\$855.00</b>	<b>YTD: 45,051.77</b>
<b>APRIL 2024</b>		
<b>MAY 2024</b>		
<b>JUNE 2024</b>		

*Our goal for this year is \$57,350 (~\$39.50/member). 13 clubs (or individuals from the club) out of 53 clubs have donated this year. A major goal is that 100% of clubs donate to LCIF (any amount counts).*

**As of the end of February 37 clubs (or one of their members) of the 52 total clubs in our district have given to LCIF. That is 71%! Compared to 13 clubs prior to Mid-Winter in January. A major goal continues to be 100% of clubs (or one of their members) donate some amount to LCIF by the end of our Lions year on 6/30/2024. Please give something. Every bit helps. I will be reaching out to club officers and zone chairs to learn how I can support you and to ask your support for LCIF. Allan Ulbricht Cell 320.267.4207**

Thank you to all 5M4 Clubs for your donations!



## 2023/24 5M4 Cabinet Members

We are here to support you! If you need anything, or would like to schedule us to come visit your club, please reach out! ***We Serve Together!***

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Open Position	Constitution/By-Laws		
Open Position	USA/Canada Forum		
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Benson, Garfield, Glenwood, Hancock, Lowry, Morris			
Open Position	Zone 8 Chair		
Atwater, Cedar Mills, Cosmos, Darwin, Grove City, Kingston, Litchfield			