

# 5M4 Newsletter



## *‘Push and finish strong!’*

*As we approach the final stretch of this Lions year, now is the time to push and finish strong. Every service project completed, every dollar raised, and every life touched matters. Let’s take pride in what we’ve accomplished while continuing to push forward with purpose. The momentum we build now carries directly into the success of the coming year. A key part of this transition is ensuring your club’s leadership is set up for success. Please remember that new officers should be reported in the portal by May 15th. Timely reporting allows incoming leaders to receive important communications, access resources, and be fully prepared to step into their roles without delay.*

*To support this transition, officer training will be offered in two locations this year. These sessions are designed to provide both new and returning leaders with the tools, confidence, and connections needed to lead effectively. Be sure to review the details and see the flyer on page 9 for dates, and locations. If you have any questions, please contact our GLT leader, PDG Marty Athmann. Strong leadership starts with preparation, and these trainings are a valuable investment in your club’s future.*

*Spring is here! I know summer event planning is in full swing. Whether it’s a fundraiser, community service project, or membership drive, early planning helps ensure success. We encourage clubs to submit flyers for inclusion in the district newsletter (deadline is the 20th of each month) so others can participate, collaborate, and support one another. Sharing your events strengthens visibility and we would love to come support you! Also, your summer events are a great time to provide a membership drive for your club. You already have their attention, all you need is some additional Lions materials to help ensure you are well equipped for the event. Our District GMT has had great success working with clubs to strengthen their membership. Clubs that have done these events have gained members, which also strengthens the service provided to their communities. Let PCC Rob work with your club! Membership growth is vital to all our clubs.*

*We are actively seeking Zone Chairs for the upcoming year in Zones 3, 7 and 8. This is a vital leadership role that helps connect clubs, support presidents, and strengthen communication throughout the district. If you are passionate about leadership and collaboration, consider stepping into this important position. Training is available and there are only 4 meetings a year to set up. Please contact myself or DGE Jason if you have any questions.*

*Above all, let’s continue to stay grounded in our mission and the reason we are here - We Serve. Our greatest impact is realized when we lift one another up, support fellow clubs, and work together toward a common purpose. Challenge yourselves to seek new opportunities to serve within your communities, share ideas openly, and be willing to try something new. Growth happens when we step forward with intention and purpose for others. Let’s continue to encourage one another, strengthen our connections, and carry the spirit of service forward – so that together, we can all Rise Higher.*



DG Susan Krumrey  
and Lion Brad Krumrey

DG Susan Krumrey 320-295-8327



# Jottings from Jason

## *The power of Lions working and serving together* Finish Strong, Step Forward, and Keep Serving

Fellow Lions of District 5M4,

As we enter the month of May, it's hard to believe we have only two months left in our Lions year. This is the time when we reflect on the incredible service already accomplished — and more importantly, when we build momentum for what lies ahead.

### **We Need Leaders to Step Forward**

District 5M4 currently has Four Zone Chairperson positions (Zones 2,4,7,8) that need to be filled for the coming year. I believe 5M4 has a phenomenal team to work with, we just need a few more to make it work like it is suppose to.

I'll be honest... I don't want to beg — but I am asking sincerely.

Serving as a Zone Chairperson is one of the most rewarding roles I have experienced in Lionism. It offers the opportunity to:

- Connect clubs together
- Support fellow Lions
- Strengthen leadership across our district
- Help shape the future of service in 5M4

You don't have to be a "perfect" Lion or have all the answers. You simply need a willingness to serve and support others. If you have ever thought, "Maybe I could do more," this may be your moment.

Our district grows stronger when Lions step forward. I encourage you to consider saying yes to this meaningful leadership opportunity.

If you're interested or even just curious, please reach out — I would love to visit with you about the role.

### **Spring Officer Training — A Must for Club Leaders**

To all incoming **Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Zone Chairs:**

Please make plans to attend Spring Training.



*Lion Jason Kerfeld,  
DGE District 5M4*

## 5M4

### **Help Wanted**

*As we prepare for our upcoming Cabinet transition this July, we have several meaningful leadership opportunities still available.*

*These roles will begin in July 2026 and offer you a chance to help shape the direction and success of our district.*

*If you feel called to serve or simply want to learn more, please let us know - we would love the opportunity to talk with you.*

- Zone 2 Chair
- Zone 4 Chair
- Zone 7 Chair
- Zone 8 Chair

Whether this is your first year or your 15th year in the position, there is always something new to learn when Lions gather together. Training isn't just about information — it's about:

- Sharing ideas
- Building confidence
- Learning best practices
- Creating friendships that make leadership easier and more enjoyable

Strong clubs start with prepared leaders, and Spring Training sets everyone up for success.

A couple things to keep in mind for the coming months. June 6th is the D-Feet Walk Fundraiser for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji. Also, looking ahead if your club would like to set a date for your Governor visits after July 1 please feel free to email me so I can add it to the calendar.

### **Let's Finish Strong**

We have two months remaining in this Lions year. Let's:

- Complete service projects with pride
- Invite new members to join our mission
- Celebrate the impact we've made together

The energy we create now will carry us into what is shaping up to be an awesome year for District 5M4.

Thank you for your dedication, your leadership, and your heart for service. Together, we continue to make a difference in our communities and beyond.

**Let's finish strong — and let's move forward together.**  
*Roar with you soon,*

DGE Jason Kerfeld    Sauk Centre Lions Club  
320-429-0794    lionkerfeld@gmail.com



*IPDG Jacque Heinen presented a Membership Key Award to DGE Jason. Lions Molly Ericksosn (center) and Terry Schaeffer (right) were presented with Melvin Jones Fellows award at the Sauk Centre Lions Club meeting.*



## *Sophina visited the Sauk River Champions Lions Club*

*Sophina and her Mom, Connie Renee visited our Lions Club. They brought Sophina's message about Sophina's Birthday Wish and her mission. They showed us and explained the meaning about her Fire Patch coats and vests collection. The shirt she wore was a gift from her visit to the Sauk Centre Firemen We presented her with a doll wearing a Lions Vest with a Sauk Centre Lions Pin and a Musical Box with a Lion on it. Very interesting presentation!!!*





One Friday per month, the Benson Lions Club has the opportunity to host the meat raffle at Track Bar and Grill. We are grateful for this opportunity! Pictured here are Lions who hosted last evening, April 17th: Mike Forsberg, Peggy Bausman, Cindy Frank, Linda Smith, Marlys Boone, Terry Smith, Loretta Burns, Rodney Burns, Ann Forsberg, and Mark Frank.

*Benson Lions: We Serve!*



# 2026 ANNUAL WALK TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS



## Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Chaska, MN

Registration: 9am - 10am  
Walk Starts: 10:15am  
Lunch Begins: 11:15am

## Diamond Point Park Bemidji, M

Registration: 8:30am - 9:30am  
Walk Starts: 9:45am  
Lunch Begins: 11:30am

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to arboretum/park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2026walktod-feethearingloss/>



# LIONS INTERNATIONAL CLUB OFFICER REPORTING

## 2026-2027 LIONS YEAR



### IMPORTANT DEADLINE

New club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal by:

## MAY 15, 2026

Reporting early ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

For the 2026-2027 Lions International year, new club officers should be entered into the Lion Portal (formerly MyLCi) by May 15, 2026. While the new fiscal year does not begin until July 1, reporting them by this earlier date ensures they receive necessary materials and have access to the system for training and planning.

### KEY DATES FOR OFFICER ENTRY



#### APRIL

Hold elections & begin entering new officers.



#### MAY 15, 2026

**RECOMMENDED DEADLINE**  
for materials & system access.



#### JUNE 1, 2026

**FINAL DEADLINE**  
to avoid system transition issues.



#### JULY 1, 2026

*New officer terms  
officially begin!*

### IMPORTANT NOTES



#### EARLY ACCESS = STRONG START

Add officers early so they're ready on Day 1.



#### AVOID LOCKOUTS

Clubs not updated by June 30 may lose access and need International assistance.



#### UNIQUE EMAILS REQUIRED

Each officer must have their own email address reported in the system.



#### HOW TO REPORT

Use the Lion Portal (MyLCi / Club Central) to update your incoming officers.



**SET YOUR CLUB UP FOR SUCCESS!**  
*PLAN EARLY • REPORT ON TIME • LEAD STRONG*





*Lions Day at the Capitol (3/24/26): The day focused on advocating for important causes, building relationships with leaders, and reinforcing how much can be accomplished when we work together. Events like this help raise awareness, strengthen partnerships, and ensure the needs of our communities are heard at the state level.*

There were a number of outstanding speakers representing the many service areas Lions support, including:

- Lion Twila Johnson, Maple Grove Lions Club; Lions Day Co-Chair
- Kristin Robbins, State Representative
- Kristy Janigo, Council Member
- Lion Ken Kumpula, 1st Vice District Governor - MD5M; Lions Day Co-Chair
- Lion Brian Sheehan, Former Lions International President
- Lion Judy Zewers, Past Council Chair - MD5M
- Lion Dick Kentzelman, Past District Governor - 5M5; representing KidSight, Lions Gift of Sight, and the Leos
- Lion Jeff Johnson, Executive Director, Can Do Canines

Pictured is Lion Gary Stevens, representing Childhood Cancer Awareness and the work of the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. It was a meaningful day and a great reminder that while we serve locally, we are also part of something much bigger across Minnesota.



*Sauk Centre President's Award, presented to Lion Jacki Mead (center) . Given by past President Joe Uphus (not pictured). Here she is with current President Peter Nelson and IPDG Jacque Heinen.*



CONGRATULATIONS to Hector Lion Sara Stricker on receiving the MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation Sight Saver Award.



# FRENCH TOAST FOR FIREWORKS

Atwater Lions and Atwater Fire Dept  
Dine In or Takeout



Sunday May 3rd 9 am-12:30 pm

French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs

Fruit, Milk, Juice, and Coffee  
Atwater Community Center



**Can Do Canines Open House**  
Saturday, May 16, from noon to 2 p.m.  
9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN

Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five of the types of dogs Can Do Canines trains: 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 [CanDoCanines.org](http://CanDoCanines.org).



# MN Lions Missions Foundation



*Planning for our next MN Missions Trip, we got word from our friends in Guatemala. They have decided that February 2027 will be a good time to have our next mission there. That gives us all about 11 months to prepare.*

*The foundation members will be notifying our past participants, as well as those who have expressed interest in keeping up on our activities.*

*Hopefully there will be more specific information available at our meeting in April. Hope to see everyone there.*

If anyone else is interested in participating (or just interested in finding out the particulars dates, cost, etc) in this mission trip of vision testing and fitting of glasses please contact me at [LionHeinen@Gmail.com](mailto:LionHeinen@Gmail.com) and I will share your information at our foundation meeting in April.

Thank you for your service in collecting and recycling eye glasses – it truly is appreciated!

5M4 PDG Jacque Heinen  
MN Missions Foundation Representative  
320.249.6536  
[LionHeinen@Gmail.com](mailto:LionHeinen@Gmail.com)



April **ENVIRONMENT OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> International Service Project**. Start planning your spring event. Conduct a cleanup day. Launch a recycle campaign.

## District 5M4 Service Calendar 25-26

May	★ Hunger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue food drive efforts.</li> <li>- Develop a community garden project.</li> <li>- Partner with local restaurants for food donations.</li> </ul>
June	★ Humanitarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on mental health initiatives.</li> <li>- Support the MN Lions Hearing &amp; Voice Clinic.</li> <li>- Organize a childhood cancer awareness event.</li> </ul>



# IT'S TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING

All Lions members, new and experienced,  
looking to grow their impact and strengthen their club.

President, Secretary, Treasurer

What to expect:

- Engaging training sessions
- Leadership Development & Club Growth Strategies
- Networking with fellow Lions

Choose from 2 different Sessions:

Saturday May 16

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Light lunch served)

Eagles Club, Alexandria MN

or

Tuesday May 19

Featuring P I D Brian Sheehan

6:30 - 8:30 (Light lunch served)

St. Aloysius Church, Olivia MN



For questions contact

Lion Marty Athmann

athmannmarty@hotmail.com

320-522-0856



LIC. NO. X05003

# 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HECTOR LIONS CORN CHAFF DAYS RAFFLE

July 11, 2026 \$20 ea. Must be 18

Drawing to be held at the City Park following the Grande Parade - approximately 2:30 p.m.  
 32 WINNERS - Win odds - 1:40

## GRAND PRIZE \$10,000 CASH

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - APRIL 18, 2026  
 \$500 Cash  
DRAWING HELD AT THE OTHER PLACE

OTHER PRIZES:

- ✓ \$1,500 Cash
- ✓ \$1,000 Cash
- ✓ \$750 Cash
- ✓ \$500 Cash
- ✓ 2 - \$250 Cash
- ✓ 25 - \$100 Cash

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN - MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD  
 PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS



The Elbow Lake Lions hosted a Waffle and Sausage Breakfast during the Thorson Memorial Library-a-thon day. Proceeds were donated to the Friends of the Library.

July 9<sup>th</sup> is  
**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**  
 Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!

*Be a sweetie and get your tickets now!*

For every ticket sold for the July 9<sup>th</sup> show, MNLCCF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

Rodeo starts at 7:30 PM  
 Gates open 2 hours before the show

**5 shows throughout the weekend**

Thu. 7-9 7:30 PM	Fri. 7-10 7:30 PM	Sat. 7-11 1:00 PM	Sat. 7-11 7:30 PM	Sun. 7-12 7:30 PM
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Order tickets online: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>

## 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OSAKIS LIONS CLUB WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

**WHEN**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**7am - 3pm**

**WHERE**  
**Lake Osakis**  
 Headquarters: town access

**2 PERSON TEAMS**

**REGISTER AT FISHDONKEY.COM**  
**\$350**  
 (\$25 goes towards largest walleye contest and \$10 towards registration fee)

**75 TEAMS MAX**

**6 FISH STRINGER:**  
**5 FISH BETWEEN 15" - 20" AND ONE FISH OVER 22"**  
**(UNLIMITED CULLING)**

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

**BENEFITING**  
**The Osakis Lions Club and the Osakis Community**  
**WWW.FISHDONKEY.COM**

**FEATURING:**

- **\$8,000 1st place prize** (payouts based on 75 entrants)
- **1st - 10th place payout**
- **1st - 3rd place plaques**
- **Largest Walleye Contest** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place payout)

**RULES MEETING AND FREE APPRECIATION MEAL SERVED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM AT THE OSAKIS VFW**

**WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OSAKISLIONS**  
 Call Steve at 763-242-8672 with any questions



## Cabinet Meetings:

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

May 6, 2026 – Alexandria, 6 p.m. at the Eagles Club.

**Please RSVP to DG Susan if you plan to attend.**

320-295-8327 or at [susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com](mailto:susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com)

***Is your club hosting an event or planning a service project?***  
*I'd love the opportunity to attend, lend a hand, and show support. If you have a flyer or event details, we'd be happy to help promote it on the District 5M4 Facebook page. Is your club posting events and projects on your Clubs Facebook page?*

*Let us know so we can help spread the word by sharing it on ours?!*

***Don't keep those great activities a secret!***  
*Let's work together to showcase all the amazing things happening across our district - let me know how 5M4 can support you!*

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

## NEW ZONES for 2026-2027 YEAR

*We created new zones to align clubs better logistically, and even out the number of clubs in a zone for ease on our zone chairs.*

*This new model will not start until our next Lions year.*

### **Zone 1 (9):**

CARLOS  
 FORADA  
 GLENWOOD  
 MILTONA  
 OSAKIS  
 SAUK CENTRE  
 SAUK CENTRE LEOs  
 SAUK RIVER CHAMPIONS  
 VILLARD AREA

### **Zone 2 (7):**

ALEXANDRIA  
 ALEXANDRIA CHAMPIONS  
 BRANDON  
 EVANSVILLE  
 GARFIELD  
 KENSINGTON  
 LOWRY

### **Zone 3 (7):**

ASHBY  
 ELBOW LAKE  
 GRANT COUNTY  
 HOFFMAN  
 MORRIS  
 WENDELL  
 WHEATON

### **Zone 4 (7):**

APPLETON  
 DAWSON  
 HANCOCK  
 MILAN  
 MONTEVIDEO  
 MONTEVIDEO LEOs  
 WATSON

### **Zone 5 (6):**

CLARA CITY  
 DANUBE  
 MAYNARD  
 RAYMOND  
 RENVILLE  
 SACRED HEART

### **Zone 6 (6):**

BIRD ISLAND  
 BUFFALO LAKE  
 FAIRFAX  
 FRANKLIN  
 HECTOR  
 OLIVIA

### **Zone 7 (7):**

BENSON  
 KERKHOVEN  
 NEW LONDON  
 NLS LEOs  
 PENNOCK  
 SPICER SUNRISE  
 WILLMAR NOON

### **Zone 8 (7):**

ATWATER  
 CEDAR MILLS  
 COSMOS  
 DARWIN  
 GROVE CITY  
 KINGSTON  
 LITCHFIELD

## KidSight Update

We extend our appreciation to all the Lions who have participated in Kidsight Screenings so far this year. This is an amazing service we can provide to children ages 6 months-18 years. 1,122 children have been screened since March thanks to Lions from Atwater, Grove City, Renville, Spicer, Raymond and Wheaton



We are available to provide training for Lions who have never screened or who may need a refresher. We remind you to keep the scanner straight-have someone observe you in action. When cameras are tipped, false readings may occur. Also, we have stated numerous times that you need to enter the child's age or birthdate before screening. This will produce more accurate results. When a child is already wearing glasses, you need to screen with glasses on! They need to keep glasses on. It's good practice to ask children without glasses on if they have them. That refer when they aren't wearing their prescribed glasses, carries a lot of weight and alerts parents.

The Sign up Genius for the State Fair is available. Please join us on 5M4's day at the Great MN Get Together. Your assistance is needed on Sunday, Sept. 6.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-63293948-state>

*Please let us know if you wish to conduct screenings during your community events. Sunglasses are available. If you have dates for "next year" please contact us.*

Your Kidsight Directors,  
 Lion Ron and Lion Susan Honken



## Supporting LCIF

*Lions can support the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) through direct financial contributions, participating in fundraising activities, and including LCIF in planned giving.*

### Fundraising Efforts

Clubs can organize various fundraising events and dedicate the proceeds to LCIF or specific causes like vision screenings or disaster relief.

- **Community Events:** Host activities like charity galas, silent auctions, pancake breakfasts, or drive-in movie nights, and donate a portion or all of the proceeds.
- **Sales Projects:** Clubs can sell items such as branded merchandise, nuts, or brooms/brushes produced by the visually impaired, with profits going to LCIF or club charities.
- **Online Fundraising:** Utilize platforms like Facebook to start a fundraiser for LCIF or share the LCIF Facebook page to build a community of support.

#### Direct Donations

Lions and clubs can give financially through various methods, with all donations going towards grants and programs.

- **Online:** Donate securely using a credit card or PayPal via the LCIF website.
- **Mail:** Send checks payable to "LCIF" to LCIF Coordinator Dennis Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr. Sauk Centre, MN 56378, including any necessary recognition forms.
- **Stocks and Securities:** Donating appreciated securities can offer tax benefits, such as avoiding capital gains tax. Instructions and forms are available on the Lions Clubs International website.

#### Recognition Programs

- Donors can be recognized for their contributions through programs such as the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF), which requires a donation of US\$1,000 and is the backbone of the foundation's revenue. Clubs can also earn recognition, such as banner patches, for reaching certain giving levels.

#### Planned Giving with Lions Legacy

Lions can extend their commitment beyond their lifetime through planned giving options, such as naming LCIF as a beneficiary in a will, trust, or life insurance policy. These options allow donors to leave a lasting legacy of kindness.

For more information on specific ways to give and the associated benefits, visit the Lions Clubs International website.

PCC Dennis Heinen, 5M4 LCIF Coordinator  
12069 Bluegill Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378  
320-491-3996 heinende@centracare.com

## Peace Poster 2026-27!

*This year's theme is "Harmony In Humanity". When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully – celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity. We encourage all clubs to support the peace poster, giving our youth the opportunity to share their creative artwork. The District will be ordering the Peace Posters (if you would like), to save money on postage. If your club would like a kit, please contact DG Susan Krumrey by May 15th. Once they come in, we will distribute. Your club will reimburse the District and we will all share in the shipping costs.*

## Apple Trees!

*The Buffalo Lake Lions club planted 3 apple trees in their community garden for the Environmental week of service!*





*Birthdays are important, that is why, at their last meeting, the Spicer Sunrise Lions assembled 20 birthday kits to deliver to the Link food shelf. Each kit includes everything needed to make the cake including the pan, candles and card. Happy birthday from the Spicer Lions.*



Lions Pam Erickson and Todd Erickson demonstrated how the kits were assembled

## Remember to continue to support our foundations!

*More about the Golf Passport!*

Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play, or as stated on Passport  
**1 offer per participating location**  
 Can be used Monday-Friday (Friday until 3 p.m.)  
\*Courses might limit play availability due to other scheduled events. Not available on holidays.  
**Must make tee times with participating courses**

GOLF COURSE NAME	ADDRESS	WEBSITE	PHONE
Albany Golf Club	500 Church Ave., Albany <small>Monday play only</small>	albanygolfcourse.com	320-845-2505
Alexandria Golf Club	2300 N. Nokomis NE, Alexandria	alexandriagolfclub.com	320-763-3605
Appleton Golf Club	331 E. Wyman Ave., Appleton	appletongolfcourse.com	320-289-2511
Benson Golf Club	2222 Atlantic Ave., Benson	golfbenso.com	320-542-7961
Dawson Golf Course	1380 Walnut Street Dawson		320-769-2212
Eagle Creek Golf Club	1000 26th Ave NE, Willmar	eaglecreekgolf.com	320-235-1166
Geneva Golf Club	4181 Geneva Golf Club Drive, Alexandria	genevagolfclub.com	320-762-7089
Greystones Golf Club	10534 Alderson Drive, Sauk Centre	greystonema.com	320-351-4653
Hardwood Hills Golf Course	8446 County Road 27 SW, Alexandria	hardwoodhillsgolf.com	320-886-1400
Hawk Creek Country Club	100 Spicer Ave N., Raymond	hawkcreekcc.com	320-967-4653
Island Pine Golf Club	1601 Wyoming Ave. W., Atwater	islandpinegolf.com	320-974-8600
Little Crow Country Club	15980 Hwy 23 N., Spicer	littlecrowcc.com	320-354-2296
Lynx National Golf Course	40204 Phinrose Lane, Sauk Centre	lynxnationalgolf.com	320-352-0242
Mayflower Golf Club	46321 Co. Rd. 39, Fairfax	mayflowergolfclub.com	507-426-9964
Meadowlark Country Club	837 County Club Drive, Melrose	meadowlarkcountryclub.com	320-256-4989
Minnewaska Golf	22518 Dero Drive, Glenwood	minnewaskagolf.com	320-634-3680
Nordic Trails Golf	4343 39th Ave NE, Alexandria	nordictrails.com	320-762-5420
Oakdale Golf Club	55106 Co Rd 38, Buffalo Lake	oakdalegolfclub.com	320-587-0525
Olivia Golf Club	512 S. 1st Street, Olivia	oliviagolfclub.com	320-623-2313
Osakis Country Club	30 16th Ave E., Osakis	osakigolf.com	320-859-2140
Pomme De Terre Golf Club	24660 State Hwy 9, Morris	pdgolfclub.com	320-589-1009
Stoney Creek Golf Course	21278 820th Ave., Renville	golfhenville.com	320-775-4653
Tipinah Mounds Golf Course	25185 Golf Course Road, Elbow Lake <small>Mon-Wed play only</small>	tipinahgolf.com	218-685-4271
Valley Golf Course	1900 Becker Ave SE, Willmar	valleygolfwillmar.com	320-235-6790
Hook & Slice (indoor simulator)	2921 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria <small>Buy 1 hr., get 2nd hour FREE</small>	hookandslice.com	320-391-5353

# FREE GOLF

## at 25 COURSES

While supporting Special Olympics!

For your \$50 tax deductible donation, you'll receive a "Buy 9 Holes, Get 9 Holes FREE" passport card.

YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES 2026  
AND OTHER  
LIONS CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

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

Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play.  
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 Can be used Monday-Friday (Friday until 3 p.m.)  
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**Must make tee times with participating courses**  
 When Purchasing the passport, make checks payable to...Lions

**PARTICIPATING COURSES**

- ALBANY
  - Albany Golf Club
- ALEXANDRIA
  - Alexandria Golf Club
  - Geneva Golf Club
  - Hardwood Hills Golf Course
    - Nordic Trails Golf
    - Hook & Slice (indoor simulator)
- APPLETON
  - Appleton Golf Club
- ATWATER
  - Island Pine Golf Club
- BENSON
  - Benson Golf Club
- BUFFALO LAKE
  - Oakdale Golf Club
- DAWSON
  - Dawson Golf Course
- ELBOW LAKE
  - Tipinah Mounds Golf Course
- FAIRFAX
  - Mayflower Golf Club
- GLENWOOD
  - Minnewaska Golf
- MELROSE
  - Meadowlark Country Club
- MORRIS
  - Pomme De Terre Golf Club
- OLIVIA
  - Olivia Golf Club
- OSAKIS
  - Osakis Country Club
- RAYMOND
  - Hawk Creek Country Club
- RENVILLE
  - Stoney Creek Golf Course
- SAUK CENTRE
  - Greystones Golf Club
  - Lynx National Golf Course
- SPICER
  - Little Crow Country Club
- WILLMAR
  - Eagle Creek Golf Club
  - Valley Golf Course

Available from your Lions Club Member or participating golf courses

**BUY ONE FOR YOURSELF OR AS A GIFT**



**VOLUNTEER** for the Special Olympics USA Games

Make a difference. Have fun. Serve with the Lions.

**THREE EASY STEPS:**

**1. Register**

Scan the QR code or use the link below to sign up.

Registration includes uploading a photo.

<https://cerv.is/Q430rLionsClub>



**2. Choose Your Volunteer Role**

**Family Night Setup**

Tuesday, June 16 • 1:00-6:00 PM

**Opening Eyes Vision Screenings**

Friday, June 19 - Thursday, June 25

**Family Night Guest Service**

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 • 4:30-9:30 PM

**Family Night Greet Team**

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 • 5:00-7:00 PM

**3. Show Up and Enjoy the Experience**

You'll be part of something meaningful for athletes, families, and our community.

**Early Access for Lions, Family & Friends through March 20**

Feel free to share – the best spots will fill quickly.



*USA Special Olympics 2026*

Lions of MD5M (Minnesota, Mantioba and NW Ontario) have pledged to raise \$250,000 for the USA Special Olympics 2026.

Please consider a donation to help fund this event. Donations should be made to LCIF –Special Olympics MN 2026 and sent to me. Keep selling Special Olympics Golf passes as these are good all off next year also.

LCIF Grants are possible because of the support of Lions Clubs and individual Lions. The district has raised \$5,790 toward its goal of \$47,616 for this year. Please keep supporting our communities with a donation.

Send LCIF donations to: PCC Dennis Heinen  
5M4 LCIF Coordinator

12069 Bluegill Dr. Sauk Centre, MN 56378

320-491-3996 [Heinende@centracare.com](mailto:Heinende@centracare.com)

Priority volunteer registration for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games is officially open—and as a valued member of the Special Olympics Minnesota community, we invite you to be among the first to register!

**Sign up for a USA Games volunteer shift**

Priority registration is available for a limited time; registration opens to the public on **February 1**. Don't wait—**shifts will fill quickly!** New shifts are added regularly, so check often for additional opportunities.

Secure your spot now and help shape an unforgettable experience at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

[Learn more about volunteering at USA Games](#)

[SOMN.ORG](http://SOMN.ORG)



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




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



**Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION**

Your donations designated to Special Olympics USA Games Minnesota to LCIF will help make our \$300,000 grant possible!

**Family Night!**  
For all athletes & their families

**Opening Eyes®**  
Vision Screening for participating athletes

**A Ball For All**  
A sensory ball is gifted from MD5M to all participating athletes.

Scan this code for more about A Ball For All





*June 20th - 26th,  
2026 is coming  
very soon!!!*

There is still open positions for helping with the games.

The Law Enforcement Team has begun its journey of escorting the Flame of Hope to the USA Games at the Opening Ceremonies at the University Minnesota June 20th. Among the festivities at the Opening Ceremony is the Parade of the Athletes!!!! Many Minnesota Lions Club Members will be helping at the Opening Ceremony.



## Special Olympics USA Games Minnesota 2026

Public group · 5.8K members

### What members are talking about

Special Olympics

USA Games

Minnesota 2026

Sports

Inclusion

### About

June 20-26, 2026, the brightest beacon of inclusion is coming to Minnesota 2026 Special Olympics USA Games will bring together 4,000 athletes, 1,500 coaches, 10,000 volunteers and 75,000 fans from all 50 states. Through the power of sports and inclusion, the Special Olympics USA Games will spark a change that transforms lives, communities and the world. #2026USAGames #SpecialOlympicsUSA #SpecialOlympicsUSAGames2026!

*Saving the Planet One Tree at a Time*  
**Biochar Demonstration Field Day**

*If you have access to dead/dying trees, come along for the ride*

**Saturday, May 23, 2026, 11 am. – 3 p.m.**

Donald Struxness Farm, 1 ¾ miles east of Milan MN on Highway 40



Gathered Trees



3 different sized flame-capped kilns



Resulting Biochar

### Biochar Sequesters Carbon

Convert 50% of the carbon in dead trees into Biochar by burning in kilns in limited oxygen. Then burying in the ground lasts for hundreds to thousands of years.



Bareroot fruit trees planted April 29 into 15 gal hole with 5 gal Biochar inoculated with cattle waste mixed with 10 gal. original soil.



**Milan Lions will serve “roast your own” hot dogs over a small kiln at noon.**

**RSVP by texting 320-226-4282 to guarantee a free sample of Biochar to test in your garden if you bring your own 5 gal. bucket.**

### Biochar Soil Benefits

Mixing Biochar with cattle waste or compost becomes a sponge for microbes and nutrients like N, P, K through it’s electrical charge. It’s porous so it retains four times it’s weight in water and is home for microbes. It increases soil CEC and decreases soil density.



Trees grew extremely well, nine foot tall by September 9.

**1 p.m. - Guest Speaker from the U of MN.  
“How Biochar Fits into Soil Regeneration”  
Also Other Invited Speakers**

This project is in partnership with the UMN Extension Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership: Community-University partnerships for sustainability, serving Southwest Minnesota



## Heart of a Lion Award Application

District 5M4 Lion members are eligible to apply. A Lion member may apply or a club may apply on behalf of a member. Applications can be turned in throughout the year. Awards will be presented at the Mid-Winter Convention following completion of the application. Any criteria completed after July of 2015 qualifies toward this award and may be earned over several years.

**A Lion member must MEET 5 of the 8 CRITERIA listed below to RECEIVE the AWARD!**

The Lion member: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Lion Member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsored a New Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of new member)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of club president or secretary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Attended a Zone Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and Zone # meeting attended)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of a Zone chairperson)

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Served as a Club Officer or District Chairperson. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office or Committee Chaired)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of club president, secretary or DG)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Be a Chair or Co-Chair of a club or district project. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Project)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of club president, secretary or DG)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Attended one training event: 5M4 Forum, Officer training, Leadership training or  
 other Lions Clubs International sponsored class. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Training attended and date)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of District officer, trainer or copy of certificate of completion)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Attended one of the following: USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum, International  
 Convention or Multiple Convention. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Event attended and date)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of District officer, Council Chairperson or Convention Chairperson)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Promote a new idea, service project or fundraiser that is adopted by your club or  
 District that meets the mission of LIONS. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Promotion Idea and Date)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of club president, secretary or DG)

**Original to be completed and turned in to the DG or District Secretary**

Signature of DG or District Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Youth Exchange

Lion Todd here. Chair for the Peace Poster and Youth Exchange. We are 1 month into the 2026 year and we have 21 young men and women that are hoping to come to the USA...in particular,...Minnesota for the Lions Youth Exchange! It would be great if we could get them signed up with host families sooner than later so there can be some communications between them and their hosts. It eases the introductions and makes for a more enjoyable visit!

So talk to your fellow members or spouses and lets host some young, future Lions and make some friends from around the World!

### Youth Exchange Students remaining to be placed...

Males:

- 1 Christopher Gaam-Larsen - 18; UK
- 4 Noam Karim - 16; France
- 6 Caue Strasburg - 17; Brazil
- 7 Gaston Voiriot - 16; France
- 18 Matias Boetzeien Navarro - 17; Germany
- 21 Juan Trivino Marales - 16; Switzerland
- 22 Oliver Domokos - 16; Hungary
- 24 Tilen Novak - 20; Slovenia
- 26 Lasse Marjasalo - 16; Finland
- 30 Martin Martinez de Murguia - 17; Spain
- 31 Pablo Jurdado - 16; Spain
- 32 Renis Riccardo - 18; Italy

Females:

- 2 Maral Jigmeddorj - 17; Mongolia
- 3 Jargalmaa Tumor - 17; Mongolia
- 12 Alice Dias Penhalver Netto - 17; Brazil
- 13 Tosia Izycka - 17; Poland
- 16 Sibelle Sirapandji - 15; Indonesia
- 23 Mira Ugurel - 17; Turkey
- 28 Laia Kitagawa - 17; Japan
- 29 Lily Guinard - 17; France

*Please work diligently on finding families for these students. Thanks to you that have placed some of the kids already but don't stop now!!!!*

*Open your hearts and home to a world of experiences...Host a young person! Feel free to contact me for more info and look for me at the Midwinter Convention in Willmar!*

Lion Todd Fritsche  
 dragon376381@yahoo.com



## LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter

May 2026



Leader Dogs for the Blind is proud to continue our Lions legacy with the support of clubs across North America and beyond. This month, we want to celebrate three clubs that are making a difference in their communities for people who are blind and low vision. Reach out to us at [LionsSupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@leaderdog.org) to share your own stories, or to learn how your club can get more involved with Leader Dog.

### Magic City Lions Club Supports Their Neighbors

The Magic City Lions Club of Minot, North Dakota has been a steadfast Top Dog Club. They shared: "The Magic City Lions are proud to support Leader Dogs for the Blind because their mission reflects the heart of Lionism: helping people gain independence, confidence, and opportunity. The organization is especially meaningful to our club because it's close to home, impacting our own friends and neighbors. For more than two decades, our club has been honored to contribute to this life-changing work and to support the blind and low-vision community. We're grateful to be part of a global network of Lions helping make mobility and independence possible."



### Donate to Leader Dog's Life-Changing Work

There may still be time to participate in Leader Dog's spring Matching Gift Challenge, with the opportunity to double your impact on the lives of our clients. Even when the Match is done, our work continues. **Every gift to Leader Dog, year-round, is a crucial benefit to someone who is blind or low vision.** Donate by mail or online at [LeaderDog.org - Donate](https://LeaderDog.org-Donate). Include a note with your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift.

Mail to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Attn: Lions Department  
1039 S Rochester Rd  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307





## Leader Dog continued

### Shelby Township Lions Get the Community Together



The Shelby Township Lions Club of Michigan is one of the longest-serving Top Dog Clubs supporting Leader Dogs for the Blind. For many years, their unique fundraising events have helped raise thousands to support and bring awareness to our programs. At Vegas Night, Wine Tasting, and Fight Night, the Shelby Township Lions provide amazing experiences for community members and educate them on Leader Dog's services and opportunities to support our work.

### Missoula Lions Use Holiday Cheer to Support Independence

The Missoula Lions Club of Montana was chartered in 1927 and joined the ranks of Top Dog Clubs several years ago. Since 1945, their club has organized an ever-growing sale of Christmas trees to raise money for the causes they support. Their 25 members back their mission to provide people who are blind and low vision with accessible eye exams and glasses, and they have been a proud Leader Dog supporter for many years, empowering people to achieve independence.



#### Mission Moment

"Leader Dog Emmit is going to give me more independence, which is what I'm looking forward to.

**I'll just feel better not being alone."**

Sandra, Guide Dog client from Michigan  
with Leader Dog Emmit



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3.

*A very successful 75th Anniversary Banquet was held at Kviteseid Lutheran Church for 125 Milan Lions Club guests Tuesday March 31, 2026.*

*1. Club representatives came from Appleton, Alexandria, Bird Island, Buffalo Lake, Dawson Clara City, Raymond, Spicer, Sauk Center, Montevideo, and Watson.*

*2. Entertainment was provided by "The Guys Group" from LQPV School, who sang the National Anthem and several more selections.*

*Lions International Past President Brian Sheehan from the Bird Island Minnesota Lions Club gave an excellent motivational speech on Lionism and the value of active club participation.*

*3. Yong Sun Schroeder, Sue Vetter and Chris Sandven were installed as new members. Receiving awards that evening were 4. Lion Kenneth Lee, Melvin Jones Award; 5. Lion Donald Struxness, Helen Keller Award; and 6. Lion Thomas Moe, Hearing Foundation Award.*

*Lion Douglas Spray was unable to be present to receive his Melvin Jones Award*

*Submitted by Tom Moe, President, Milan Lions Club*



### Kindness Matters Service Award

#### Nomination timeline

Nominations happen in a particular order, starting with local Lions, then club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents, to the global service team at the district and multiple district level and then finally Lions International by October 31. The following timeline is a recommended guide for each step of the process for submitting a nomination to Lions International.

- Club
- July 31: Clubs are to report their service projects from the previous Lion year in the Lion Portal by July 31
- July 1 - August 1: August: Lions nominate service projects at the club level.

## KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

A Lions or Leo club that has performed outstanding service in a global cause may be nominated for the Kindness Matters Service Award. Lions or Leo clubs that wish to be nominated must be in active status and have reported their service project on MyLion® or their regional reporting systems. A maximum of two of the twenty awards will be awarded to Leo clubs. Lions and Leo club nominations should be submitted separately.

**Nomination Deadlines**

- July 1 to October 31: Nominations are open.
- August 15: Deadline for club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents to electronically send one nomination to the District GST coordinator.
- September 15: Deadline for District GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to the Multiple District GST coordinator.
- October 31: Deadline for Multiple District GST coordinator to send one Lions and/or one Leo nomination to Lions Clubs International.

*Please note that nominations that do not meet deadlines are disqualified from consideration.*

**NOMINATED CLUB**  
 (Please indicate which type of club this nomination is for)  Lions Club  Leo Club

Club Service Chairperson/Leo Club President (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Service Chairperson/Leo Club President (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

District/Leo Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lion Club/Leo Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Service Project \_\_\_\_\_  
 Should my project be selected, I give consent for Lions Clubs International to use attached information and photographs of this club's service project for public recognition purposes.

**ENDORSED BY**

Immediate Past Lions Club President Name/Immediate Past Leo Club Advisor Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Immediate Past Lions Club President Name/Immediate Past Leo Club Advisor (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVICE PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
 The following section should be filled out by the club service chairperson (Lions clubs) or Leo club president (Leo clubs). Please type and attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. What was unique, outstanding or innovative about this service project that met or surpassed the goals of the global cause?
2. Why is this service project important to your community?
3. Which local partnerships helped make this project possible, if any?
4. Were any resources from ICI such as the Service Field Kit or Service Project Planning used to plan and execute this project?
5. Additional Comments.

Complete form and full criteria can be found at:

LionsClubs.org \*\* Member Resources \*\* Grants & Awards \*\*



## LEADER DOG CHAIR REPORT

APRIL 2026

During the past quarter, I had the opportunity to present the Leader Dog mission at two zone meetings – Zone 1 and Zone 7. Both meetings were well attended, and members showed strong interest in the work that Leader Dog provides to individuals who are visually impaired or blind. I was accompanied by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Ed Bolas, and Future Leader Dog Honeycutt who continues to be an excellent representative of the program.

At the Zone 7 meeting additional time was allowed for an expanded presentation. Honeycutt demonstrated several learned cues offering attendees a clear understanding of how these skills support independence and safety for future clients. The demonstration were well received and generated thoughtful discussions among lions in attendance.

Toward the end of the month, we traveled to Grand Forks, ND to participate in a mini-puppy camp. This event brought together current puppy raisers from Minnesota and North Dakota for training, collaboration, and hands on learning. At the conclusion of camp, participants exchanged puppies for a three-week period. This rotation helps each dog adapt to a different home environments, routines, and expectations, an essential part of their development.

I am currently working with a 9-month-old black Labrador Retriever, Kenzo, from Bottineau ND. His transition into our home has been smooth, and he is adapting well to new routines and expectations. Each raiser provided detailed notes outlining the specific skills behaviors and goals their puppy is currently working on, ensuring that training remains consistent and uninterrupted.

Throughout camp we visited several public locations including the Grand Forks Mall, a Pizza Restaurant, Coffee House, IHOP, and a large hardware store. These outings provided valuable exposure for the puppies and provided opportunities to engage with the public. We answered questions, shared information about the Leader Dog program, and help raise awareness of the importance these dogs will fulfill one day.

Leader Dog continues to be a meaningful and impactful part of our Districts Service and I appreciate the ongoing support from Lions in our 5M4 district.

2026 BUFFALO LAKE DAYS  
**SOFTBALL**  
 TOURNAMENT

JULY 17-19



**100% PAYOUT**  
 OPEN TO C, D, AND E TEAMS

FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO REGISTER A TEAM  
 CONTACT COURTNEY WEISPFENNIG

320-444-6554

2026 BUFFALO LAKE DAYS  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
 TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY JULY 18



**\$\$ PAYOUT TO TOP 3 TEAMS**  
**REC AND POWER DIVISIONS**

CONTACT STEVE SCHULTZ FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO  
 REGISTER YOUR TEAM

320-583-3271

# Need a Flag Pole?

The Kingston Lions Club is gearing up for another busy season! Their largest fundraiser every year is selling flag poles. Please call Wally Strand at 612-735-0212 or email w.jstrand@yahoo.com if you are in the market for a new flag pole or need accessories!

## Telescoping Flagpoles & Accessories

*Adds to the Beauty of Your Property*

*From the City...*

*To the Country...*

*And Light Commercial Applications...*

**Made in U.S.A.**

Polycarbonate bushings allow each section of pole to slide up and down smoothly, metal never touches metal.

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Anodized aluminum swivel rings allow flags to fly freely in the wind (16 ft. & 20 ft. poles only).

Double flag harness accessory allows you to fly 2 flags or fly a flag at half staff (16 ft. & 20 ft. poles only).

Simple to Use...

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Simply press the "release" button to lower the pole

Easy installation

Moveable...

**Aluminum Wheel Stand**

The Telescoping Flagpole easily changes locations with an additional ground sleeve. Front yard to back, winter home to summer home.

This WHEEL STAND holds your Telescoping Flagpole making for an outstanding addition to your RV campsite, concession stand, car dealership, tailgate party, etc. Made of lightweight, sturdy aluminum with maintenance free anodized finish. Sold separately.

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- Sizes: 16', 20' and 25'
- Able to fly two flags (double harness ring)
- Flagpoles available in bronze, black, silver or white (selected sizes)

All warranties cover manufacturer defects only.

**Telescoping Flagpole Action**



# IMPORTANT CONTACTS!



## Lions Club International Foundation

Chair: Lion Dennis Heinen – heinende@centracare.com



## MN Lions Vision Foundation      Lions Gift of Sight

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## MD5M Hearing Foundation

Chairs: Lion Pam Erickson -- tapjerickson@gmail.com  
PDG Bob Kulbeik -- kulbeik@hotmail.com



## MN Lions Diabetes Foundation

Chair: Lion Lori Schellberg -- lorischellberg@gmail.com  
PDG Ken Harwick – kbearalive@live.com



## MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

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Lion Merlin Athmann -- athmann.mer@gmail.com



## Leaderdog

Chair: Lion Mary Bolas -- marybolas.mb@gmail.com



## MD5M Kidsight Foundation

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## Can Do Canines

Chair: Lion Mike Beilke -- mbeilke62@gmail.com



## Project New Hope

Chair: Lion Ron Buse -- ron.buse06@gctel.com  
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Lion Corky Gleisner – cmgleisner@gmail.com



## Special Olympics MN

Chair: Lion Dianna Nelson - diannanelson@mainstreetcom.com



## T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation

Chair: PIP Brian Sheehan -- bsheehan@rccbi.com  
Treas. PDG Marty Athmann – athmannmarty@hotmail.com



## MN Lions Mission Foundation – Brand New

### Foundation Awards:

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

### MD5M Multiple District Awards:

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

### District Awards:

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

### Grant Applications:

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



### 2025-2026 5M4 Cabinet Members

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Zone 3 Chair					
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