

5M4 Newsletter



District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

Jan. 26-28, 2024



Made in
Minnesota

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After a years of planning, months of meetings, weeks of organizing and untold hours of work we are so happy to say the Mid-Winter Convention is here! Our "Made in Minnesota" theme has been a blast to work with and we have some really fun ideas as a result.

We can't wait for the whole District to join us in Willmar on January 26, 27, and 28, 2024, for a weekend of information, Lions brotherhood, and most of all – FUN!

Just a few last minute bits of info to pass along:

1. **Remember to return the raffle tickets** that were sent to your club secretary. Either Lions members or the club itself can purchase the tickets.
2. **Send your information about members who have passed** in 2023 to PDG Kellie Knutsen ASAP so they can be included in our Memorial Service on Friday night.
3. **Bring your Parade of Green donations.** The boxes will be in the Hospitality Room. Donations will be counted overnight on Saturday and announced on Sunday at the brunch.
4. **Bring your silent auction items.** We will be having both the regular silent auction PLUS what we like to call the "Uff Da Auction" with some particularly fun items.
5. **Bring a snack to share at our Potluck Hospitality Room Buffet!** We have access to plug ins, so fire up those crock pots. We'll be having leftover on Saturday night, so bring plenty for both nights.
6. **Our service project is two-fold –**
 - a. **Recycling the following items:**
 - i. Glasses
 - ii. Hearing Aids
 - iii. Cell phones
 - iv. Shoes (please tie them into pairs)
 - v. Plastic – stretchy plastic, grocery bags, bubble wrap, water softener salt bags, etc., with stick on labels removed. We will provide info for you to bring this program home for your club to continue and earn a park bench for your community.
 - b. **Wildflower Seed packing**
 - i. We have a big bag of wildflower seeds to repackage
 - ii. Spoonful into a see envelope and sticker each with info about the project
 - iii. Everyone will be taking seeds home
 - iv. Plant them in your yard or your whole club can plant a garden in a park or other public area
7. **Hospitality Room attire** will be something Minnesotan – whatever you have that says "I'm Made in Minnesota".
8. **Saturday night banquet** will be a white coat affair for those who have them.
9. **Sunday is once again "No Suit Sunday".** Just come in something comfortable for the ride home.

Many thanks to our whole team who have worked very hard to make this a success.

I'll be calling them out at the Convention for proper recognition.

See you soon and remember, come ready for some fun!

DG Sue Kulbeik kulbeik@gmail.com 605-949-0161

See you there!



Form in this newsletter! Contact:

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Notings from Jacque!

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Our 5M4 mid-winter is approaching fast. Jan. 26-27 in Willmar MN. Hotel reservations can be booked by calling the Best Western hotel directly at 320.235.6060 to get our special booking rate which ends Dec 29. Early bird convention registration ends Dec 19, but never fear you can still register. COME have some Made in MN FUN!
If you can't come for the entire weekend, join us Friday for the Memorial Service remembering those who served with us, or the business meeting on Saturday. We would encourage you partake in the fellowship this weekend is able to offer us.

I'd like to plant the seed for you to assist our district – we are looking to the future: 2025, 2026 and beyond. How can you help? What are your goals? What areas of service speak to your heart? We can find a position that works for you weather you have hours or days per month to step up and do more to serve. Anyone on the cabinet would be willing to talk to you as how you may be able to help. Orientation is available for all positions.

And I'd be remiss if I didn't put in a plug for the Sauk Centre Lions 63rd Pancake Breakfast – Sunday Feb 4. Tickets on sale now! (and at the convention)

Thank you Lions for all you do.

Ask One, and continue to Serve. Mission 1.5
IVDG Jacque Heinen



PDG'S of MD5M,
MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. MISSION 1.5 starts with you.
When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than

make our communities stronger, it makes the world a kinder, healthier and better place to live. Our International President Dr. Patti Hill is challenging all of us to step up and help grow our association. Dr. Hill is asking all of us to go out and find at least one new member to join our association. We have all heard the different acronyms that are associated with PDG. Everything from Power Done Gone, Permanent Dinner Guest, Pretty Darn Good and the one that is the most accurate, Providing District Guidance.
Now more than ever we need to step up and provide that district guidance. All Lions have been challenged to grow our association and International President Dr. Patti Hill is asking us as PDG'S to step up and show the Lions of MD5M that we lead by

example.
The challenge is simple, recruit at least one new member to our association. As leaders of our multiple will you accept the challenge of our International President and sign up that new member? The challenge is made!
Will you accept the Challenge? I Have!!
If you are ready to accept our International Presidents Challenge, let your Fellow PDG'S know that you are on the team to grow our association.

PDG Jay Norby
CA1 GAT Area "C" Leader
IA/MN/ND/SD/WI
Lions International
218-298-1031 ljnorb@arvig.net

Lions Portal

The new Lions Portal will be released after January 2024. Please keep reporting in myLion and myLCI until it is available. The new Lions Portal will be gathering the same information that is reported in myLion and myLCI. Please contact Global Service Team if you need help entering service projects. PCC Dennis Heinen at heinende@centracare.com or cell 320-491-3996.

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www.e-district.org/sites/5M4
PRE-CONVENTION
JAN. 2024

TENTATIVE AGENDA (Subject to changes)

FrIDAY – JANuARy 26, 2024

- 3:00 pm Registration & Credentials
3:00 pm Service Projects recycling: Glasses, Hearing Aides, Shoes, Garbage Bags
(Bring them to the convention and we will sort them out
Environmental: We will be packing flower seeds to send home so each Lion in the District can plant flowers next spring
- 4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting
5:00 pm Cabinet Supper
5:45 pm PDG Meeting (Same room as cabinet meeting)
5:45 pm First Timers Meeting
7:00 pm Memorial Service
8:00 pm Hospitality Room Open – Pot Luck snacks!
Bring your favorite snack and we'll add it to the fun. Plus, we'll have s'mores!
Band – "Too Drunk to Fish"

SATuRDAY – JANuARy 27, 2024

- 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet
8:45 am Introductions and Protocol established
9:00 am Presentation on Lions Response to Disasters Far and Near
Presenters: ID Bob Lee of Hawaii and Lion Bonnie Lay of Forada Lions
10:00 am Discussion about the 5M4 Lions Alert Program
10:15 am Break
10:30 am Business Meeting
11:30 am New Lions Orientation
12:00 pm Lunch Buffet (Hot Dish Heaven)
Lunch speaker: BJ Blahnik, Leader Dogs for the Blind
12:00 pm Leo and Champion Lunch - "Dining in the Dark"
1:30 pm Check out the Foundations (and others) Display Tables
1:30 pm Optional Tour of Mr. B's Chocolate Factory (tour has been arranged – provide your own transportation)
2:00 pm Panel Discussion – How do we recruit and retain young Lions in our Club?
Moderator: Marty Athemann
Panel: Six younger Lions sharing ideas on how we can attract younger Lions and KEEP them!
4:00 pm Happy Hour – Hospitality Room
6:00 pm Banquet
Hospitality room – Leftovers for snacks (because that's how we do it in Minnesota)!
Band: "Livewire"

SuNDAY, JANuARy 28, 2024

- 9:00 am Brunch buffet
Presentation: West Central Area Schools Greenhouse/LCIF Donation of \$100,000
Speaker: Eric Sawatzke, Ag Educator at WCA and Minnesota Ag Educator of the year for 2023
10:30 am Business Meeting Wrap-up
Parade of Green Results
raffle and drawing results – prizes awarded



2024 MID WINTER CONVENTION

45TH DISTRICT 5M4 LIONS MIDWINTER CONVENTION

JANUARY 26, 27, AND 28, 2024

WILLMAR CONFERENCE CENTER, WILLMAR, MN

Please make your own Room Reservation

HOST HOTEL - BEST WESTERN PLUS, WILLMAR, MN
2100 E HIGHWAY 12, WILLMAR, MN 56201

320-235-6060

OUR ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC ON DEC. 29, 2023



Theme: 'Made in Minnesota'



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Club _____
 Lion's Title _____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Non-member _____
 Name: _____ Club: _____
 Lion's Title _____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Non-member _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Guest Children _____ Ages _____
 Guest Children _____ Ages _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

REGULAR CONVENTION PACKAGE (INCLUDES ALL MEALS) REGISTER BY DECEMBER 19, 2023
 @ \$125.00 Regular Attendees @ \$50.00 First Time Attendee (Dist. 5M4 only)
 @ \$50.00 Children 12 and Under

REGULAR CONVENTION PACKAGE (INCLUDES ALL MEALS) REGISTER DEC 20, 2023 OR AFTER
 @ \$135.00 Regular Attendees @ \$50.00 First Time Attendee (Dist. 5M4 only)
 @ \$50.00 Children 12 and Under

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR BANQUET MEAL: Walleye Turkey (note how many each)
 Any special dietary needs? _____

For those attending ONLY Saturday or Sunday (no meals sold on site)
 Breakfast @ \$25.00 / Lunch @ \$30.00
 Banquet @ \$40.00 / Please include your meal choice: Walleye Turkey
 Sunday Brunch @ \$30.00 Any special dietary needs? _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

ALL REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 10, 2024

Cancellations after January 10, 2023 will be charged \$20. Cancellations after January 15, 2024 - no refund.
 Make Checks Payable to: District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter Convention Fund
 Send to: Schellberg Lions, 6233 97th Ave. NE, Spicer, MN 56288

Credit Card _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Printed Name _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? CALL: 320-894-8643 OR E-MAIL: spicerlioncraig@gmail.com

Mid-Winter Convention Update Page

Date: January 26, 27, 28, 2024

Place: Willmar Convention Center/Best Western Motel

Theme: "Made in Minnesota"

NOTE THE TWO REGISTRATION PAGES – ONE FOR LEOs AND CHAMPION LIONS, ANOTHER FOR EVERYONE ELSE. PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATIONS AND SEND THEM IN ACCORDING TO DIRECTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGES.

BRING YOUR PARADE OF GREEN DONATIONS

SEND IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

Mail to DG Sue at PO Box 59, Elbow Lake MN 56531

SEND YOUR CLUB MEMORIAL INFO TO KELLIE KNUTSON

RECYCLING SERVICE PROJECT



Bring your items to recycle: Glasses, Hearing Aids, Shoes, Plastic bags and more (anything stretchy). Now adding old cell phones, too. We will be sorting at the convention and would love to get as much of these items as possible

GOOD OLD MINNESOTA POT LUCK

Be sure and bring a snack to share in our Hospitality Room! What's your favorite munchie? Herring? Lefsa? Bars? We're hoping to have the biggest smorgasbord of snacks ever offered on Friday night. And what are we having on Saturday night, you ask? Leftovers – a Minnesota tradition! There will also be s'mores and a cash bar available.

**LIVE
MUSIC!**

MADE IN MINNESOTA

Wear your favorite Minnesota wear to the Hospitality Room – sports gear, red plaid, cammo, or dress like a Minnesota famous person. Anybody got a Prince outfit, or how about Jesse Ventura? Your old high school team shirt or letter jacket.

*Watch this page for
updates each month!*

**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

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
Open Position	Open Position
Open Position	Zone 3 Chair, Benson, Garfield, Glenwood, Hancock, Lowry, Morris
Open Position	Zone 8 Chair, Atwater, Cedar Mills, Cosmos, Darwin, Grove City, Kingston, Litchfield



5M4 CluBs!

Remember to bring
your silent auction
basket
donation for the
Mid-Winter
convention-
remember the
theme: 'Made in
Minnesota' **THANK YOU!**



*Please remember your club
members who have passed
away this past year*

5M4 Memorial Service names/photos are needed to honor them at the convention.

It's time to gather the names and photos of any Lions members, from your club, who have passed away in 2023. This will be used for the Mid Winter convention Memorial Service in Willmar on Friday, January 26th. Please email Kellie Knudson, no later than January 10th, your Club name, a list of deceased members and a photo for each Lion to be included in the slide show. My email is: lionkellieknudson@gmail.com

\$ LCIF Gala \$

Paint the Town GREEN!
RED
Sat, April 13, 2024
Prairie Event Center
Parkers Prairie, MN

Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala, you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear GREEN. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming newsletter articles. If you have any questions, please contact LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.



CONVENTION 2024 - JANUARY 26, 2024 - FRIDAY EVENING FUN
FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY TREATS

Potluck



*What is more 'Minnesotan'
than a potluck get together?*



Friday Hospitality Night will be extra fun this year! Put on your best MINNESOTA gear (sports teams, fishing gear, hunting gear, or your best plaid shirt) and come to have fun!

Like any good gathering in Minnesota - we are asking that you bring an appetizer/snack to share with your fellow Lions! If you want to share the recipe - just bring a recipe card to put by it - people can snap a photo of your recipe!

You betcha- it will be GOOD!



2024 MID WINTER CONVENTION

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JANUARY 26, 27, AND 28, 2024

WILLMAR CONFERENCE CENTER, WILLMAR, MN

Leo and
Champions
registration form

HOST HOTEL - BEST WESTERN PLUS, WILLMAR, MN
2100 E HIGHWAY 12, WILLMAR, MN 56201 • 320-235-6060

A special January 27 is planned for you!



Theme: 'Made in Minnesota'



*A full day of events on Saturday just for you
Leos and the Sauk River Champions Club!*

*Recycling project • Pizza 'Lunch & Learn' with Leader Dogs and their partners
"How does it feel to be blind?" - lunch in the dark, white cane training, and Leader Dog test drive!*

LEO & SAUKRIVER CHAMPIONS REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Club _____
 Lion's Title _____ (President, etc.)
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

Pizza Lunch _____ (how many?) @ \$15.00 - Includes pizza, a beverage, and dessert
 (all served while you are wearing a blindfold so you can feel what it's like to be blind
 and eating your lunch)
 Any special dietary needs? _____

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Credit Card _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Printed Name _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? CALL : 320-894-8643

OR E-MAIL: spicerlioncraig@gmail.com



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 Jacques 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!



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
2. Go to Member login: MyLion
3. Enter the information - and you are finished!



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

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ALERT TEAM

preparedness · response · relief

*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.