

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







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#### **SEE YOU THERE!**

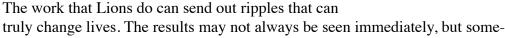
WHAT: 5M4
Mid-Winter Convention
WHERE: Willmar Conference Center
WHEN: January 28-29-30 2022



#### Follow a dream...

It has been a dream of mine to be the Governor of 5M4 for many years. It's hard to believe that what was once a farfetched dream, has become an incredible reality. I find it hard to come up with the correct words to describe what an honor it is to follow in the footsteps of some of the most incredible leaders who have led this District.

I can only hope to continue to set the bar as high as those who have come before me. I joined the Bird Island Lions in 1994, and for the past 28 years have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside others who share our vision and motto of "We Serve."



truly change lives. The results may not always be seen immediately, but sometimes are worth that wait to see what impact we can have on others.

I have been married to my amazing wife Karla, for nearly 33 years and we have 3 children. Kyle, our oldest, is married to Ashley andthey have 2 children, (Eli and Mila) and live in Olivia. We are continually amazed at how "cool" being grandparents is!! Trent is married to Brea and they live in Olivia also. Dana, our youngest, is finishing her last year of college in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

A huge thank you to the Lions of District 5M4 for the time and effort that you put in to make your communities a better, brighter place.

"Everybody can be great...
because anybody can serve.
You don't have to have a
college degree to serve.
You don't have to make your
subject and verb agree to serve.
You only need a heart full of grace.
A soul generated by love."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



Lion Karla Athman and DG Lion Marty Athman



## WOW - here we go 2022

Taking a look back at 2021 there are many things that make me cringe. Everything from the ongoing pandemic, to the state of the economy.

There is one thing that makes me smile and that is our LIons family. WE have come together and worked our way through it all.

Personally I have grown from all that has happened in the last two years. I have learned about ZOOM meetings. And how to communicate with technology. We have been forced to think out of the box with service projects and fundraisers. We had to do things different or we were not going to make it. Well we made it. Let us learn and use what we learned to make a difference in the future.

The greatest form of flattery is having an idea and someone else taking and using that idea. Lets share what we have learned about fundraising and service projects. THE Sauk Centre Lions did a great job with their out of the ordinary pancake breakfast. (for more details ask a Sauk Centre member to explain). We have also started to zoom all our meetings allowing those who are not able to join in person to still be active with the meetings..

These changes and decisions have not come without compromise with our members. I personally was not in support of the out of the ordinary pancake breakfast when the idea was presented to me. I was in support of my club though. I backed their decision to have this project and did my best to make it a success. That is what Lions do, we may not always agree with an idea or decision but we respect it and do what we can to make it successful. So let's work as team 5m4 and help everyone to make it better.

This next year will not be without challenges. We still have restrictions and new rules to follow. That we are learning daily. Let's grow together. DG Marty is a great leader. Let us follow his lead and end the year out strong. DG Marty has some goals we need to help achieve. And I personally feel we can achieve these goals. I will be sitting down with the cabinet and the leadership team to build off the success we have so far. I want to keep the momentum going long into the future.

I mentioned I will be working with the cabinet to plan my goals as District Governor, I am also looking for help from all of you. What would you like to see happen in 5M4? Is there something you would like to see changed or made better or different?

I have had the opportunity to travel and visit other district conventions. I have learned we all have the same or similar issues. We are always looking for members to join the cabinet, the foundations, and the leadership team. If you are interested or maybe just want to learn more about any position never hesitate to ask. These positions are fun and fulfilling. My favorite position so far has been a Zone chair. Do get me wrong, I enjoy being on the Diabetes foundation. But being a zone chair was the most fun. I was able to communicate with clubs within my zone meet a lot new friends make great memories

Looking forward to a great 2022.

Remember if you have any questions, never hesitate to ask. I may not have the answer but I have the phone number of who does.

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1st VDG Lion Rob Wiener and Lion Jo Wiener

#### SIGN UP!

https://www.signupgenius.com/g60B0E49AAAA2AA6FB6-mn-

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Newsletter websiteFacebook page.
Lion Rob

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#### 2022 MID WINTER CONVENTION

\_\_\_43RD DISTRICT 5M4 LIONS MIDWINTER CONVENTION JANUARY 28-30, 2022
WILLMAR CONFERENCE CENTER, WILLMAR, MN



#### HOST HOTEL - BEST WESTERN PLUS, WILLMAR

Best Western Plus - Address: 2100 E Highway 12, Willmar, MN | Phone: 320-235-6060 Please Make Your Own Hotel Reservations. Rooms will be released on December 28th.

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For those attending ONLY Saturday or Sun Breakfast: @ \$30.00  Lunch: @ \$ Banquet: @ \$50.00   Please include yo Sunday Brunch: @ \$30.00 Any Special Dietary Needs:	\$35.00 our meal choice: T	enderloin:		



Make Checks Payable to: District 5M4 Lions MId-Winter Convention Fund Send to: Mike Jungers, 8835 123rd Ave SE, Lake Lillian, MN 56253

Email: mcjungers@frontier.com | Phone: 320-579-0352



Credit Card		Expiration Date	cvo	:
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Printed Name:	-	Signature	•	



Enjoy good company, food and drink, silent and live auctions and a performance by Bob Stromberg. All proceeds help Can Do Canines provide specially trained assistance dogs to people with disabilities, free of charge.

## Saturday, February 26, 6pm

DoubleTree Bloomington • 7800 Normandale Blvd • Minneapolis, MN 55439

#### Master of Ceremonies

Rena Sarigianopoulos KARE 11 Reporter/Anchor

#### Entertainment

Bob Stromberg Comedian

#### Ticket Information

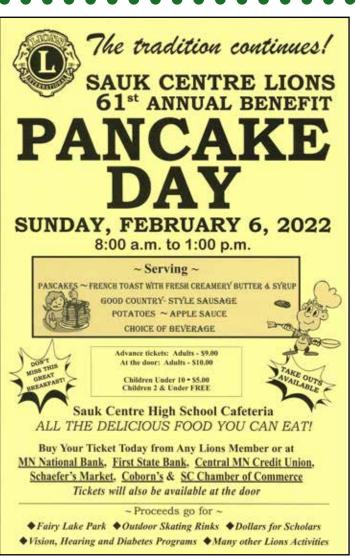
VIP Table - \$1,800 each Includes up to 10 guests per table, access to an exclusive VIP reception and two bottles of wine with dinner. Individual VIP Ticket - \$215 each

Individual General Ticket - \$150 each

Purchase tickets and pre-register for electronic bidding online at **candocanines.org/fetchingball**. Call 763-331-3000 with questions.

**Pre-Convention 2022** 







#### Benson/Hancock Lions joint meeting held

The Benson/Hancock Lions joint meeting was held January 17 at Track Bar & Grill in Benson. District Governor Marty Athmann and his wife of Bird Island attended the event. Gov. Athmann was present to install new members of the Lions Club and talked about on-going and upcoming Lion's issues. Pictured above is Mark and Cindy Frank being installed by Governor Athmann.



Loren and Jackie Grothe (Spicer Lions) had a great time volunteering and decorating the Lions Interna-

tional Club float that will be in the Rose Parade. "We were there four days and saw this beautiful, whimsical float come together. Loren did the rope work on the upper sail boat. Some of the materials used on the float are rice (lots of rice), ground coffee, coconut fiber, ground coconut, pink, blue, and purple status, straw, straw flowers, recycled Christmas tree branches, and carnations. Lots of Elmer's glue was used everywhere and carnations were applied with epoxy glue. Other fresh flowers on the float are in individual water vials. There were around 18 floats in the building we were in. All floats needed to be completed by the morning of the 31st when the judging took place. After that the floats are moved 20 miles during the night to Pasadena for parade lineup. We met the International Lions President, Douglas Alexander, the International Director, Ken Ibarra, Manny Sanchez, the Lions Float President, members of the float committee, and many volunteers and other Lions. Next year, the International Lions President will be Brian Sheehan from Bird Island! (At least Lions will now know where Bird Island is-just say'n!!!)"





Spicer Sunrise Lions honor Kay Rauk
Spicer Sunrise Lions honored Lion Kay Rauk with a Melvin
Jones award. Presenting left to right are club president Lion
Lori Schellberg, Lion Kay, DG Marty Athmann, and LCIF
chair Lion Jean Ruter. Lion Kay participated in all club activities as well as getting the meal count for our evening meetings
even when she is in AZ.



Carla Lagerstedt honored
Spicer Suprise Lions honored Lion Carla Lagerstedt w

Spicer Sunrise Lions honored Lion Carla Lagerstedt with a Melvin-Jones award. Lion Carla has been a key player in the KidSight screening efforts as well as doing her parts in all other club endeavors.



New Spicer Sunrise members
New Spicer Sunrise Lions are Gary Hildebrand, Lily Wood, and Sue Kern we inducted by DG Marty. Welcome Lions!

#### Get excited for the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montréal!





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#### Meet 'Olee'!

Olee, and his Leader Dog training partners, Elbow Lake Lions, Sue and Bob Kulbeik, are just beginning the journey that will change the life of someone with vision challenges. Sue and Bob have trained many pups for the Leader Dog program. They traveled to Michigan last week to pick up this little cutie.



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

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

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

Submitted by Jason Kerfeld



Are you having problems with hearing loss? Tinnitus? Vertigo? And other conditions related to hearing and the ear?

The Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation Clinic at University of Minnesota Medical Center can evaluate a wide range of hearing impairments and maximize your communication potential.

With advanced expertise, our audiologists can prescribe and program the best possible hearing instrument for you, including hearing aids and cochlear implants.

At the Audiology and Aural Rehabilitation Clinic, we are proud to be a part of the Lions 5M International Hearing Center that is located within our clinic. (https://www.5mhf.org/international-hearing-center.html)

#### **Conditions We Treat:**

- 1. Ear and Hearing Conditions
- 2. Hearing Loss in Adults
- 3. Pediatric Hearing Loss
- 4. Tinnitus
- 5. Vertigo
- 6. Vestibular Balance Disorders

Go to <a href="https://www.mhealthfairview.org/specialties/Audiology-And-Aural-Rehabilitation">https://www.mhealthfairview.org/specialties/Audiology-And-Aural-Rehabilitation</a> to learn more and to request an appointment.



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Mn Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.

#### Believe Award

#### **Application**

Club Name			
Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Recipient:			
Name			
		State	
Please check:			
Memoria	l Donation \$1,	000.00, given in memory of a d	eceased Lion or non-Lion.
Cumulati	ve Award - Ac	cumulated gifts over time resu	ılting in a \$1,000.00 donation.
Mail or Email Ap	plication to:		
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		14496 Geneva Ave N	
		Hugo MN 55038	
		<u>sjerven@gmail.com</u>	
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#### **PUT YOUR EVENT ON THE 5M4 WEBSITE!**

Please let us know if you'd like us to post your 5M4 club event.

Send to patrickposl@gmail.com



#### **Minnesota Lions Hearing**

Foundation
Hearing Research Fellowship
Application

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The Hearing Research Fellowship Award can be presented to a club member, family member or member of the community by a local club on behalf of the MN Lions Hearing Foundation. For every \$1000 donated to the Hearing Foundation, a Club earns one recognition award. Please consult with your District Hearing Foundation Trustee to determine how many club credits your club has earned.

#### Please PRINT

Club Name:			DISTRICT	
Person submitting Appl	lication:			
Address where to ship	recognition:			
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Payment to:	•	oundation Treas nue, Green Isle, N		

Please allow 30 days to process & ship award recognition

# Hearing Research Fellowship Application

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

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





## Northern Pride Lions Forum

March 25th - 26th, 2022

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn 100 4th Ave. South, St Cloud, MN USA

#### 2022 Registration Form



Your District & Club Name:	Lions Membership # :
Name & Title	
Address	Registration form also available at
City/Town	http://www.lionsmd5m.org
State/Prov.	Special Dietary Needs:
Zip/Postal	Vegetarian, Gluten Free,
Phone ( )	(circle ones that apply)
Email	Allergies

#### Registration Fee \$105.00 (US\$ or CDN\$)

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, your choice of up to 6 of the 36 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with two dynamic guest speakers:

(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

#### SIGN UP ONLINE @

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-forum-2022-registration-181446420127?aff=erelexpmlt

Pay with credit card in US\$ or CDN\$ follow the online screen instructions to register.

If you would like to send a USD check or money order:

Make it payable

Make it payable to: Northern Pride Lions Forum

Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, PO Box 94, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$109.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until March 7th, 2022

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606

>>> BOOK NOW

This block is called "Northern Pride Lions Forum"



Cancellations prior to March 19th, 2022 will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after March 19th, 2022 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

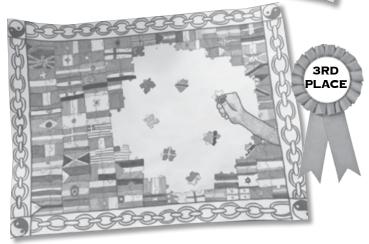
For more Information Email The Northern Pride Lions Forum at: npllfmd5m@gmail.com



#### PEACE POSTER CONTEST







## POSTER

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For over three decades, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2020-2021 Peace Poster Contest is "Peace Through Service." Students ages 11, 12, or 13 on or before November 15th are eligible to participate. History has shown that all too often peace is not guaranteed. While this is unfortunate, it also allows us the powerful opportunity to figure out how to achieve peace, individually and in our communities. And who better to map out the "Peace Through Service" than our youth?

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER Aidin Middendorf

Holy Family School
Sponsored by Sauk Centre Lions

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNER Alexis Rudell

West Central Area Schools Sponsored by Wendell Lions

## 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNER Maya Huda

New London - Spicer Schools Sponsored by Spicer Lions

DISTRICT 5M4 ♦ 2022 MIDWINTER CONVENTION





#### Early pricing extended until March 31

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

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

We can't wait to see you in Montréal!

Register now

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

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

Mail with attached form to

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

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

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

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Monthly Yearly	
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## "Catch the Dream" ...Life Without Diabetes!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2022
Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month
2000 steps = 1 mile

#### You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own Be a part of a team

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens January 25, 2022

\$25 Registration Fee T-Shirts available



Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health.



Net Proceeds benefit
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation