# 5M4 Newsletter





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Clubs: Would you like to give a Melvin Jones Fellowship award?
Contact me
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credit you have to
give out a MJF award
and I can also help you
order. Thanks!
Lion Allan Ulbricht,
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Welcome to 5M4 our newest club: The Alexandria Champions!

# Time to 'amp' up!

Greetings fellow Lions as Labor Day is fast upon us schools are amping up and getting ready for students - we should be amping up our club goals and service projects for the year. Where to start you ask? Look up the 2024-2025 Club Excellence Award a GREAT starting point for all clubs.



PCC Dennis Heinen and DG Jacque Heinen

I am looking forward to a couple 'new to me' events in the district. August 28th I will be attending the Grant County Corn Plot appreciation dinner. September a double header Dueling Pianos in Buffalo Lake Fri. Sept. 13 and Hector Fly-In Breakfast Sun Sept. 15. And Oct. 4th I plan on attending the Fallen Hero's football game at New London-Spicer High School. It is amazing what our clubs do in their communities!

September also is a time of learning for Lions - the US/Canada Forum will be Sept. 5-7 in Louisville, KY and closer to home the Northern Pride in St. Cloud Sept. 20-21. There are many valuable classes at both events - well worth your time.

I have started receiving several club visit forms so please contact me to get your date scheduled. The Mid-winter Convention is set for Jan. 24-26, 2025 at the Alexandria Holiday Inn. Watch for information to be coming out next month, and it will also be available on our website.

International news, Past International Director Tony Benbow from Vermont South, Australia is the certified and endorsed candidate for 3rd International Vice President for election in Mexico City July 2025. May each of you have a successful year in Lions service.

.... Until October,

Ask One ... Keep One ... and continue to Serve.

2024-25 5M4 DG Jacque Heinen lionheinen@gmail.com 320.249.6536

**5M4 Cabinet Meeting Dates:** October 30, 2024 January 24-26 2025 Midwinter and the last meeting on April 30, 2025.

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A note from Susan

Greetings 5M4,

Here we go, we are off to a great start! There have been many activities happening this summer in our first couple months of this Lions year. Have you reported your service yet? If you have questions or would like extra training on our new portal, please reach out to one of us. The last page in the newsletter has your current year cabinet members listed. We are here to help you! I had the privilege of attending the Mission 1.5 Summit with PCC Rob Wiener this past month. We learned a lot about growing our Lions International clubs and how we can go about this. We talked about not only gaining members (our Mission) but retaining the ones we currently have. Have you ever done a SWOT analysis with your club members? Get them to brainstorm, write down your clubs Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This club activity can be very valuable to the life of your club and its members. But not only is this Mission about membership, more members create more service! Within our organization, the best part about Mission 1.5 is the ability to then serve 1 BILLION people in need! We can do this by finding these needs within our own communities, get to work, and then report your service! If you would like more information on Mission 1.5, if your club is struggling and needs new life, or if you have great ideas to share with others in our district, please reach out to us! We are here for you! One of our many supported organizations is Leader Dog. As 1VDG, I will be their guest (along with my husband Brad) in Michigan to tour their facility and learn more about their puppies, how they are raised, and the end result/the process of how those in need acquire this life changing

companion. I am really looking forward to learning more about Leader Dog and will share with you next month!



Lion Brad Krumrey and 1st VDG Susan Krumrey

The USA/Canada Forum in Louisville KY is right around the corner! I am looking forward to all the knowledge of Lions that will be gained at this event. As we know, not everyone can travel, we are very excited to bring back our Northern Pride Leadership event, held in St. Cloud! If you are interested in learning more about Lions or leadership skills for your personal life as well, this is a great opportunity for you right here at home! All seminars are on Saturday, so if you choose to not stay overnight on Friday and just come for the day on Saturday, you will not miss anything except great Lions Fellowship on Friday night. Please see the registration form with more information in this newsletter. And as I have said before, if you have any questions, please reach out – we are here for you!!

On a personal note, because I am super excited about it... not only does being a Lion Leader take up a lot of my time, towards the end of the month I will have another granddaughter in my schedule! We are really looking forward to the next addition to the Krumrey family! Have a blessed September – I know we will!!

Together In Service, Lion Susan Krumrey, 1st VDG – 5M4 Buffalo Lake Lions Club President 320-295-8327



Morris Lions do a great job with BINGO at the Stevens County f air in Morris!



## DISTRICT 5M4 2024/2025

# CLUB VISIT REQUEST FORM DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACQUE HEINEN





CLUB INFORMATION									
CLUB NAME									
CONTACT NAME									
CONTACT EMAIL									
CONTACT PHONE									
MEETING INFORMATION									
PROVIDE THREE CHOICES	OF DATES:								
1ST	2ND	3RD CHOICE							
CHOICE	CHOICE	CHOICE							
PROVIDE START TIMES: SOCIAL	MEAL	MEETING							
TIME	TIME	TIME							
MEETING LOCATION									
BUSINESS NAME:									
STREET ADDRESS:									
CITY									
CDE	CIAL DECLIE	STS & NOTES							
SPE	CIAL REQUE	SISKNOTES							
NEW MEMBER	OFFICER INSTALLATION	AWARD PRESENTATION							
	INSTALLATION								
OTHER									
DG Jacque's chosen cha	rities are LCIF or Can Do Ca	nnines.							

Return form to: lionheinen@gmail.com or call with above info at 320.249.6536

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## Join us at the Can Do Woofaroo!

#### Saturday, September 14, 2024

Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Can Do Canines

Invite your friends (even the four-legged ones) to celebrate the amazing partnership between assistance dogs and the people who need them. This outdoor fundraising event includes a one-mile walk, live music, dog-centric vendors, dog costume contest, food and more!

The Lions Clubs of Minnesota will once again be the Presenting Sponsors.







# ATTENTION!

It's back to school time - time to line up KidSight Screenings at our local schools. Our scanners are equipped to test 6 months old to 18 yrs. Please check with your schools to set up testing dates.

Contact one of us to reserve our cameras and or get assistance. We are here to help.

#### THANKS FOR WHAT YOU DO!

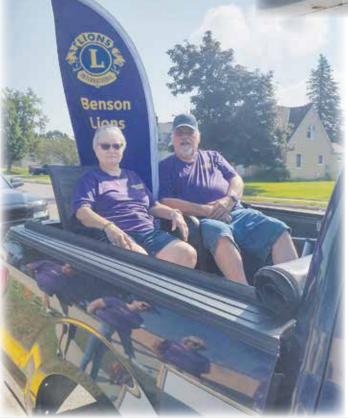
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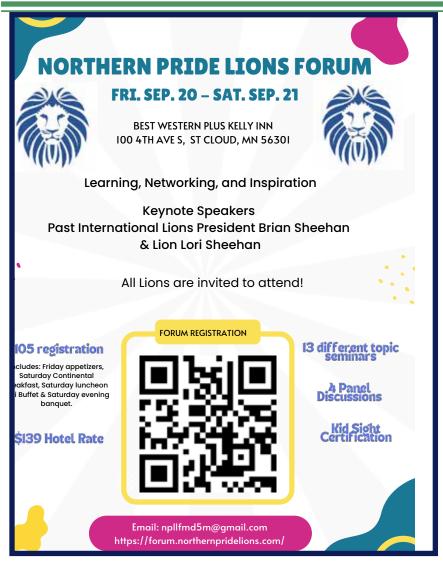
Saturday, July 20, the Benson Lions Club participated in the 93rd Kid Day parade. They also served food/beverages during the Kid Day Car Show at Ambush Park that afternoon. Benson Lions take part in Benson Kid Day celebration













# **Lions Portal**

LIONS PORTAL has been being made available in a phased roll out and will eventually be available to all members. Two district wide trainings have occurred and more will be scheduled if there is interest.

Having problems logging onto the portal or have questions on reporting, you can reach out to District Administrator PCC Dennis Heinen at heinende@centracare.com or 320.491.3996.



### 2025 Lions 5M4 Convention Booklet Ad Form

Thank you for considering placing an ad in our 2025 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention Booklet! We will be printing approximately 250 booklets which will be used every day of the convention. The booklet will then go home with the attendee to share with their club members.

There are 53 Clubs in our 5M4 District, spanning 13 counties, and approximately 1415 members.

BUSINESSES: Promote your goods, services, business card, or help wanted ad!!

CLUBS: Promote your clubs favorite service project, put an ad in the book for your next meal or event that you would like others to attend, or share good idea's that you think others could use in their club as well!

Ad Size – Price (all ads are black and white unless specified below)
1/8 <sup>th</sup> of a page/business card - \$40
1/4 of a page (3" x 4 5/8") - \$60
1/2 of a page (6 ½" x 4 5/8") - \$100
Full Page (6 1/4" x 7 1/2") - \$190
Inside Front Cover – Color - \$260
Inside Back Cover – Color - \$260
Outside Back Cover – Color - \$260
Will email Print Ready Ad Would like the Ad created by printing company (addition fees will apply)
Business or Club Name:
Contact Name, Phone # or Email:
Ad Deadline – December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 No ads will be published without payment received!
Please submit questions, ad information, artwork/photos, or your print ready ad in .pdf or .jpg format to

Susan Krumrey at <u>susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com</u>.

Payment for your ad can be made payable to: 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention

Payment can be sent to: Buffalo Lake Lions Club – PO Box 5 – Buffalo Lake, MN 55314



# Looking for ways to improve your clubs?

You should consider attending the Northern Pride Lions Forum. It will be the evening of September 20th and all day September 21st. Speakers Past international President Brian Sheehan and Lori Sheehan. Breakout sessions and panel discussions on topics of service, fund raising, Special Olympics and Mission 1.5. Lions KidSight certification training will be held. The event will be held at St. Cloud and the cost is \$105. Friday evening is optional in case you want to come Saturday only. See the flyer on PAGE 6 of this newsletter, or Northern Pride Lions. Contact npllfmd5m@gmail.com if you have any questions.





#### SAUK RIVER CHAMPION LIONS CLUB

The Sauk River Champions Lions Club was in the Sinclair Lewis Days Parade on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and the following Saturday July 27 the Champions served Brat and Hot Dog at Coborns as a fundraiser and service project.

July 9th the Champions delivered the Sun Catchers to the Sauk Centre Care Center and put them up on the windows to brighten the dining room where they eat their meals. Some residents chose to take their sun catchers to their personal rooms to brighten their room.







# Kerkhoven Lions help save lives

The Kerkhoven Lions recently purchased an AED for use at our community pool during the summer months & the town cafe in the off season. This was made possible through club fundraisers & community donations.

# Growing!

The Wildflowers are starting to grow!!! The Sauk River Champions Lions club planted wild flowers at the 5M4 Mid Winter Convention. Now they are growing!



Planting...



Growing...

# Diabetes is a Serious Problem!!

Submitted by 5M4 trustee Lion Lori Schellberg, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation lorischellberg@gmail.com or 320-894-8643 (text or call)

## Diabetes by the numbers

In the last 20 years, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than doubled.

#### In the United States:

- About 38 million adults have diabetes, and 1 in 5 of them don't know they have it.
- Diabetes is the eighth leading cause of death.
- Type 2 diabetes accounts for about 90% to 95% of all diagnosed cases of diabetes; type 1 diabetes accounts for about 5% to 10%.
  - Diabetes is the No. 1 cause of kidney failure, lower-limb amputations, and adult blindness.
  - In the last 20 years, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than doubled.
  - Medical costs and lost work and wages for people with diagnosed diabetes total \$413 billion yearly.
  - Medical costs for people with diabetes are more than twice as high as for people who don't have diabetes.

Keep Reading: <u>A Report Card: Diabetes in the United States</u> Graphic Text Diabetes - A US Report Card Diabetes about diabetes. .









## **RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)**

November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



RLLI participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

## **ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leaderhip Institute)**

March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



**ELLI** is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

#### You qualify for trainings if you:

Are a current member in good standing Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member. Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas Like having FUN!!!!

#### Participants are required to:

Attend all sessions of the three-day institute. You may commute to trainings if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.

Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of training weekends

Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register



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#### LEADING THE WAY





Leader Dogs for the Blind - Lions Newsletter

#### Passion, Commitment & Puppies...Eighteen to be Exact!

WITH PUPPY RAISER, IPCC PHYLLIS K., MISSOURI

Meet Immediate Past Council Chair, Phyllis and her husband, Past District Governor, Phil, our superhero puppy raisers! Together they have dedicated many years and volunteer hours to raising seventeen Future Leader Dog pups and currently training puppy number eighteen. Read why Phyllis is so passionate about being a Leader Dogs for the Blind

"I LOVE PUPPIES! This has always been true, ever since I was a little girl on a farm in northwest Missouri. When I first heard about being a puppy raiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind, I was all about the opportunity to have a new puppy every year. I had absolutely no idea how that first puppy would impact my life. Puppy raising has changed how I "see" the world. Each new puppy comes a blank slate to be shaped into a confident, wellmannered dog capable of bonding with a visually impaired partner. How I interact with the puppy and the love and experiences I provide sets the groundwork for that puppy to grow into their potential to be the best guide possible for their eventual person.



Is it hard to let them go each year? Absolutely, but the joy received when I get that notification that they have been placed with a Leader Dog client is indescribable. I have been fortunate in that many of the clients my dogs have been placed with continue to stay in touch with me. expanding my world and family," said Phyllis.

> Join Phyllis, Phil, and other dedicated supporters in this deeply rewarding experience. Your love and guidance can unlock a world of possibilities for someone who is blind or visually impaired.

Pictured to the left: PDG, Phil (left) and IPCC, Phyllis (right) sit on a couch in the canine development center at Leader Dogs for the Blind with their seventeenth Future Leader Dog, Jeri Ann, a yellow lab who is sitting on the ground in front of them.

ARE YOU READY TO RAISE A FUTURE LEADER DOG AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



### Sponsor a hero. Be a hero.

Throughout our history, thousands of amazing donors worldwide have helped us empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. Now you have the opportunity to show your support in a new way, through a Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship. For \$500, you'll receive a picture, a profile and an official certificate of your sponsored Future Leader Dog. Leader Dog services are critically important. LAST YEAR, we were able

to safely provide:

► 500,000+ Days of safe and independent daily travel

**▶123** 

Guide Dog clients served

**▶149** 

Clients received white cane training

Clients who are deaf and blind received customized guide dog training

▶18

Teenagers gained leadership and travel skills

**▶287** 

Current and potential clients received a visit from a field services guide dog mobility instructor

Clients and O&M pro's viewed virtual learning videos

**▶\$0** 



r Dog does a great job training these dogs





LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy

FOLLOW THE LEAD LeaderDog.org

1039 S. Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115



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

## **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





# Lions District 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention January 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Holiday Inn – 5637 Hwy 29 South – Alexandria *REGISTRATION FORM*

NAME	Title: PID	PCC	CC	PDG	DG	
(Please circle all that apply) Lion LEO Spouse First Timer						
NAME	Title: PID	PCC	СС	PDG	DG	
(Please circle all that apply) Lion LEO Spouse First Timer						
Address						
Phone Email						
Club Name						
Governor Banquet Meal - Choose One: Northwoods Chicken	Pot Roast					
If Purchasing Only Individual Meal Preferences:						
Saturday Breakfast: Willy T's Tavern & Grill (on your own) / Satur Governor's Banquet-Saturday Evening: at \$50.00 =	•					
Individual Meals Only Amount Enclosed: \$						
Make checks payable to: District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter		1N 552	1 /			



 $\frac{\hbox{Hotel Accommodations:}}{\hbox{Should be made directly with Holiday Inn @ (320)763-6577}}\\ \hbox{Hotel Rates: King Bed -- $189.00 } \\ \hbox{2 Queen Bed -- $179.00 } \\ \hbox{Pool View -- $199.00}$ 

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#### 2024-2025 5M4 Cabinet Directory

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