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# 5M4 Newsletter



## 'These are unusual times...'

by District Governor Bob Kulbeik

This is certainly not the 5M4 Newsletter article I thought I'd be writing during my tenure as District Governor, but these are unusual times.

We are being challenged with something the likes we have never seen. We are being asked to completely turn our lives around and change everything we know. Our routines have become something unfamiliar to us. But yet, as Americans - and as Lions - we press on and continue to serve our communities.

We have received a directive from Lions International to cancel or postpone all meetings, events, conventions, and other gatherings that would exceed the 10 person limit. We have had a conference call and as District Governors we voted unanimously to cancel the Multiple District Convention in Rochester. As we speak, the Convention Chair and Host Committee are negotiating with the Mayo Convention Center and the Kahler Hotel on the best way to refund registrations. There may be a small handling fee for the processing but that is yet to be determined. We have also just received information that the International Convention in Singapore has also been cancelled.

I will not be able to schedule any Club visits for the time being and must cancel the visits already scheduled. Luckily I only have 8 clubs left, including the two Leos clubs in our District. I promise I will come to each and every one of those clubs even if it's after my term as District Governor is up.

While the "social distance" will change how we live for a while, there is no reason we can't continue to serve our communities in other ways. Look around you and see what you, as Lions, can do.

- Can your club organize food delivery from the local grocery store?
- Can you offer to bring meals from local restaurants - many are offering drive through or pick up service.
- Do you have a neighbor who is not having regular contact with anyone? Give them a call, write them a note, or go visit through the front door.
- Is there a senior living center that needs assistance? - Ask what you can do to help. Maybe your club could send cards or letters to the residents. How about putting up bird feeders where the residents can enjoy them?
- Is there an animal shelter that needs a food delivery or perhaps you could foster a dog or cat for a while.
- Is there a project you could work on at home during this time?
- Can you support those who continue to work while this virus continues to spread? Healthcare workers, retail employees, first responders of all kinds, truck drivers and others who could use your support. Make some cookies or cupcakes and drop them off, bring them food from local restaurants, offer to watch their children, or just send them a note or email thanking them for their service. We've even seen lunches served at rest stops.
- **BUY LOCAL AND SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES!** This will be the hardest time for the small business owner who is struggling with whether or not to be open, what to do about their employees, and how will they pay their bills. Support them like never before!

This is the time when all of us, as Lions, can show our communities that we continue to serve them. Continue to be the Leaders of your communities. As we navigate our way through this crisis, please know that we - the Leaders of your District - are here for you and available to help in any way we can.

Remember during these times more than ever -

### WE SERVE!

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## DC Bob's visits:

Note: These might be cancelled:

- June 6 - D-Feat Hearing Loss, Arboretum, Chanhassen, MN
- June 6 - Elbow Lake Lions 75th Anniversary

## INTERNATIONAL DATES AND LOCATIONS:

NOTE: THESE MIGHT BE CANCELLED:

- JULY 1-5, 2022 NEW DELHI, INDIA
- JULY 7-11, 2023 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
- JULY 4-8, 2025 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

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## Things are changing in our world

Spring is officially here! Much of the snow is melted and soon we will be seeing green grass!

Things are changing in our world around us, so we all have to adapt and find new ways to carry on the Lions' mission, "We Serve." As Lions, are used to meeting in person, hosting in-person fund-raising events and actively participating in social activities and events within our communities. Many of our lives have changed as we knew it a few weeks ago. Some Lions members may be working from home or laid off as their workplaces have closed and some Lions have kids who are home/on leave from school with unknown plans going forward for spring schooling, sports, and graduation. We all need to work together, practice social distancing and do our part to flatten the curve of the COVID-19. We also must find ways to continue as Lions in our communities. For many of us, this means we need to embrace technology and try hosting our club meetings online such as Go-to-meeting. We may need to re-schedule our fund-raising events. Most of all, please remember to take care of yourself and families during this unique time.

As my District Governor year approaches, officially July 1st, 2020, I have been attending a lot of training to prepare myself for this upcoming year. In February I attended a week of District Governor-Elect training in St. Charles, IL. Over 700 DGEs came, from all over the world and what an amazing experience this was! My training table that week included a gentleman from North Macedonia, another from Mumbai, India and one other gentleman from Malaysia. There were others in our classroom from South Africa, Greece, Albania, India, Singapore and other countries around the world. Our instructor, Phil Nathan, from London, is a past International Director and was absolutely amazing! He gave us a lot of insight into what our DG year will look like, what to expect, questions that may come up, where to get answers we may not know and the wonderful experience we will have.

I attended the 5M2 convention in Mankato on February 14th and 15th. It was fun to see how other districts run their conventions, host their hospitality rooms, see the entertainment they bring in, and how run their business meetings and tail twisting. It's always a fun time when Lions gather and it was a fun time meeting many new 5M2 Lions members.

The beginning of March was another week of training in Roseville. This brought together all the District Governor Elects from Multiple District 5M. We started our week visiting Can Do Canines facility in New Hope, then we were off to the University of Minnesota to visit with the Hearing and Diabetes Foundation. The next stop was a visit to the Lions Gift of Sight offices. They gave us a tour their facility and allowed us to talk with their staff about what is happening in the eye/cornea transplant world. That evening we attended the Minnesota Lions Hearing and Vision Foundation banquet which was a great event. Thursday and Friday were 2 full days of training with wonderful trainers, Council Chair Rob and Vicki. The week ended with a fun event, the Friendship Banquet, hosted by the current District Governors. Saturday we all attended the Council of Governors meeting in Roseville and made decisions on committees and our roles for COG for the coming year.

Thank you again for everything you do a Lions for your club, community and Lions International! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or I can be of assistance. My e-mail is: lionkellieknudson@gmail.com and my cell is 320-226-4156.



**DG Elect  
Kellie Knudson**



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## The Heart of the Lion Award Application



District 5M4 is initiating a new award. Any Lion member is eligible to apply. The club member can apply or the club can apply for the member. It can be turned in throughout the year and the award will be presented at the next Mid-Winter Convention. It is an accumulative award meaning that not everything needs to be accomplished in one year.

The Lion member must MEET 5 of the 8 CRITERIA listed below to RECEIVE the AWARD!  
(It is retroactive to July 2015 and progressive over several years.)

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

\_\_\_ Sponsored a New Lion \_\_\_\_\_  
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)

\_\_\_ Chair or Co-Chair of a club or District project. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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: \_\_\_\_\_





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## *Wendell Lions have a successful fish fry*

This was before the restrictions on gathering were issued. Probably the last time a group could get together for a while.

Let's look forward to these community events in the near future.



## MD5M PHOTO CONTEST

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

*"UNFORGETTAGE SCENERY – CITY OR COUNTRY"*

### RULES:

- Original work of a Lion or Leo Member
- Submit name, phone number, district, name of the subject, and city or town photo was taken
- Only one entry per member
- Submit photo by email in digital format, must be minimum resolution of 300dpi, and in jpeg format to [rosepuckett313@gmail.com](mailto:rosepuckett313@gmail.com)
- No snail mail
- Entry will imply consent to use for promotional activities
- First Place \$50.00 or 11x17 Canvas
- Second Place \$30.00 or 8x10 Canvas



LET'S GET CLICKIN!

*Stay well everyone.*



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**Lions Children's Hearing Center**  
D-Feet Hearing Loss  
**2020 Ninth Annual Walk**

**Event Details:**

- **Date: June 6, 2020**
- **Time: 9:30 a.m.**
- **Place: Landscape Arboretum Chaska, MN**

**FEATURING:**

Kids 12 & Under Free!

**TEDDY BEAR BAND**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**June 6, 2020**

With your \$25.00 registration/donation you receive:

- ♦ Free entrance to Landscape Arboretum for the day
- ♦ Free event t-shirt
- ♦ Free Lunch (including root-beer floats)
- ♦ Dance to the Teddy Bear Band
- ♦ Lots of children's activities, games & prizes
- ♦ Fun for families of all ages
- ♦ A chance to change a child's life through your \$25.00 registration/donation

**Bring the whole family for a day of fun for all ages!!!!** Visit us for more info at: [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)

PLEASE WATCH FOR UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF ALL EVENTS

**ELBOW LAKE LIONS CLUB**

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**Celebration**

6.6.2020

Please join us at Eagle View Winery  
15237 300th Street, Ashby, MN 56309  
**5 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. SOCIAL TIME**  
LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS • CASH BAR  
Featuring tastings from:

- Eagle View Winery
- Panther Distillery
- Ashby Brewing Company

**7:30 P.M.**

Short program -  
Speaker: IPID Bruce Beck

**8-10 p.m. Live music: 'Salty Dogs'**

*Getting back to our roots*

**ANNIVERSARY**

**SAT., JUNE 6, 2020**





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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](http://lcif.org) and set up ACH bank account or credit card automatic giving
- > Go to [lcif.org](http://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](mailto:spicerlioncraig@gmail.com)

For technical help: Phone 630-203-3836 or email: [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org)

**Please Detach this form and include with donation**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address with town:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Donate to:**     **Empowering Service = Area of Humanitarian greatest needs**  
**(pick one)**     **Disaster Relief**  
                    **Half & half**

**Donation amount:** \_\_\_\_\_    **I plan to give this amount:**  
 (pick one)  
                    **One time**  
                    **Monthly**  
                    **Yearly**

**I would like to receive a recognition pin (minimum \$50 donation):** yes\_\_\_ or no \_\_\_

**Thanks for giving to Campaign 100 for others in need!**

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