



5M4 Newsletter



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Working Together = Accomplishments

I hope everyone is having a great summer! Due to Covid-19 the 2020 Lions International convention in Singapore was cancelled. However, as of July 1st, 2020 I officially became District Governor for 5M4 Lions! I am excited to be in this new role and take on the challenges and opportunities this year throws at me!

President Choi will again be our International President and his theme is "United in Kindness and Diversity." This is a blend of his past year's theme and Judge Townsend's theme, which would have been Kindness Matters for this current year if he was still alive and we officially had an International convention. As we know things change and life goes on and so does Lions and our commitment to our clubs, communities and our whole organization. Following President Choi, Douglas Alexander will be serving as 1st Vice President of Lions International and our own, Brian Sheehan, from the Bird Island Lions Club, will continue another year as 2nd Vice-President. Following Brian will be Patty Hill, 3rd Vice President of Lions International, from Canada.



District Governor
Kellie Knudson

Campaign 100 has also been extended another year! I will be speaking on this at club visits and am hoping we can get 100% participation from all clubs for this wonderful fundraiser! As of July 17th, 2020 LCIF has awarded 333 grants totaling \$5,128,692 to Covid-19 Frontline Relief!

Membership will also be another topic you'll hear a lot about this year. It's an area we need to work hard to recruit new members and retain those we have in our clubs. We are fortunate to have a wonderful NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) chair, Todd Neumann. He will be reaching out to clubs and providing more information about this Initiative and our goals.

Please remember to reach out to the GAT team (Global Action Team) of PCC Dennis Heinen, our GAT leader, 2nd VDG Rob Wiener our GLT (Global Leadership Team) leader, Todd Neumann our NAMI chair, 1st VDG Marty Athmann our zone chair advisor and myself as your District Governor to help identify new and innovative ways to strengthen and grow your club. Our service never ends. This is our year to lead the way and achieve greatness!

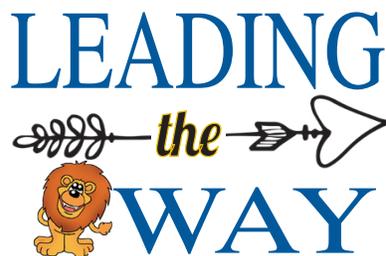
As President Choi stated, "In times of great need, the world is shaped by great leaders." 5M4 has many great leaders! I look forward to working with 1st Vice District Governor Marty Athmann from Bird Island and 2nd Vice District-Governor Rob Wiener from the Sauk Centre as well as many other past leaders, upcoming leaders and wonderful cabinet members for this 2020-2021 Lions year! It will take all of us "United in Kindness and Diversity" to fulfill our mission of service for the greater good of all. When we work together we can accomplish the work that lies ahead of us.

Thank you!

DG Kellie Knudson

**CONTACT KELLIE
NOW
TO SET UP YOUR
CLUB VISIT!
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FORM ON PAGE 6





**Lion Karla Athman and
1st VDG Lion Marty Athman**

Do YOU Have a Training Class For That?

I've looked and looked for the training manual chapter that has to do with global pandemics, but have yet to find the section in the District Governor Training book that discusses this. I'm afraid that this playbook has yet to be written and is going to be a "make it up as we go" experience. I've never considered myself to be Set In My Ways, but this year has really made me think that I have a lot of work to do in that area!

I am very excited for this upcoming year of Lionism. The challenge is for us to find new ways to serve and when we see a club that has come up with something new, exciting, and different, we should do what Lions do best.... We should steal their idea and use it in our own communities!! The chance to think out of the box and in many ways re-invent the way we "do" Lions is extremely exciting to me!

I am very much a face-to-face, shake your hand kind of guy. So having meetings and trainings online has been a very hard adjustment. I've "attended" virtual club meetings, Council of Governors meetings, Dist. Governor Team meetings, and a couple of Gov. training meetings. I would much prefer to have these meetings in person, but the ability to continue meeting has allowed us to continue to move forward as an organization. While it's not a perfect world to be in we still must continue to strive forward and Serve.

Don't forget the 5 areas in which we Serve: Diabetes, Hunger, Vision, Pediatric Cancer, and Environment. One of the goals of the Global Service Team is to have each club start a new service project in one of these 5 areas. Not just continue to do already existing projects but create a new club project. Then make sure that we are reporting our service with LCI. Reporting is something that our District really needs to work on. There has been some terrific training to help with reporting already and more to come.

As a Cabinet we are always looking for the input of fellow Lions for ideas and suggestions on how we can serve our District better. Your input is important to us and I'd welcome any ideas you may have. You can contact me at 320-365-3312 or athmannmarty@hotmail.com

**Thanks for all that you do!!
1st VDG Lion Marty Athman**



Wow! Here we go!

Let me take a quick minute to introduce myself. I am Lion Rob Wiener from the Sauk Centre Lions club. I am married to my beautiful wife Lion Jo Wiener. We have six children and currently 6 grandchildren (one more on the way in January). I joined the Lions 15 years ago when my employer came to me and said pick a community service organization that you want to be active in. They insisted we be active in our communities even though I live in Sauk Centre and work in Alexandria. They understand the importance of community and family. of course there was not much of a thought I immediately joined the Lions Club. Since that day I have held multiple club officer positions. I have been on the District cabinet for many years. I am currently holding the GLT position, the Diabetes co Chair person and I am the 2nd VDG. With this pandemic we have had to make a lot of changes in how we act and conduct our Lions projects. Yet we are Lions and we adapt. So far for me it has been one Zoom meeting after another. We had our first C.O.G. meeting through the zoom platform. It went well and a lot of information can be shared and discussed while everyone is staring at their computer. The Diabetes, Vision, and Hearing foundation will meet in person in the cities the weekend of the 24th. This will entail extensive social distancing and to include more zoom meetings and video conferencing.

As the GLT I am excited to say we will make it through this. There is all kinds of training opportunities available through LCI. These online courses are for the Lion who joined yesterday to the member who has been in for over 50 years. If you have any questions on how to access these course do not hesitate to reach out to me.

As the Co Chair of the diabetes I understand I am unable to visit your clubs at this time, but I have power points and other training information available for you. Remember all the Foundations need your support through this time. Help and give where you can. Now as 2nd VDG I am excited to learn from the training I have coming up and from each and everyone within our district. I am a bit bias but I truly believe we have the greatest district and multiple district there is. I am proud to be part of the leadership team of 5M4. We have amazing leaders in Distract Governor in Lion Kelly, and 1St VDG Lion Marty to help lead us through these unprecedented times.

Never hesitate to reach out to me with any question or concerns, I may not have the answer but I am sure I can find the person who does.

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**2st VDG Lion Rob Wiener
and Lion Jo Wiener**

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AUGUST 2020

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COED SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND
REC AND POWER DIVISIONS

**COURTS SOUTH OF ELEMENTARY
OPEN TO 28 TEAMS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS!**
5 COURTS OF PLAY
**POOL PLAY FOLLOWED BY
DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNEYS**

100% PAYOUT TO 1ST 2ND 3RD
IN EACH DIVISION

\$70 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

CONTACT STEVE SCHULTZ (320) 583-3271

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE BASED ON COVID-19 GUIDELINES
SEE OUR FACEBOOK EVENT FOR MORE UPDATES

Need something in the newsletter? Send to: gcanne@runestone.net



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MEN'S & COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

MEN: FRI-SAT AUGUST 21-22
COED: SUN AUGUST 23

TAYLOR-KOOPMAN FIELD, SOUTH OF ELEM

MEN'S : 8 TEAM DOUBLE ELIMINATION

COED: 8 TEAM BRACKET

OPEN TO D & E TEAMS

ASA RULES W/UNLIMITED HOME RUNS & ARC

100% PAYOUT TO 1ST 2ND 3RD

\$150 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

CONTACT RYAN BEICH (320) 583-3288

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Visitation requests are preferred for August through mid-December and early January through late March. Two or more clubs working together for a joint visit would be appreciated.

Lions 5M4 2020-2021 Request for Club Visitation by Lion Kellie Knudson

Lions Club Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Lion requesting the visit: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Dates of preference: 1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Time of social, if held: _____ Time of meeting: _____ Will there be a meal: Yes ___ No ___

Name of meeting location: _____

Address of meeting location: _____

Will there be other Lions Clubs represented? If so, please list: _____

What time will be best to meet with the executive officers? _____ Before the meeting would be preferred.

Would you like any of the following done?

District Governor Dress Code

1. Install Officers: Yes ___ No ___

Formal, in uniform: _____

2. Install Members: Yes ___ No ___

Casual, in comfort: _____

3. Present Awards: Yes ___ No ___

Spouse able to attend: Yes ___ No ___

4. Other, Please List: _____

Please mail this request form or email it to the appropriate address above. Thank you!

The date will be confirmed after checking the schedule and the requesting Lion is notified.





Benson Lions volunteer their time distributing food to county residents

Members of the Benson Lions Club helped in a free food distribution for Swift County residents in need of food or newly struggling to make ends meet due to the COVID-19 crisis. The event was held Wednesday, June 17 at the Swift County Food Shelf in Benson. The day was very hot and windy but it was a day to help those in need.



Benson Lions installation of new members

The Benson Lions Club met Monday, June 15 at the Benson Bowler. A highlight of the evening was the installation of new members. Kellie Knudson, 1st District 5M4 Governor Elect addressed the Lions and installed new members: Laura Thomas, Tionna Meeks, Beth Buyck, Jon Buyck, Rodney Burns and Loretta Burns. The Benson Lions also voted to assist two students with eye exams and glasses and to give a donation to the Benson High School grand piano fund.



KidSight Program News

By Donn Winckler (Willmar Noon Lions Club)
Co-Chair 5M4 KidSight

The KidSight Program continues to put on hold through at least the end of summer when it will be re-evaluated to see if it can be safely restarted in the Fall by the MD5M KidSight Foundation. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 there is no way to properly social distance in conducting KidSight eye screenings, thus safety of children and our Lion members is a top concern. Thank you to the many Lions Clubs in District 5M4 for being active in KidSight. Through the past few years thousands of children have had their eyes screened under the program with approximately nine percent referred for a professional eye exam. I wish to thank all the Lions clubs who have also donated to the MD5M KidSight Foundation.

In this down time, I recommend that active KidSight Lions Club members go to the KidSight USA website. See <https://lionskidsightusa.org/training/>. The website has a learning manual along with several learning videos to watch. After studying for a couple hours, I recommend that you take the exam to become a Certified KidSight Screener. The exam is an open book exam to take some of the worries away. Remember to make a copy of the training manual. I took the exam several months ago and found it to be easy with the review of the materials prior to taking it. A hint is that they will ask a number of questions about the eye problems that KidSight screens for. To take the exam you will need to enter your Lions membership ID number. To take the exam the username to give is mnlion, and the password is KidUSA. The KidSight Foundation is looking into purchasing buttons that say something like "Certified KidSight Screener" to give to those who become certified to wear at your screening events.

I would recommend in this down time to visit the MD5M KidSight webpage and see if you are currently using the most current forms for the program. There are several Clubs that have been sending outdated forms. If you have problems with this, please contact me.

For Lions Clubs that have not done KidSight eye screenings I hope you will give it strong consideration. The KidSight program is not difficult to learn and we are able to assist you in getting up and going. You will provide a great service in your community to identify children with likely eye problems so that eye doctors can take necessary treatment measures. It is also a program that also helps your club add visibility within the community and possibly help you recruit new membership. Please contact me if you are interested in the program for further information.

My email address is donnwinckler@gmail.com.

The other KidSight Co-Chair is Matt Bjork
with the Sauk Centre Lions Club.





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

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!