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5M4 Newsletter



'How did your past year go? Time to make plans for 2020!'

by District Governor Bob Kulbeik

With the New Year upon us it's always a great time to reflect on how our past year has gone and to make plans for the next 12 months. We all tend to set goals and make New Year's resolutions - most of which are over by February. I'd like to make this year different. Let's set reasonable goals and celebrate our successes when we achieve them.

- As always, we want to gain new members for our clubs - but how do we do that?
- Service projects and fund raising events are part of what we do as Lions - We Serve. How can we use our service to increase our membership?
- Reporting our service, our activities, our membership are all important parts of what each club needs to commit to doing. What can I do to help you achieve that?
- Is your club on social media? What would it take to get there?

The answer to each of the above goals is the same - just ask! Ask that person everyone assumes is too busy to be a Lion. Ask that neighbor or co-worker if they'd like to help with your next service project, then encourage them to join. Ask our GMT group to help put on a recruitment night. Ask your officers if the club activities are being reported. Ask your District Team for help in reporting on the LCI website. Ask your members who would like to tackle social media for your club? As your District Governor, ask me what I can do to help you achieve your goals.

With the Mid-Winter Convention right around the corner, it's a great time to encourage new members or prospects to join us and learn more about what we do as Lions. We will have many seminars and other opportunities for Lions to spend time finding out about all the causes we support. There will be table displays and the District Chairpersons will be there to discuss each Foundation and organization we support. Encourage your club members and prospects to join you in this important event. Again - just ask them if they would like to join us at the convention! An invitation is maybe what they have been waiting for.

Our speakers range from a young lady who has survived cancer as a small child, to the 2019 Guide Dog of the Year for the United States and her partner, to the 2nd Vice President of Lions International, Brian Sheehan. Throughout the Convention we will laugh, we'll learn, and we'll lift each other up as Lions.

Lastly, I want to mention the very recent loss of the 1st VP of Lions International, Judge Haynes Townsend. I was fortunate enough to meet and spend time with Judge Townsend several times over the past few years. He and his wife Donna spoke at various conventions we attended and they were very interested in the puppy raising program at Leader Dog that we participated in and attended our presentations as well. He was a gracious southern gentleman and will be missed by his family as well as his Lions family.

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DG Bob's visits:

2020: January 3 - 5	5M9 Convention - Brainerd, MN
January 8	Wheaton Lions
January 10 - 12	5M5 Convention - Bloomington, MN
January 10 - 12	5M6 Convention - Bloomington, MN
January 14	Carlos/Milona Lions
January 17 - 19	5M1 Convention - Rochester, MN
January 17 - 19	5M7 Convention - Brooklyn Center, MN
January 21	Forada Lions
January 24 - 16	5M4 Convention - Willmar, MN
February 7 - 9	5M8 Convention - St. Cloud, MN
February 14 - 19	5M2 Convention - Mankato, MN
February 19 - 21	5M3 Convention - Marshall, MN
February 24	Milan/ Appleton/Watson/Dawson Lions

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY 24-26, 2020

5M4 MID-WINTER

CONVENTION-WILLMAR

MAY1-3, 2020 MD5M CONVENTION-ROCHESTER, MN

INTERNATIONAL DATES AND LOCATIONS:

JUNE 26-03, 2020

SINGAPORE

JUNE 25-29, 2021

MONTREAL

JULY 1-5, 2022

NEW DELHI, INDIA

JULY 7-11, 2023

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

JULY 4-8, 2025

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO



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5M4 MIDWINTER CONVENTION

SANTA'S ON VACATION

January 24~26, 2020

- Project Linus Workshop
- Secret Snowman
- Beard Shaving Fundraiser
- Meet & Greet Leader Dogs
- Special Leos Programs
- Fun, Fun, Fun!



Willmar Conference Center ~ Willmar, MN

2020 VISION FOR SERVICE

NOTE! Early bird registration has been extended through Friday, December 6th.
GO TO: https://district5m4.formstack.com/forms/2020_midwinter_convention_registration
 (if you have trouble with the website listed below-try the one above)



SANTA'S ON VACATION



District 5M4 Lions 2020 Midwinter Convention

Date & Location: January 24 - 26, 2020 - Willmar Conference Center - Willmar, MN

Lodging arrangements can be made at Best Western Plus Willmar. Call (320) 235-6060.

(Ask for the Lions Convention Rate of \$99 / \$109.99, plus tax. Rooms will be released on December 20, 2019)

Registration Fees

Convention Packages (Includes all meals)	Early Bird (Before 12-1-19)	Regular	Number Attending	Total \$ Enclosed
Full Regular Attendee	\$90.00	\$115.00		
First Time Attendee (District 5M4 only)	\$50.00	\$50.00		
Leo Attendee	\$50.00	\$50.00		

Individual Meal Registration Fees

Individual Meal Tickets (Tickets will not be sold at the event)	Early Bird (Before 12-1-19)	Regular	Number Attending	Total \$ Enclosed
Saturday Honors Breakfast	\$20.00	\$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	\$25.00	\$30.00		
Governor's Banquet Saturday Evening	\$40.00	\$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	\$20.00	\$25.00		

Individual Registration Form

Name	Banquet Meal Choice			Club	Club Title	Lion	Lioness	Leo	Non-member
	Beef Tenderloin	Broiled Walleye	Vegetarian						

Please list special dietary needs here:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Register Online: [2020 Mid-winter Convention Registration](https://district5m4.formstack.com/forms/2020_midwinter_convention_registration)

Cancellation Policy

Members wishing to cancel must inform the planning committee in writing prior to January 10, 2020. Send cancellation notices to jenunterburger@gmail.com. A cancellation fee of 25% of the registration fee will be charged for withdrawing, or you may send a substitute. The full registration fee will be charged for withdrawing after the event has taken place or a no show.

All Registrations Need to be received by January 10, 2020

Make Checks payable to: District 5M4 Lions Mid-Winter Convention Fund.

Send to: Jennifer Unterburger: P.O. Box 1526: Willmar, MN 56201

Questions: Rob Wiener, Convention Chair: (320) 241-7100



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The Buffalo Lake Lions would like to thank everyone in the community for their support towards our annual Giving Tree! Because of our community's sincere generosity, we were able to facilitate gifts for over 160 recipients again this year. Gifts were bought and given to our recipients at our annual Lions Club holiday party. Those benefiting from our efforts are the House of Hope shelter in Olivia, The Closet through St. Paul's church in Hector, and families and teachers within our school districts three campuses. The Buffalo Lake Lions are humbled to be able to facilitate such a great service project for those in need within our area. And we couldn't make all these wishes possible without the caring community members than join in the project with us!

SPICER SUNRISE LIONS CLUB

2020 Spicer WinterFest Raffle

\$500 Ticket
Only 1500 Tickets Sold!

First Prize: \$1000 CASH

Second Prize: \$500 CASH

Other Prizes:

- \$200 Gift Card from Lorbas
- \$200 Gift Card from Teal's Market
- \$100 Gift Card from Spicer Super Shop
- \$100 Gift Card from Mel's Sport Shop
- \$100 Gift Card from O'Neil's
- 2-\$25 Gift Card from O'Neil's

Need not be present to win. No other purchase necessary. Must be 18 years or older. Permit X-32170-20-013
Sponsored by Spicer Sunrise Lions Club, Spicer, MN
Drawing to be conducted January 25, 2020 upon conclusion of the Polar Plunge.
Tickets Available at: Mel's Sport Shop, Granite Community Bank, or from Lions Club Members or call 320-212-5600

« WENDELL LIONS »



Annual FISH FRY

Friday, March 13, 2020

Serving 5 - 8 p.m.

Wendell Community Center

**ALL
YOU CAN
EAT**

Fish, scalloped potatoes,
coleslaw, bread & butter
« beverages available »



Thank you for helping us help others! (We Serve)



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Thank you for your service!

Merry Christmas Lions! As the year is coming to a close I want to thank all of you for your service to Lions, your clubs and your communities! Please take time to relax and enjoy this holiday season with family and friends. A new year is right around the corner!

Now is also a good time to review your goals for next year and think of ways to recruit new members for 2020! We need to grow our organization and it will take all of us doing our part to do this! Please consider asking a co-worker, business partner, friend or someone from your church if they want to accompany you to a Lions meeting or event. We are the world's largest service organization, let's show other clubs, our district and multiple how we can grow our numbers into 2020 and beyond!

Please also remember to register for the Mid-Winter convention in Willmar, its going to be a great time! This is a great way to network with many other Lions in our 5M4 District, talk to our Parade of Green organizations and learn more about Lions! Please consider coming for the day or the weekend and bring another Lions member or friend! Don't forget to bring fabric or donate towards the Project Linus, blanket tying event. Also, please consider making a donation for the large hospitality room and the many wonderful Lions organizations that are in the Parade of Green. Please let Bob, Sue or myself know if there is anything we can do to help you recruit members for the convention...it will be a great time! I am looking forward to seeing many Lions from 5M4 in Willmar! Kellie Knudson, 1st Vice District Governor, 5M4



**1st Vice DG
Kellie Knudson**

LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2019 - 2020 school year that there will be 3 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions or Lioness are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. Last year the recipients were from Minnesota, Ohio and Oklahoma. The 2020 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Pin Traders Annual Breakfast in June, 2020.

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation.

The current forms for the scholarships are available on line at www.litpc.org In the right column, click on LITPC Scholarship Information. Then click on Scholarship Application Form. Please follow the instructions, fill out ALL the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a certified copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) AND attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

ALL forms and letters are to be submitted by MARCH 1, 2020 to:

Lion Bill Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman bmguthrie9@q.com #763-786-8072

You can either email me your application OR call me and I will give you my mailing address. Thank You and Good Luck to all!!

*The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International,
"WE SERVE"*

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www.e-district.org/sites/5M4

JANUARY 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 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!



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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 _____

(Signature of club president or secretary) **Date:** _____

Attended a Zone Meeting _____ **Date:** _____
(Date and Zone # meeting attended)

(Signature of a Zone chairperson) **Date:** _____

Attended the 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention. _____ **Date:** _____
(Signature of convention chairperson)

Served as a Club Officer or District Chairperson. _____ **Date:** _____
(Office or Committee Chaired)

(Signature of club president, secretary or DG) **Date:** _____

Chair or Co-Chair of a club or District project. _____
(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)

(Signature of District officer, trainer or copy of certificate of completion) **Date:** _____

Attended one of the following: USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum, International Convention or Multiple Convention. _____ **Date:** _____
(Event attended and date)

(Signature of District officer, Council Chairperson or Convention Chairperson) **Date:** _____

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)

(Signature of club president, secretary or DG) **Date:** _____

Original to be completed and turned in to the DG or District Secretary

Signature of DG or District Secretary _____ **Date:** _____



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The Spicer Lions helped DG Bob and Lion Sue get dressed for 'Santa on Vacation' looks like they are going somewhere cold!



What do you call a group of PDGs and one DG? A 'Pride'? DG Bob, PDG Kathy Jensen, PDG Dave Jensen, and PDG Jeff Swenson were all on hand in Wendell at the annual multi-club Christmas gathering.



The Hoffman Lions had a wonderful time spreading some Christmas cheer at the Hoffman Assisted Living home.



Wendell Lion Mark Myron accepts his 40 year pin. Wow - he doesn't look a day over 30!



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5M4 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please send information to PCC Dennis Heinen regarding any members you wished to be included in the Memorial Service at the 5M4 Midwinter Convention. Send information to heinende@centracare.com.



SAUK CENTRE LIONS

59th ANNUAL BENEFIT

PANCAKE DAY

SUNDAY, February 2, 2020

Serving 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

~ Serving ~

* Pancakes * French Toast with Fresh Creamery Butter & Syrup

* Good Country Style Sausage

* Potatoes * Apple Sauce

* Choice of Beverage



- Advance:
- ☐ Adults-\$8.00
- At Door:
- ☐ Adults-\$8.50
 - ☐ Children Under 10-\$5.00
 - ☐ Children 2 & Under FREE



Sauk Centre High School Cafeteria
 Sauk Centre, MN

ALL THE DELICIOUS FOOD YOU CAN EAT!

Buy Your Ticket Today from Any Lion Member or at
 MN National Bank, First State Bank, Central MN Credit Union, Schaefer's Market,
 Coborn's, SC Chamber of Commerce & Merchants on Main Street
 or tickets will also be available at the door

~ EVERYBODY WELCOME ~

Proceeds for Fairy Lake Park, Outdoor Skating Rinks, Dollars For Scholars,
 Vision, Hearing and Diabetes Programs & many other Lions Activities

5M4 MIDWINTER

January 24th-26th 2020

TO DO LIST:

- register
- submit your Club's ad
- buy a raffle ticket or two
- create an auction gift basket
- make a hospitality donation

Milan Lions Brunch!

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs
 & Sausage,
 Juice & Coffee**

**Date: Sunday January 12,
 2020**

Hours: 8:30am to 1:30pm

Price \$7.00 - Adults

\$4.00 16yrs and under

**at the Old School Cafeteria
 408 N. 4th Street, Milan, MN**

Proceeds will support LIONS Diabetes, Kids
 Cancer, and Eyesight programs



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CONVENTION FUN!

'Project Linus' • Beard Shaving Contest! • Secret Santa!



Project Linus is a blanket cutting and tying project that we will be doing in Santa's Workshop that will result in a ton of blankets being donated to children in hospitals. We need FLEECE FABRIC donated or funds donated to buy fabric. Donations can be left in Elbow Lake, Sauk Centre, Alexandria, or Willmar.



Santa is instigating a beard shaving fund raiser that will go toward Pediatric Cancer. We still looking at the best way to solicit donations to accomplish this but want all men (or women if capable) to start growing those beards. Heads can be shaved too.



SECRET SANTA!
"Secret Snowman" is where clues will be dropped at the convention and the first person to identify the Secret Snowman will win a fabulous prize. Watch for details!



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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
- 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!



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Rochester...

... Our VISION is 20/20

**Go to MD5M
Website:
Events Tab
for Links**

2019-20 District Governors: Someone from the host committee will attend the Mid-Winter Conventions! Please arrange with the venue to have a secure wi-fi connection so registrations can be safe. Remember: Online Registration ONLY.

88 Current Registrations














The convention prices listed are valid through July 31, 2019

2019/2020 Multiple District Convention and Registration Information...

<https://www.experiencerochestermn.com/rsvp/?action=details&noredirect=1&eventId=352>

For Hotel Booking, click the following link ☐

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=9733&nights=1&checkin=04/30/2020&group=LIONSCLUB2020>

-  May 1-3, 2020—Rochester, MN
-  Rochester Civic Center Venue
-  Kahler Hotel for Housing—being renovated!
-  Working on transportation between the main venues
-  60th Anniversary of the Lions Eye Bank (now known as Gift of Sight)
-  Use the 20/20 theme for vision references
-  Dr. Erik van Kuijk will update us on the Lions Eye Institute
-  Vision speaker-corneal transplant for example
-  Post Town Winery (4 miles from Civic Center)
-  Salem Glen Winery (10 miles from Civic Center)
-  Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo (13 miles from Civic Center)
-  'O' K walk incorporating Rochester's famous Canadian Geese population
-  World famous Mayo Clinic across from the Kahler Hotel (tours available)



Please feel free to share this document so others may have the links!!



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In memory...



Lions Int. 1st VP
Haynes Henton Townsend

Haynes Henton Townsend, 64, of Dalton, Georgia, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. He was the son of the late Clifford and Evelyn Townsend and was also preceded in death by his uncle, Emmett Henton.

Haynes had a servant heart and a love for community. He started working at Fraker Hardware at age 15 and later served as Chief Magistrate Judge for Whitfield County for 22 years. He was the current vice president of Lions Club International and was to be named president at the international convention in June. He was an outstanding friend, loved photography and loved his family deeply. He loved to read and had an incredible sense of knowledge. Haynes believed kindness matters and was an example of how kindness can change the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Donna Lord Townsend; daughter and her fiancé, Morgan Townsend and Travis Vitali; daughter and son-in-law, Madison and Kenneth Rutledge, Jr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Henry and Becky Lord; aunt, Geneva "Nene" Henton; cousins, Brian and Teresa Henton and Debra and Chuck Harris.

A memorial service was held at 3 PM on Sunday, December 22 at Dalton First United Methodist Church with Rev. Terry Flemming and Rev. Chuck Harris officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Lions Club International Foundation, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

Love Funeral Home, 706-278-3313.
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