



Give the **Gift** of Service



5M4 Newsletter



Remember all the GOOD things

How does the old saying go? We make plans and God laughs! This certainly wasn't how anybody thought 2020 would look like and certainly not how I thought I would conclude my year as District Governor.

I don't want to focus on what didn't happen – instead I want to remember my year by all the great meetings, conventions, events, and especially the people Lion Sue and I met throughout the year. The years of training we put in and the time and financial commitments we made to complete the road to District Governor was challenging, but it was a challenge I was excited to take on. The friends I made along the way will be friends for life. The common goal of working with others who want to serve their communities makes us feel unstoppable – in spite of COVID-19!

Our trip to the International Convention in Milan, Italy left us with a lifetime of memories. It was a honor to march in the parade with the other Lions of the United States and have VP Brian and Lori Sheehan join us as we marched through the streets of Milan. Traveling with our fellow District Governors of Multiple District 5M, made the trip even better. The sights, the food, the fellowship was beyond belief. We kept pinching ourselves that we were really there and this was really happening.

The club meetings we attended throughout the District will leave a lasting memory and were the highlight of my year as District Governor. Each club is unique and special in their own way. The food, the gifts, the donations in our name, and the welcoming feel each and every time was beyond our expectations and we thank you all so much! To the eight clubs I was unable to meet – you have my commitment to come to a meeting as soon as you invite me regardless of when it is through the coming year. Remember, if you can't meet in person, you can still have meetings electronically.

I think our Mid-Winter Convention was an event many of us will never forget. We can't thank our Convention Team enough for helping see our vision through. To those who attended and were motivated in any way to return to their clubs with our message of "Giving the Gift of Service", we thank you for coming. To our speakers and special guests, we thank you for your leadership and offering your words of wisdom and sharing your own gift of service.

To my own Elbow Lake Lions, thank you for your support and encouragement. To my cabinet and officers of District 5M4. Thank you for serving with me and for bringing your own special commitment to making our District the best. The causes each of you represent are lucky to have you as their spokesperson.

To the membership of Lions District 5M4. I thank you for this opportunity. You are all outstanding Lions and it has been an honor to represent you within the Lions organization. No one is successful alone and your support has meant everything to me. I hope you will continue to support the next District Governor, DGE Kellie Knudson, who I know will do a great job under uncharted circumstances.

And lastly, to my partner in service, Lion Sue. This journey has been made better by having you with me through the entire process. I literally could not have done it without you!

Continue to serve, and let me know if I can help you achieve your service goals (or if you need a Santa for your Christmas party).

DG Bob Kulbeik



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NOTICE!

No 5M4 newsletter in July. Watch for the next newsletter in August. July 20 deadline.

INTERNATIONAL DATES AND LOCATIONS:

NOTE: THESE MIGHT BE CANCELLED:
JULY 1-5, 2022 NEW DELHI, INDIA
JULY 7-11, 2023 BOSTON, MAS
JULY 4-8, 2025 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO



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Still a lot of ways to serve

As things start to open up, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! For many Lions Clubs, meetings have been virtual or via phone to hold elections or any other business that needs to be conducted. Some clubs are slowly getting back to activities in their community, but many have been postponed or put on hold until things slow down with Covid-19. That doesn't mean there still aren't a lot of ways we can serve our clubs and communities. Consider helping with grocery delivery, while practicing social distancing, or help deliver meals on wheels in your community. I have also seen some clubs getting out and doing their ditch walking, which is nice to get done before the grass gets too high! Let us know how you are serving your club and community during this time! Anne will be happy to put it in the newsletter...any photos and stories are welcome! Please send to her: gcanne@runestone.net.

2nd Vice District Governor, Rob Wiener, will be sending our information soon for club officer training. Save the date, Tuesday, June 9th and Thursday, June 11th will be the dates and 2 sessions will be held each night. He has put together 4 online training sessions that will last approximately 20-30 minutes. We encourage club officers to find time in their schedule and listen to one of these sessions.

I am in the process of setting up my cabinet for the 2020-2021 Lions year. I am still looking for a Global Service Team (GAT) leader, please let me know if this would be a position you would be interested in serving 5M4 Lions in regards to service to their club, community and district. There will be travel and training this person will have to do with clubs and the district in this role. I am also looking for a Zone chair for Zone 3 and Zone 8, please contact me if you are in these zones and we will be happy to provide training for these positions. (Pre-requisite for zone chair is being a club president) Lastly, as I start the process of making planning the 2021 Mid-Winter Convention, I am looking for a convention chair and I am also in need of speakers. If you are interested in any of these positions or have ideas for the Mid-Winter convention, which will be held at the Willmar Conference Center again, please contact me at lionkellieknudson@gmail.com.

Earlier today, Gudrun Yngvadottir, LCIF Chair, announced that Campaign 100 has been extended for another year. In order to meet our goals and reach our full potential in this campaign, it will now run until June 30, 2022. As of May 21, 2020 LCIF has granted \$3,851,655 to provide immediate relief to communities severely impacted by Covid-19. Please continue to support this campaign and our LCIF Foundation.

Thank you for all you do as Lions for your club, community and our organization!

Kellie Knudson, District Governor Elect



**DG Elect
Kellie Knudson**

Due to the continued guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk on June 6, 2020. We appreciate your support and understanding and hope you will join us next year on June 5, 2021. Although our walk is cancelled, our mission to promote hearing health and The Lions Children's Hearing Center continues. Donations can be made on our

website at <https://www.5mhf.org/> or by mailing a check to:

PCC Kathy Jensen

32549 Co. Rd. 11, Wendell, MN 56590

Please make checks payable to: MN Lions Hearing Foundation

Sincerely, Kathy Jensen and Barry Erdahl-

Trustees, MN Lions Hearing Foundation

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

JUNE 2020



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OFFICER TRAINING - MEETING INFO

This years spring officer training will be different than years past. This year we are offering two training nights ONLINE With two sessions per night. The log in is for the date meaning one log in for both events that date.

June 9th the 7 p.m. session will be for Tail Twisting and Lion Tamer. Tail Twisting instructor Lion Neal Prokosch, Lion Tamer instructor Lion Rob Wiener

The 8 p.m. training will be for Secretary. . . Instructor PCC Dennis Heinen

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Meeting ID: 954 2993 2545
Password 555161
OR Dial
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Password 565161

June 11th the 7 p.m. Treasurer instructor PDG Ron Branch
8 p.m. training will be President instructor PCC Dennis Heinen

Login information; <https://zoom.us/j/92729111754?pwd=dmtreVlraHZBYVplWjdtVU15TVRVUT09>
Meeting ID: 927 2911 1754
Password 883075

OR DIAL IN
1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID 927 2911 1754
Password 883075

I understand this looks over whelming but it really is not. If you have any Question do not hesitate to call me, text me, or email me. I will be able to walk you through logging in.

My info; Lion Rob Wiener
Phone # 320-241-7100
Email: 5m4lionrob@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing all new officers in training.

MD5M PHOTO CONTEST

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

"UNFORGETTABE 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 minir resolution of 300dpi, and in jpeg format to rosepuckett313@gmail.com
- No snail mail
- Entry will imply consent to use for promotional activiti
- First Place \$50.00 or 11x17 Canvas
- Second Place \$30.00 or 8x10 Canvas

ELBOW LAKE LIONS CLUB **Celebration**
6.6.2020
Please join us at Eagle View Winery
POSTPONED UNTIL
FALL 2020
ANNIVERSARY
SAT., JUNE 6, 2020
Short program -
Speaker: IPID Bruce Beck
8-10 p.m. Live music: 'Salty Dogs'
Getting back to our roots



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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – May 2020

Old Skills, New Friends □ Making Harnesses for Leader Dogs



By Steve Williams,
Leader Dogs for the Blind volunteer
(Pictured right)

After working as an orthotist (a person who makes custom orthopedic devices) for 39 years, my wife and I closed our family business in 2015. Shortly after retiring I started volunteering in the tack room. I was very excited to be part of Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) since I grew up nearby and had a family connection.

My daughter worked for several years as a guide dog mobility instructor for English and Spanish-speaking clients. While she worked at LDB, my wife and I had an opportunity to take a tour of the facility. I saw my retirement future as soon as we stepped into the tack shop. This is where the tack shop volunteers assist with assembling and repairing leather harnesses and tie-downs for the dogs. Some of the harnesses are also customized to accommodate a dog or handler's physical stature. When I trained many years ago to become an orthotist, most of the devices were made from leather and metal. Although technology has changed over the years to incorporate more sophisticated materials, I always loved using my old school leather work skills.

For the complete article, please visit LeaderDog.org. Easily share articles and videos with your club!



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

CLUB VISITS

Invite Leader Dog to Your Next Virtual Meeting

Meetings are taking on a new look-many from our own living rooms! The Leader Dog Team is available to give virtual presentations.

Want your club, zone, region or district to know more about their impact at Leader Dog? Want to chat with a client about their experiences at Leader Dog? Meet a volunteer puppy raiser? How about inviting a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) demonstrate how they train guide dogs? Give us a call or email and we can help set it up.

Send inquiries to Lion Kathleen Breen at Kbreen@Leaderdog.org or call her at (248) 218-6407.



For bits of joy in your day, follow **Future Leader Dog Legacy**, our 20,000 puppy on Instagram at [fl_d_legacy](https://www.instagram.com/fl_d_legacy) (above)!

COVID-19 Response

For the latest information on Leader Dog's response to COVID-19, please visit our website at LeaderDog.org.

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LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   



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BLANKETS NEEDED!

During this time of social distancing, how about a productive project on behalf of the Lions of 5M4?

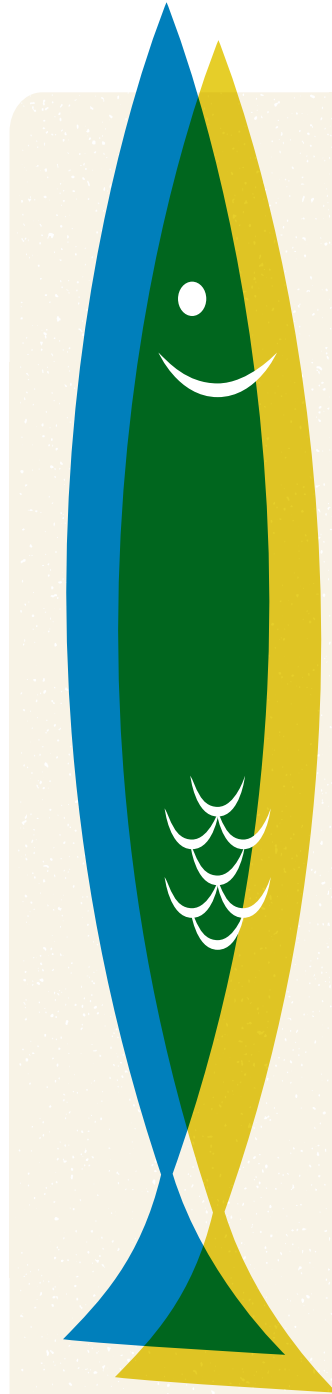
At the Mid-Winter Convention this past January, in Santa's Workshop we made almost 200 tied blankets and were able to deliver them to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

The good news is, we were able to provide almost 200 children with a blanket to make their hospital stay a little easier. The bad news is, the blankets are almost gone. Recently, a Lion from another District was at the hospital with her son. He did receive a blanket and she was told there were only 4 left from our supply. She had attended our convention and knew we had made the blankets, so she let us know that more blankets were needed.

What a great project for you, your family, your club, or just about anyone to work on while you are sheltered at home! JoAnn's fabrics continues their sales on the raw materials, and you can pick up your order in front of their stores.

Remember, we need child friendly prints and some for teenagers or older children too. JoAnn's offers a wide variety of fleece fabric prints, and if you want to make some for the older kids, animal prints work great.

Deliveries are currently not allowed from the public at Children's Hospital, but make the blankets now and we can arrange delivery for you. Contact DG Bob Kulbeik or Lion Sue Kulbeik at kulbeik@hotmail.com if you have questions or need assistance.



curbside pickup

SMELT

MONDAY,
JUNE 15
5-7 P.M. FRY

POTATO SALAD AND CHIPS

- CASH OR CHECK ONLY **\$10 PER MEAL**
- PROCEEDS GO TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS

at LOWRY COMMUNITY CENTER *by* LOWRY LIONS





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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)

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

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:** _____