

5M4 Newsletter



As we step into April, I find myself reflecting on the meaningful month of March, so let me back track for a bit.

It started out with the opportunity to listen in on the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation research updates. Hearing directly from the physicians and scientists about the work being done was incredible. Their passion is undeniable, and the advancements they are pursuing, such as islet cell transplantation to research advancements and knowledge gotten from pigs, they continue to be excited about the progress being made. It was certainly interesting! Knowing that an 8,000-page submission has been presented to the FDA speaks volumes about the depth, rigor, and promise of this work. It is a powerful reminder that the funds we raise are making a real and lasting impact on the work being done to cure diabetes.

March also brought back the connection of our Multiple District Governors for this quarter's Council of Governors (COG) meeting. We are another family for each other, and we really look forward to getting together. March is always the fun weekend as our incoming DGE Jason and his team come together for training, tours at some of the places our foundations support, and a team building service project. This year, I am also on the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and was able to greet them at the Masonic Children's Hospital. Let me tell you, be confident in the fact that the money donated to this foundation is being spent well for these patients and their families! The current twelve District Governor's planned a great Hong Kong-themed Friendship Banquet. Hosted by the current District Governors for the incoming District Governors-Elect, it was a night filled with laughs, fellowship, and optimism for the year ahead. I have no doubt that DGE Jason and his fellow leaders will bring "great fortune" to their districts this coming year. On a personal note, I am deeply honored to have been selected by the multiple DGE's as next year's Council Chair for MD5M. I look forward to serving them in this role and am looking forward to the new year ahead.

Our March Madness Membership Challenge has brought enthusiasm and creativity across the district. It was great to see clubs encouraging your membership to "Just Ask!" and share the mission of Lionism for your communities. PCC Rob (GMT) and I had fun developing a district-wide game to support our local clubs, and we can't wait to see where team 5M4 placed in the Multiple District challenge! I will be sharing final numbers and updates next month!

As we look ahead, we welcome warmer weather (and hopefully the end of snow for the season) along with new opportunities to serve. Earth Day and the Global Week of Service, April 18–26, offers a meaningful time for our clubs to come together and make a visible impact in our communities. Our Service Chair, IPDG Jacque has been offering many ideas for service projects. I want to extend my sincere thanks to each of you for the work you are doing. Your efforts matter, and they deserve to be recognized - please remember to report your service and post your efforts on social media! It helps tell the story of Lions everywhere and the difference we make every day.

I would like to encourage any Lion who has not yet served as Club President to consider attending the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), April 17–19 in Detroit Lakes. This is an excellent opportunity to build leadership skills, strengthen confidence, and connect with fellow Lions. Participants gain valuable tools that prepare you for future leadership roles within their clubs and throughout your personal life. If you are interested but have questions, please let me know. There is money available from the district for reimbursement of some expenses. If you are interested in this event, let's talk!

I am also looking forward to the Multiple District 5M Convention in Minnetonka, April 24–26. With a beach party theme, inspiring speakers - including our International President AP Singh - World Wide Induction Day, service projects, and time for fellowship, it promises to be a fantastic event. Please see the registration form and other information on convention further in this newsletter.

I only have a few club visits remaining this year, but rest assured, I am still working with our dedicated cabinet members to make sure District 5M4 continues to Rise Higher! If you would like me to return for another visit, or need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am looking forward to supporting your membership drives with PCC Rob Wiener this spring, and can not wait to celebrate with Milan for their 75th Anniversary! I am working with PDG Bob Knutson (Global Extension and Youth), in actively planning the promotion of Lions Quest. If your club, school, or community group is interested in learning more or want to know how to get involved, please let us know. We would love to partner with you in bringing this impactful program forward for the youth in our communities.

Thank you again for your continued dedication to service. I am grateful to be part of such committed Lions.

DG Susan Krumrey 320-295-8327



DG Susan Krumrey
and Lion Brad Krumrey



“Spring”ing Forward with New Opportunities!!

As we enter the final quarter of our Lions year, it’s a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the incredible work that has been accomplished across our clubs, our district, our multiple district, and throughout Lions International. Think about the countless lives we have touched and the positive changes we have helped create—simply because we cared enough to become Lions.

I want to personally applaud each and every one of you for the dedication and service you bring to your communities. Your efforts truly make your communities better places to live. I encourage you all to “share the care” you show through Lionism with your neighbors and friends. By inviting others to join us, we can grow our membership and expand the service we provide—allowing us to impact even more lives as we move into the next Lions year.

Congratulations are also in order for one of our own! At the March Council of Governors meetings, our District Governor Elect team had the opportunity to interview candidates for the 2026–2027 Council Chair position. I am proud to share that our District Governor Susan Krumrey was selected as the DGE’s choice to serve beginning July 1. What an outstanding honor for Susan and for our district!

The next ELLI will be held in Detroit Lakes at the Holiday Inn on April 17-19th, deadline to sign up was April 1st. We also have an exciting event coming soon. The Multiple District Convention will be held April 24–26 at the Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel in Minnetonka. This year’s theme is “Beach Party,” so it promises to be a fun and tropical celebration of Lions service. Grab your beach balls and sunscreen and come join fellow Lions as we celebrate all that our Multiple District has accomplished.

**5M4
Help Wanted**

As we prepare for our upcoming Cabinet transition this July, we have several meaningful leadership opportunities still available. These roles will begin in July 2026 and offer you a chance to help shape the direction and success of our district.

If you feel called to serve or simply want to learn more, please let us know - we would love the opportunity to talk with you.

- Foundation Trustee
Foundation Trustee
- Zone 2 Chair
 - Zone 4 Chair
 - Zone 5 Chair
 - Zone 7 Chair
 - Zone 8 Chair



Lion Jason Kerfeld,
DGE District 5M4

We are especially honored that International President A.P. Singh will be attending the convention. On Saturday, April 25, he will host an International Induction Day. If your club has welcomed new members this past year—or if you have members who have joined recently—they are invited to participate and be inducted by our International President. This is a truly special opportunity that you won’t want to miss.

Mark your calendars for our “5M4 Spring Training” Club Officer training. We will have 2 available chances for you to attend this quick and entertaining training experience (Look for the advertisement in this month’s newsletter). If you are going to be your Clubs President, Secretary, or Treasurer this coming year you are expected to attend one of the sessions. The first one will be held at the Eagles Club in Alexandria on Saturday May 16 at 11am. The second one will be at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia on Tuesday May 19 at 6:30 pm.

I also need your help!! We have an opportunity for five members from our district to serve as Zone Chairs for the coming year. If you have ever considered taking on a role within the district, I would love the chance to visit with you about this opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to me or our Region Chair Mickie Rogal at 218-731-9749 to learn more.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful district. Your passion and commitment to service continue to inspire me.

Think Spring! And Happy Easter to you and your families.
Lion Jason Kerfeld- Sauk Centre Lions Club
District Governor Elect 320-429-0794 kerfeld@mainstreetcom.com



Benson Lions Food Share Campaign

The Benson Lions Club was eager to participate in the March Food Share Campaign and donated \$1000 to the Swift County Food Shelf. Benson Lions Laura Thomas, Marlys Boone, and Cheryl McGeary present the check to Sue Fragodt, Prairie Five's Swift County Outreach Specialist.



Fetching Ball Gala

Can Do Canines will host its annual Fetching Ball Gala on Saturday, April 11, 2026. This year's event will be held at the Radisson Blu Mall of America, and KARE 11 Anchor Lauren Leamanczyk will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

We invite you to join us for this evening that celebrates the amazing teams of Can Do Canines. Enjoy dinner, inspiring stories, games, and silent and live auctions – all benefitting the organization.

See candocanines.org/fetchingball for more information and to purchase tickets by April 1.

Caren Hansen
Marketing and Communication Manager -
Can Do Canines
9440 Science Center Drive
New Hope, MN 55428

763-200-6151
www.candocanines.org

2026 MD5M Convention
Please bring a **Dog Toy** for Can Do Canines



Amazon wish list, Recommended list for toys:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/339CLTU0FCQRJ/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Scan the code 

*A container near registration will be available for toy drop off

2026 MD5M Convention
April 24-26, 2026
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Hosted by District 5M-5






MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Submitted by -Lion Gary Stevens, Foundation Chair

On Thursday we were part of the DGE training weekend. During their time in the Twin Cities, the District Governor Elects visited several Minnesota Lions projects, including Can Do Canines, Masonic Children’s Hospital, the Hearing Foundation, the Diabetes Institute, and Gift of Sight.

They were with us from 10:15–11:30 at Masonic Children’s Hospital. Jen Foss and Emma Gamoke did a wonderful job educating the group about the work being done at the hospital and the impact of the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. We were also fortunate to have one of the physicians join the group for about 15 minutes and share insights from the medical side of the program.

A special thank you to trustees Jeff Thompson, DG Susan Krumry, Judy Zewers, and Colleen Patterson for taking time out of their schedules to be there and help welcome the group.



The Foundation is approximately \$70,000 away from getting on the \$1M wall!





*New Council Chair elected -
 DG Susan Krumrey!*

Pictured above is our newly elected Multiple District 5M Council Chair Elect, our own 5M4 District Governor Susan Krumrey! She will serve as CC for the incoming Council of Governors for this coming year, 2026/2027

MD5M Council Chair Elect Susan Krumrey with 5M4 District Governor Elect Jason Kerfeld



5M4 MARCH MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR ALL CLUBS AND MEMBERS

This isn't just about adding numbers to our rosters

- ~ it's about expanding our impact
- ~ it's about increasing our visibility within the communities we serve
- ~ it's about bringing in fresh idea's and more hands to serve

Every new member means

- ~ more service projects brought to life
- ~ more neighbors being supported, in our backyards and globally
- ~ more innovation and leadership within our clubs and district
- ~ a stronger, larger Lions presence in our communities

Ask1 When we invite others to join us in service, we multiply our ability to Rise Higher, so we can *help others Rise Higher!*

GAME ON!

Recognition Categories

Sweet 16 – The first 16 individual members to sponsor a new member will receive special recognition and a gift.

Play Hard – 3 Point Challenge – all members sponsoring 3 members or more will receive special recognition and a gift.

Final 4 – The top 4 clubs with the highest membership increase (March 1-31st) will receive special recognition and a gift.

March Madness Membership Winner – Top Individuals and Clubs, all will receive special recognition and your name put in for a top prize drawing.

Team 5M4 ~ I had a great time playing the game! There are still a few days left to get your new members enrolled! Team winners will be announced next month.



Morris Lions serve

Morris Lions held annual Pancake Breakfast at Spring expo on March 14. They served 135 people and donations went to Hockey Association for Lee Community Center improvements.



Morris Lions KidSight screening

Morris Lions conducted Kidsight Screening at ECFE dance on February 27 from 5:30-7pm. We screened 30

Sauk River Champions collect pop tabs

The Sauk River Champions Lions Club of Sauk Centre are doing service project of collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The place is for families to stay at when they are undergoing medical procedures at the hospital. It enables many to focus on family, healing, their medical procedures during stressful times.

One pop tab alone doesn't seem like much, but with everyone contributing tabs., it makes a big difference. The tabs contain a higher concentration of aluminum then the rest of the can and much easier to collect

The Champions are excited about their new service project!!! Bob Borgman graciously volunteered to build a beautiful collection house for them to use The collection house is located at the Coborns grocery store in Sauk Centre. Plans are underway for another house at another location in Sauk Centre.

Lion Bob Borgman who built it He is a member of the Sauk Centre Lions Club



Sauk River Champion Lions member putting his donation of pop tabs into the Pop Tab House.



**Suicide Prevention:
Warning Signs & Risk Factors**

WARNING SIGNS:
When a Soldier presents with any combination of the following, the buddy or chain of command should be more vigilant. It is advised that help should be secured for the Soldier.

- Talk of suicide or killing someone else
- Giving away property or disregard for what happens to one's property
- Withdrawal from friends and activities
- Problems with girlfriend (boyfriend) or spouse
- Acting bizarre or unusual (based on your knowledge of the person)
- Soldiers in trouble for misconduct (Art-15, UCMJ, etc.)
- Soldiers experiencing financial problems
- Soldiers who have lost their job at home (reservists)
- Those soldiers leaving the service (retirements, ETSs, etc.)

When a Soldier presents with any one of these concerns, the Soldier should be seen immediately by a helping provider.

- Talking or hinting about suicide
- Formulating a plan to include acquiring the means to kill oneself
- Having a desire to die
- Obsession with death (music, poetry, artwork)
- Themes of death in letters and notes
- Finalizing personal affairs
- Giving away personal possessions

Plans are set for our 2026 Veterans and their families! If you know of a military family in your community that could use the support of Project New Hope, please reach out to one of our Trustees (their contact information is on the last page of this newsletter)

PROJECT NEW HOPE Military Family Retreats at no cost to Veterans

"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET OR SCAN THIS CODE:

2026 MINNESOTA RETREATS

2026 MAY 1-3 Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN	2026 JUNE 5-7 Opsey With near Sandstone, MN
2026 OCTOBER 2-4 Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN	2026 DECEMBER 4-6 Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN

Hong Kong Friendship Banquet





MN Lions Missions Foundation



Planning for our next MN Missions Trip, we got word from our friends in Guatemala. They have decided that February 2027 will be a good time to have our next mission there. That gives us all about 11 months to prepare.

The foundation members will be notifying our past participants, as well as those who have expressed interest in keeping up on our activities.

Hopefully there will be more specific information available at our meeting in April. Hope to see everyone there.

If anyone else is interested in participating (or just interested in finding out the particulars dates, cost, etc) in this mission trip of vision testing and fitting of glasses please contact me at LionHeinen@Gmail.com and I will share your information at our foundation meeting in April.

Thank you for your service in collecting and recycling eye glasses – it truly is appreciated!

5M4 PDG Jacque Heinen
MN Missions Foundation Representative
320.249.6536
LionHeinen@Gmail.com



April **ENVIRONMENT OUR 3RD International Service Project.** Start planning your spring event. Conduct a cleanup day. Launch a recycle campaign.

District 5M4 Service Calendar 25-26

April	<p>★ Environment</p> <p>April 8-16,2026</p> <p><i>International Service Initiative</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organize a tree planting event. - Conduct a community clean-up day. - Launch a recycling awareness campaign.
May	<p>★ Hunger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue food drive efforts. - Develop a community garden project. - Partner with local restaurants for food donations.
June	<p>★ Humanitarian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on mental health initiatives. - Support the MN Lions Hearing & Voice Clinic. - Organize a childhood cancer awareness event.



District 5M4 Service Calendar 25-26

Month 2025-2026 Focus Area

Project Ideas

April	Environment	<p>April 8-16, 2026 - International Service Initiative -</p> <p>Launch a recycling awareness campaign. RECYCLE: shoes, aluminum, plastics. Clean Up: parks, road ditches. Conduct a community wide clean-up day assist a neighbor campaign. Organize a tree planting event.</p>
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LEO'S Make sure you get your service projects reported on the portal. Pictures/videos are more than welcome!

LION'S We are closing in on 100% participation in reporting we have about 12 clubs yet to go PLEASE participate send an email (form enclosed) if you are unable to do it electronically!

Lions and Leos: Now is the time to reflect on your favorite club service project. **SUBMIT** a project for the KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD. A nomination form is enclosed and can be submitted anytime now through the end of July.

Service Reporting by Zone	CONGRATS ZONE 4 & 6! – Most Improved! Well done.	
Zone 1:	7 of 9 Clubs Reporting	78%
Zone 2:	8 of 10 Clubs Reporting	80%
Zone 3:	4 of 5 Clubs Reporting	80%
Zone 4:	4 of 5 Clubs Reporting	80%
Zone 5:	5 of 6 Clubs Reporting	84%
Zone 6:	5 of 6 Clubs Reporting	84%
Zone 7:	5 of 5 Clubs Reporting	100%
Zone 8:	5 of 7 Clubs Reporting	72%
LEO's	2 of 3 Clubs Reporting	67%



LIC. NO. X05003

34th ANNUAL HECTOR LIONS CORN CHAFF DAYS RAFFLE

July 11, 2026 \$20 ea. Must be 18

Drawing to be held at the City Park following the Grande Parade - approximately 2:30 p.m.
 32 WINNERS - Win odds - 1:40

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000 CASH

EARLY BIRD DRAWING - APRIL 18, 2026
 \$500 Cash
DRAWING HELD AT THE OTHER PLACE

OTHER PRIZES:

- ✓ \$1,500 Cash
- ✓ \$1,000 Cash
- ✓ \$750 Cash
- ✓ \$500 Cash
- ✓ 2 - \$250 Cash
- ✓ 25 - \$100 Cash

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN - MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD
 PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS



New members in Benson

At Monday's meeting, four new Benson Lions Club members were welcomed into the club. New members Judy and Roger Hanson and Terry and Rick Flannigan are seen here with their sponsors Peggy and Kevin Bausman and Cindy and Mark Frank.

July 9th is
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
 Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!

*Be a sweetie
 and get your
 tickets now!*

For every ticket sold for the July 9th show,
 MNLCCF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

Rodeo starts at 7:30 PM
 Gates open 2 hours before the show

5 shows throughout the weekend

Thu. 7-9 7:30 PM	Fri. 7-10 7:30 PM	Sat. 7-11 1:00 PM	Sat. 7-11 7:30 PM	Sun. 7-12 7:30 PM
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Order tickets online: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>

45th ANNUAL OSAKIS LIONS CLUB WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

WHEN
 June 20th, 2026
 7am - 3pm

WHERE
 Lake Osakis
 Headquarters: town access

FEATURING:

- \$8,000 1st place prize (payouts based on 75 entrants)
- 1st - 10th place payout
- 1st - 3rd place plaques
- Largest Walleye Contest (1st and 2nd place payout)

2 PERSON TEAMS

REGISTER AT FISHDONKEY.COM
 \$350
 (\$25 goes towards largest walleye contest and \$10 towards registration fee)

75 TEAMS MAX

6 FISH STRINGER:
 5 FISH BETWEEN 15" - 20" AND ONE FISH OVER 22"
 (UNLIMITED CULLING)

BOAT CHECK-IN STARTING AT 5:30 AM THE MORNING OF TOURNAMENT

BENEFITING
 The Osakis Lions Club and the Osakis Community

WWW.FISHDONKEY.COM

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OSAKISLIONS
 Call Steve at 763-242-8672 with any questions



Cabinet Meetings:

All Lions members are warmly invited to attend any upcoming cabinet meeting this year. This is a great opportunity to gain deeper insight into the business of District 5M4 and to better understand the roles and responsibilities of our cabinet members. Whether you're curious about district operations or considering future leadership, your presence is welcome and encouraged.

May 6, 2026 – Alexandria, 6 p.m. at the Eagles Club.

Please RSVP to DG Susan if you plan to attend.

320-295-8327 or at susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com

Is your club hosting an event or planning a service project?
I'd love the opportunity to attend, lend a hand, and show support. If you have a flyer or event details, we'd be happy to help promote it on the District 5M4 Facebook page. Is your club posting events and projects on your Clubs Facebook page?

Let us know so we can help spread the word by sharing it on ours?!

Don't keep those great activities a secret!
Let's work together to showcase all the amazing things happening across our district - let me know how 5M4 can support you!

Contact me anytime at
susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com or
320-295-8327.

NEW ZONES for 2026-2027 YEAR

We created new zones to align clubs better logistically, and even out the number of clubs in a zone for ease on our zone chairs.

This new model will not start until our next Lions year.

Zone 1 (9):

CARLOS
 FORADA
 GLENWOOD
 MILTONA
 OSAKIS
 SAUK CENTRE
 SAUK CENTRE LEOs
 SAUK RIVER CHAMPIONS
 VILLARD AREA

Zone 2 (7):

ALEXANDRIA
 ALEXANDRIA CHAMPIONS
 BRANDON
 EVANSVILLE
 GARFIELD
 KENSINGTON
 LOWRY
Zone 3 (7):
 ASHBY
 ELBOW LAKE
 GRANT COUNTY
 HOFFMAN
 MORRIS
 WENDELL
 WHEATON

Zone 4 (7):

APPLETON
 DAWSON
 HANCOCK
 MILAN
 MONTEVIDEO
 MONTEVIDEO LEOs
 WATSON

Zone 5 (6):

CLARA CITY
 DANUBE
 MAYNARD
 RAYMOND
 RENVILLE
 SACRED HEART

Zone 6 (6):

BIRD ISLAND
 BUFFALO LAKE
 FAIRFAX
 FRANKLIN
 HECTOR
 OLIVIA

Zone 7 (7):

BENSON
 KERKHOVEN
 NEW LONDON
 NLS LEOs
 PENNOCK
 SPICER SUNRISE
 WILLMAR NOON

Zone 8 (7):

ATWATER
 CEDAR MILLS
 COSMOS
 DARWIN
 GROVE CITY
 KINGSTON
 LITCHFIELD

KidSight Update

There's still time...time to schedule screenings at schools, daycares, homeschool groups, community events.



When you screen, -please remember to enter the date of birth or age of the child prior to screening. This provides a more accurate reading.

-Report results to us including the ages and number of reason for referrals.

-Report to your secretary for club activity.

Please contact us if you need sunglasses for a summer screening.

Thank you for supporting Kidsight.
 You have been notified if your club is eligible for a Kidsight award.
 Lions Ronald and Susan Honken
 5M4 Kidsight Directors



Great learning opportunity! Sign up by April 1 - hurry!



EMERGING LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
ELLI



Develop. Lead. Inspire.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) is a leadership development experience designed for Lions and Leos who are ready to grow, lead, and serve at a higher level.

This interactive weekend builds confident leaders who will strengthen clubs, districts, and the future of Lions in MD5M.

**Join Us April 17- 19, 2026
Holiday Inn Detroit Lakes**

Why Attend ELLI?

- Develop practical leadership and communication skills
- Learn how to lead without a title
- Strengthen teamwork and collaboration
- Build confidence to lead projects, committees, and clubs
- Network with emerging leaders across MD5M
- Learn from experienced Lions leaders
- Create a personal leadership action plan to take home
- FUN, FUN, FUN

Who Should Attend?

- Lions or Leos in good standing within MD5M interested in leadership growth and service
- Willing to actively participate in all sessions
- Committed to applying learned skills in their club or district
- Lions who have **NOT** served as Club President



Registration due April 1, 2026
Use QR code to Register

Contact your District GLT for more information
PDG Marty Athmann
athmannmarty@hotmail.com



\$9250 Raised for Hunger

District Governor Susan Krumrey, member of the Buffalo Lake Lions Club, recently challenged our Zone 5 and 6 Renville County Lions Clubs to participate in a Hunger Service Project for our Renville County Food Shelf during our Global Week of Service for Hunger back in January. In working with the Food Shelf Coordinator Rebecca Herod and other volunteers, we came to the conclusion that what they needed most was an additional refrigerator and freezer. Currently, if food comes in and there is overflow, B & D Market in Olivia graciously stores what is needed at the grocery store. While this support is incredibly generous, it isn't the most practical solution for the volunteers. With that in mind, we quickly determined that the most effective way to help would be through raising funds to purchase the needed equipment. Stepping up to the (food) plate were the Lions Clubs from Buffalo Lake, Hector, Bird Island, Olivia, Danube, and Sacred Heart. Living out the Lions motto, "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion," Lion Andy also wrote a grant on behalf of the Renville County Food Shelf to his company, White Birch Wind. In addition to the generous donations from the participating Lions Clubs, the project received another major boost when the grant application was accepted, contributing an additional \$5,000 toward the effort. The Renville County Food Shelf ordered commercial refrigeration/freezer, and with left over money, were considering other needed equipment for their food delivery! Pictured above are Lions Adrienne and Richard Haugen and Leader Dog Orbit (Olivia), District Governor Susan Krumrey (Buffalo Lake), Lion Kelly Martin (Sacred Heart), Board Member and Lion Connie Maiers (Buffalo Lake), Lion Carmen Keinholtz (Bird Island), Board Member Gordon Blem, Lion LaMont Jacobson (Sacred Heart), and Lion Andy Badolato (Bird Island, White Birch Wind representative). After taking a picture, a tour was given of the facility.



Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Poker Walk

MD5M Convention

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:30 AM—11:30 AM

Registration at the MLDF
Display Table



\$20 Registration

\$5 Second Chance Card/ location

*Door Prize for each hand completed

*Prizes for best 4 hands

Remember to continue to support our foundations!

More about the Golf Passport!

Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play, or as stated on Passport
1 offer per participating location

Can be used Monday-Friday (Friday until 3 p.m.)

*Courses might limit play availability due to other scheduled events. Not available on holidays.

Must make tee times with participating courses

GOLF COURSE NAME	ADDRESS	WEBSITE	PHONE
Albany Golf Club	600 Church Ave., Albany <i>Monday play only</i>	albanygolfcourse.com	320-845-2505
Alexandria Golf Club	2300 N. Nokomis NE, Alexandria	alexandriagolfclub.com	320-763-3605
Appleton Golf Club	331 E. Wyman Ave., Appleton	appletongolfcourse.com	320-289-2511
Benson Golf Club	2222 Atlantic Ave., Benson	golf@benson.com	320-842-7961
Dawson Golf Course	1380 Walnut Street Dawson		320-769-2212
Eagle Creek Golf Club	1000 26th Ave NE, Willmar	eaglecreekgolf.com	320-235-1166
Geneva Golf Club	4181 Geneva Golf Club Drive, Alexandria	genevagolfclub.com	320-762-7089
Greystones Golf Club	10544 Aldrich Drive, Sauk Centre	greystonema.com	320-351-4653
Hardwood Hills Golf Course	8446 County Road 27 SW, Alexandria	hardwoodhillsgolf.com	320-886-1400
Hawk Creek Country Club	100 Spicer Ave N., Raymond	hawkcreekcc.com	320-967-4653
Island Pine Golf Club	1601 Wyoming Ave. W., Atwater	islandpinegolf.com	320-974-8600
Little Crow Country Club	15980 Hwy 23 N., Spicer	littlecrowresort.com	320-354-2296
Lynx National Golf Course	40204 Phinrose Lane, Sauk Centre	lynxnationalgolf.com	320-352-0242
Mayflower Golf Club	46321 Co. Rd. 39, Fairfax	mayflowergolfclub.com	507-426-9964
Meadowlark Country Club	837 Country Club Drive, Melrose	meadowlarkcountryclub.com	320-256-4989
Minnewaska Golf	20518 Dero Drive, Glenwood	minnewaskagolf.com	320-634-3680
Nordic Trails Golf	4343 39th Ave NE, Alexandria	nordictrails.com	320-762-5420
Oakdale Golf Club	56106 Co Rd 38, Buffalo Lake	oakdalegolfclub.com	320-587-0525
Olivia Golf Club	512 S. 1st Street, Olivia	oliviagolfclub.com	320-623-2313
Osakis Country Club	30 14th Ave E., Osakis	osakisgolf.com	320-859-2140
Pomme De Terre Golf Club	24660 State Hwy 9, Morris	ptgolfclub.com	320-589-1009
Stoney Creek Golf Course	21278 820th Ave., Renville	golf@renville.com	320-775-4653
Tipinah Mounds Golf Course	25185 Golf Course Road, Elbow Lake <i>Mon-Wed play only</i>	tipinahgolf.com	218-685-4271
Valley Golf Course	1900 Becker Ave SE, Willmar	valleygolfwillmar.com	320-235-6790
Hook & Slice (indoor simulator)	2921 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria <i>Buy 1 hr., get 2nd hour FREE</i>	hookandslice.com	320-391-5353

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at 25 COURSES

While supporting Special Olympics!

For your \$50 tax deductible donation, you'll receive a "Buy 9 Holes, Get 9 Holes FREE" passport card.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA GAMES 2026
AND OTHER
LIONS CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS

Sponsored by the Lions Clubs
of West Central
Minnesota-District 5M4

Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play.
1 offer per participating location
Can be used Monday-Friday (Friday until 3 p.m.)
*Courses might limit play availability due to other scheduled events. Not available on holidays.
Must make tee times with participating courses
When Purchasing the passport, make checks payable to...Lions

PARTICIPATING COURSES

- ALBANY
 - Albany Golf Club
- ALEXANDRIA
 - Alexandria Golf Club
 - Geneva Golf Club
 - Hardwood Hills Golf Course
 - Nordic Trails Golf
 - Hook & Slice (indoor simulator)
- APPLETON
 - Appleton Golf Club
- ATWATER
 - Island Pine Golf Club
- BENSON
 - Benson Golf Club
- BUFFALO LAKE
 - Oakdale Golf Club
- DAWSON
 - Dawson Golf Course
- ELBOW LAKE
 - Tipinah Mounds Golf Course
- FAIRFAX
 - Mayflower Golf Club

- GLENWOOD
 - Minnewaska Golf
- MELROSE
 - Meadowlark Country Club
- MORRIS
 - Pomme De Terre Golf Club
- OLIVIA
 - Olivia Golf Club
- OSAKIS
 - Osakis Country Club
- RAYMOND
 - Hawk Creek Country Club
- RENVILLE
 - Stoney Creek Golf Course
- SAUK CENTRE
 - Greystones Golf Club
 - Lynx National Golf Course
- SPICER
 - Little Crow Country Club
- WILLMAR
 - Eagle Creek Golf Club
 - Valley Golf Course

Available from your Lions Club Member or participating golf courses

BUY ONE FOR YOURSELF OR AS A GIFT



VOLUNTEER for the Special Olympics USA Games

Make a difference. Have fun. Serve with the Lions.

THREE EASY STEPS:

1. Register

Scan the QR code or use the link below to sign up.

Registration includes uploading a photo.

<https://cerv.is/Q430rLionsClub>



2. Choose Your Volunteer Role

Family Night Setup

Tuesday, June 16 • 1:00-6:00 PM

Opening Eyes Vision Screenings

Friday, June 19 - Thursday, June 25

Family Night Guest Service

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 • 4:30-9:30 PM

Family Night Greet Team

Wednesday, June 24 & Thursday, June 25 • 5:00-7:00 PM

3. Show Up and Enjoy the Experience

You'll be part of something meaningful for athletes, families, and our community.

Early Access for Lions, Family & Friends through March 20

Feel free to share – the best spots will fill quickly.



USA Special Olympics 2026

Lions of MD5M (Minnesota, Mantioba and NW Ontario) have pledged to raise \$250,000 for the USA Special Olympics 2026.

Please consider a donation to help fund this event. Donations should be made to LCIF –Special Olympics MN 2026 and sent to me. Keep selling Special Olympics Golf passes as these are good all off next year also.

LCIF Grants are possible because of the support of Lions Clubs and individual Lions. The district has raised \$5,790 toward its goal of \$47,616 for this year. Please keep supporting our communities with a donation.

Send LCIF donations to: PCC Dennis Heinen
5M4 LCIF Coordinator
12069 Bluegill Dr. Sauk Centre, MN 56378
320-491-3996 Heinende@centracare.com

Priority volunteer registration for the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games is officially open—and as a valued member of the Special Olympics Minnesota community, we invite you to be among the first to register!

Sign up for a USA Games volunteer shift

Priority registration is available for a limited time; registration opens to the public on **February 1**. Don't wait—**shifts will fill quickly!** New shifts are added regularly, so check often for additional opportunities.

Secure your spot now and help shape an unforgettable experience at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games.

[Learn more about volunteering at USA Games](#)

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MINNESOTA
JUNE
20-26



Multiple District 5M proudly announces...



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Your donations designated to Special Olympics USA Games Minnesota to LCIF will help make our \$300,000 grant possible!

Family Night!

For all athletes & their families

Opening Eyes®

Vision Screening for participating athletes

A Ball For All

A sensory ball is gifted from MD5M to all participating athletes.

Scan this code for more about All Ball!





April 24-26, 2026
106th - MD5M Multiple Convention
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
2026 MD5M Registration Form



Lion Leo Guest
 Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Lion Leo Guest
 Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____ Name: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ City: _____
Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____ Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Email: _____
Title: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ District: _____
Club: _____ Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

Cost May 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025 Cost January 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2026
\$185 US - \$266 CDN _____ \$195 US - \$280 CDN _____

*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

Separate Meals:

*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social	\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____	\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____
Saturday Lunch	\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____	\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____
Saturday Banquet	\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____	\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____
Sunday Brunch	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____	\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: _____

Please specify dietary needs: Vegetarian Gluten Free Other: _____

No meals available after March 31, 2026.

Make Checks payable to: 2026 MD5M Conv.

Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rhonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

-OR- you may pay by Venmo to: @Rhonna-Hed Then Email your registrations to: rhed@summitfire.com

Please provide an email address or phone # if you'd like to receive a confirmation _____

HOTEL INFORMATION: Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

Room rates are \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 9, 2026.

[Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com

Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com

Need a flagpole or accessories?

The Kingston Lions Club is gearing up for another busy season! Their largest fundraiser every year is selling flag poles. Please call Wally Strand at 612-735-0212 or email w.jstrand@yahoo.com if you are in the market for a new flag pole or need accessories!

Telescoping Flagpoles & Accessories

Adds to the Beauty of Your Property

From the City...



To the Country...



And Light Commercial Applications...



Made in U.S.A.



Polycarbonate bushings allow each section of pole to slide up and down smoothly, metal never touches metal.

NEW

Anodized aluminum steel rings allow flags to fly freely in the wind (16 ft. & 20 ft. poles only).

Double flag harness accessory allows you to fly 2 flags or fly a flag at half staff (16 ft. & 20 ft. poles only).

Simple to Use...



Each section easily raises



Simply press the "release" button to lower the pole



Easy installation

Telescoping Flagpole Action



Moveable...




Aluminum Wheel Stand



The Telescoping Flagpole easily changes locations with an additional ground sleeve. Front yard to back, winter home to summer home.

This WHEEL STAND holds your Telescoping Flagpole making for an outstanding addition to your RV campsite, concession stand, car dealership, tailgate party, etc. Made of lightweight, sturdy aluminum with maintenance free anodized finish. Sold separately.

Create Your Own Sense of Pride!

- Durable, sturdy 16 gauge aluminum
- Maintenance free anodized finish means no paint, no rust
- Rope and pulley free means no tangles or knots and no noise
- Sizes: 16', 20' and 25'
- Able to fly two flags (double harness ring)
- Flagpoles available in bronze, black, silver or white (selected sizes)

All warranties cover manufacturer defects only.

Lions Worldwide Induction Day!

5M Multiple Convention
 Saturday, April 25, 2026, 1:00 PM
 Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
 Minnetonka, Minnesota

WWID is a global membership celebration held on the last Saturday in April to unite clubs around the world in welcoming new members.

MD5M is hosting a Worldwide Induction Day at this years Multiple Convention.

We welcome any new member (joining around Oct 1 or after) to be inducted by International President AP Singh. Register using the QR code or this link

<http://bit.ly/4202Uec>

Register Today!







Sauk Centre Awards



Top: Donna Hensel was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.
 Left: Craig Sunder was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.



Left: Pete Nelson was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.



Left: Rene Willhite was presented with the 'Top Dog' Award.

Congratulations!



Heart of a Lion Award Application



District 5M4 Lion members are eligible to apply. A Lion member may apply or a club may apply on behalf of a member. Applications can be turned in throughout the year. Awards will be presented at the Mid-Winter Convention following completion of the application. Any criteria completed after July of 2015 qualifies toward this award and may be earned over several years.

A Lion member must MEET 5 of the 8 CRITERIA listed below to RECEIVE the AWARD!

The Lion member: _____ **Club:** _____
(Name of Lion Member)

_____ **Sponsored a New Lion** _____ **Club:** _____
(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)

_____ **Be a 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)
 _____ **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:** _____

Youth Exchange

Lion Todd here. Chair for the Peace Poster and Youth Exchange. We are 1 month into the 2026 year and we have 21 young men and women that are hoping to come to the USA...in particular,...Minnesota for the Lions Youth Exchange! It would be great if we could get them signed up with host families sooner than later so there can be some communications between them and their hosts. It eases the introductions and makes for a more enjoyable visit!

So talk to your fellow members or spouses and lets host some young, future Lions and make some friends from around the World!


We have Ladies from Mongolia, Brazil, Germany, Romania, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Indonesia, and Men from United Kingdom, France, Slovakia, Lithuania, India, Germany, Turkey, Switzerland.

Open your hearts and home to a world of experiences... Host a young person! Feel free to contact me for more info and look for me at the Midwinter Convention in Willmar!

Lion Todd Fritsche
 dragon376381@yahoo.com

Leader Dog updates also available in Spanish!



 **LEADING THE WAY** 
Leader Dogs for the Blind & Lions Newsletter
April 2026



The last Wednesday of April is International Guide Dog Day. On April 29, **we celebrate the work of guide dogs around the world** and raise awareness of the importance of guide dog services to **help people who are blind live life on their terms.**

When You Give in April, Leader Dog Gets Double

April's Matching Gift Challenge gives you and your club the opportunity to double your impact on the lives of our clients. **When you donate during the match, your generous gift to Leader Dog is matched by a contribution from one of our generous donors.** Visit LeaderDog.org in April to learn how you can make twice the difference. Donate by mail or online at LeaderDog.org - Donate. Include a note with your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift.

Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Lions Department
1039 S Rochester Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained

How much do you know about guide dogs?

- True or False: Once people get a guide dog, they no longer need their white cane.
- True or False: A guide dog already knows where their handler wants them to go.
- True or False: A guide dog should go anywhere and everywhere with their handler.

It may surprise you that each of these statements is false! **These are some of the most common misconceptions about guide dogs.** The guide dog mobility instructors at Leader Dog recorded a video describing the truth behind each myth. **Find it posted by Leader Dog on YouTube** by searching '[Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained](#)'. Share it on social media to celebrate International Guide Dog Day and spread awareness of Lions & Leader Dog's work for vision.





Assessing Readiness to Apply for a Guide Dog

- Does your routine include regular outings for work, school, errands, or exercise multiple times per week?
- Are you confident in your orientation and mobility skills, able to navigate routes independently, problem-solve, and use safe street-crossing strategies?
- Are you prepared to train and work with a guide dog long-term, using positive reinforcement techniques, providing ongoing care and advocating for both you and your dog?
- Do you have the relationship skills to build a strong bond with your guide dog and serve as the primary caretaker, providing daily physical and mental stimulation beyond guide work?

These are some of the questions prospective guide dog clients will find on Leader Dog's guide dog readiness assessment, **a tool that can help someone who is blind decide if a Leader Dog is right for them.** Leader Dog is one of only nineteen accredited guide dog providers in North America. Our guide dog program eligibility requirements ensure that clients are prepared to work with their Leader Dog for many years.

We are members of the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF), a group of organizations who collaborate and champion the cause of vision around the world. **Together, we share best practices and resources to refine guide dog and handler training.** Leader Dog's guide dog program eligibility requirements are based on the standards set by IGDF. To review the readiness screening, go to LeaderDog.org and search [Guide Dog Qualifications](#).



Mission Moment

"Leader Dog Ivy is really going to help me walk with confidence. I'm able to get places faster and be more confident. In addition to being a best friend, she's going to help me go more places. **We are going to travel the country and go everywhere together.**"

Manny, Guide Dog client from New York, with Leader Dog Ivy





LCIF UPDATE

Thanks for all who were able to attend the LCIF “Roar for a Cause”. It was a great event to raise \$28,000 for LCIF USA Special Olympics Games. These donations will help fund Family Night and Opening Eyes Program. The Opening Eyes Program offers free vision screening for the athletes. Not only screening but also helping them get the eye glasses they need. Lions are also sponsoring a “Ball for All” for each athlete; this is a ball for low vision athletes.

We are nearing our fundraising goals for LCIF Special Olympics and the District LCIF. We just need to keep thinking about how we can support these Athletes and LCIF.

Keep selling the Golf Passports as these are good for this summer! Let myself know if you need more cards.

Thank you for your continued support!

Send LCIF donations to:

PCC Dennis Heinen, 5M4 LCIF

Coordinator

12069 Bluegill Dr., Sauk Centre, MN

56378 320-491-3996

Heinende@centracare.com



LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2025 – 2026 school year that there will be **8 US \$4,000** scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions 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. This program started in 2012. The 2026 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2026.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the LITPC website: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **Scholarship Application Form**.
3. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to 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, 2026** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-232-9357

9_101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@mycti.net

You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!

The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”

2026 MD5M Convention

April 24-26, 2026

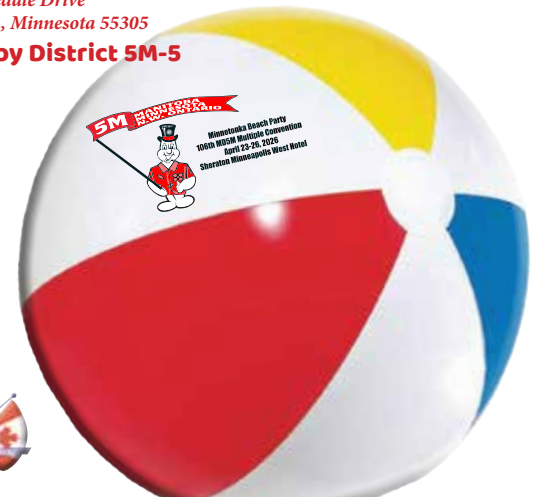
Minnetonka Beach Party

Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel

12201 Ridgedale Drive

Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Hosted by District 5M-5



Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.

Cost May 1, 2025 thru
December 31, 2025
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
March 31, 2026
\$195 US - \$280 CDN




Kindness Matters Service Award

Nomination timeline

Nominations happen in a particular order, starting with local Lions, then club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents, to the global service team at the district and multiple district level and then finally Lions International by October 31. The following timeline is a recommended guide for each step of the process for submitting a nomination to Lions International.

- Club
- July 31: Clubs are to report their service projects from the previous Lion year in the Lion Portal by July 31
- July 1 - August 1: August: Lions nominate service projects at the club level.



Lions Clubs International

KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

A Lions or Leo club that has performed outstanding service in a global cause may be nominated for the Kindness Matters Service Award. Lions or Leo clubs that wish to be nominated must be in active status and have reported their service project on MyLion® or their regional reporting systems. A maximum of two of the twenty awards will be awarded to Leo clubs. Lions and Leo club nominations should be submitted separately.

Nomination Deadlines

- July 1 to October 31: Nominations are open.
- August 15: Deadline for club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents to electronically send one nomination to the District GST coordinator.
- September 15: Deadline for District GST coordinator to electronically send one nomination to the Multiple District GST coordinator.
- October 31: Deadline for Multiple District GST coordinator to send one Lions and/or one Leo nomination to Lions Clubs International.

Please note that nominations that do not meet deadlines are disqualified from consideration.

NOMINATED CLUB
 (Please indicate which type of club this nomination is for) Lions Club Leo Club

Club Service Chairperson/Leo Club President (Name) _____
 E-mail _____
 Club Service Chairperson/Leo Club President (Signature) _____ Date _____

Club/Leo Club Name _____ Lion Club/Leo Number _____

Name of Service Project _____
 Should my project be selected, I give consent for Lions Clubs International to use attached information and photographs of this club's service project for public recognition purposes.

ENDORSED BY

Immediate Past Lion Club President Name/Immediate Past Leo Club Advisor Name (Printed) _____ Member Number _____
 Immediate Past Lion Club President Name/Immediate Past Leo Club Advisor (Signature) _____ Date _____

SERVICE PROJECT DESCRIPTION
 The following section should be filled out by the club service chairperson (Lions clubs) or Leo club president (Leo clubs). Please type and attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. What was unique, outstanding or innovative about this service project that met or surpassed the goals of the global cause?
2. Why is this service project important to your community?
3. Which local partnerships helped make this project possible, if any?
4. Were any resources from ICI such as the Service Field Kit or Service Project Planning used to plan and execute this project?
5. Additional Comments.

Complete form and full criteria can be found at:

LionsClubs.org ** Member Resources ** Grants & Awards **



IT'S TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING

All Lions members, new and experienced,
looking to grow their impact and strengthen their club.

President, Secretary, Treasurer

What to expect:

Engaging training sessions
Leadership Development & Club Growth Strategies
Networking with fellow Lions

Choose from 2 different Sessions:

Saturday May 16

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Light lunch served)

Eagles Club, Alexandria MN

or

Tuesday May 19

Featuring P I D Brian Sheehan

6:30 - 8:30 (Light lunch served)

St. Aloysius Church, Olivia MN



For questions contact
Lion Marty Athmann
athmannmarty@hotmail.com
320-522-0856

IMPORTANT CONTACTS!

Lions Club International Foundation

Chair: Lion Dennis Heinen – heinende@centracare.com



MN Lions Vision Foundation Lions Gift of Sight

Chairs: Lion Craig Schellberg -- spicerlioncraig@gmail.com
PCC Rob Wiener -- 5m4lionrob@gmail.com



MD5M Hearing Foundation

Chairs: Lion Pam Erickson -- tapjerickson@gmail.com
PDG Bob Kulbeik -- kulbeik@hotmail.com



MN Lions Diabetes Foundation

Chair: Lion Lori Schellberg -- lorischellberg@gmail.com
PDG Ken Harwick – kbearalive@live.com



MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Chairs: Lion Sue Krumrey – sue_krumrey@kottke-trucking.com
Lion Merlin Athmann -- athmann.mer@gmail.com



Leaderdog

Chair: Lion Mary Bolas -- marybolas.mb@gmail.com



MD5M Kidsight Foundation

Chairs: Lion Sue Honken -- rshonken@frontiernet.net
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Can Do Canines

Chair: Lion Mike Beilke -- mbeilke62@gmail.com



Project New Hope

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Lion Greg Tauer – greg.tauer@northcentralintl.com
Lion Corky Gleisner – cmgleisner@gmail.com



Special Olympics MN

Chair: Lion Dianna Nelson - diannanelson@mainstreetcom.com



T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation

Chair: PIP Brian Sheehan -- bsheehan@rcbi.com
Treas. PDG Marty Athmann – athmannmarty@hotmail.com



MN Lions Mission Foundation – Brand New

Foundation Awards:

- LCIF – Melvin Jones Fellowship
- MN Lions Vision Foundation – Hellen Keller Award
- MD5M Hearing Foundation – Hearing Research Fellowship
- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation – Dreamcatcher Award
- MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation – Believe Award
- MD5M Kidsight Foundation – Sight Saver Award
- Can Do Canines – Top Dog Award
- T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation – Lapel Pin & Foundation Medal

MD5M Multiple District Awards:

- Hall of Fame Award
- Al Jensen Award
- Int'l Presidents Leadership Award
- Int'l Presidents Presidential Award

District Awards:

- Club Excellence Award
- Heart of A Lion Award
- Be Kind Award

Grant Applications:

- T.E.A.M. Sheehan Foundation
- LCIF website





2025-2026 5M4 Cabinet Members

Position	Title	Name	Phone #	Email	Home Club
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IPDG	IPDG	Jacque Heinen	320-249-6536	lionheinen@gmail.com	Sauk Centre
Cabinet Secretary	Lion	Renee Willhite	320-491-6010	rwillhite@mainstreetcom.com	Sauk Centre
Cabinet Treasurer	Lion	Denise Sundblad	320-766-3266	district5m4@outlook.com	Wendell
Can Do Canines	Lion	Mike Beilke	320-761-9406	mbeilke62@gmail.com	Sauk Centre
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District Administrator	PCC	Dennis Heinen	320-491-3996	heinende@centracare.com	Sauk Centre
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LCIF Chairperson	PCC	Dennis Heinen	320-491-3996	heinende@centracare.com	Sauk Centre
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MN Lions Vision Foundation	Lion	Craig Schellberg	320-894-6843	spicerlioncraig@gmail.com	Spicer Sunrise
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Newsletter - 5M4	Lion	Anne O'Flynn	320-815-5790	aneo@runestone.net	Elbow Lake
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Project New Hope	Lion	Greg Tauer	320-212-3256	greg.tauer@northcentralintl.com	Atwater
Project New Hope	Lion	Corky Gleisner	320-250-5802	cmgleisner@gmail.com	Atwater
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TEAMSheehan Foundation	PIP & PD	Brian and Marty		see their info above	Bird Island
Technology	PCC	Dennis Heinen	320-491-3996	heinende@centracare.com	Sauk Centre
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