

# 5M4 Newsletter



## *A Convention to Remember!*

*This year's Lions Convention was truly one for the books! It was full of learning, laughter, service, and most of all, it was so much fun – something we Lions know all about. I am truly grateful to ID Liz Crooke, PID Bruce and Lion Erin, and all our Lion leaders who attended and participated to make this convention such a success. I was also honored to host many guests from across our Multiple.*

*Our speakers did a fantastic job engaging us with powerful messages on childhood cancer and the mental health and well-being of our veterans. Many hands go into the planning and carrying out a convention like this, and that includes YOU! From planning to the registration and credential tables, your willingness to step up made a great impact! This convention would not have been possible without every one of you, thank you so much for attending and serving!!*

*Speed Learning was another highlight. Our presenters challenged us and shared valuable ideas on how to grow, lead with purpose, create engaging and fun meetings, and continue serving with passion. Service is why we are all here! I was also impressed with the turnout for our impromptu leadership panel, where questions were asked about "how to make your club better." The room was full, listening intently to the Kaufmanns as they shared insight on how your leadership can help make clubs Rise Higher. I also was impressed with the song they made up! It was inspiring to see so many Lions eager to learn and committed to strengthening their clubs to keep them rising higher!*

*Our service projects were a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together. We packaged 1100 snack bags in record time! The line was long, the hands were many, and the teamwork was incredible to see. I was also deeply appreciative of all the Legos, cards, and toys collected for children battling cancer. The multiple full tables showed the heart of Lionism in action! Every contribution matters. This is why we are here. This is why your members joined you! Let's continue planning hands-on service projects to DO, not just fundraisers. Make sure all your members are seen at the table, that they feel valued, and are involved.*

*Evenings were filled with laughter and camaraderie through the Lions Olympics and the unforgettable Fun Pianos entertainment. These moments reminded us that healthy clubs are not just about business, service, and giving, but also about building joy, friendship, and community along the way. It's about having fun - together! Perhaps the greatest gift to come from this convention was the connections that were made throughout the weekend events, with all those in attendance. From the "Top Gun" to our newest member – we are all important! We are one very large Lions family! Whether learning, at the business meeting, hanging out, doing service or having a great time at the evening events – friendships were strengthened, and new ones were formed.*

*I wasn't sure what to expect by adding the church service, but it was important to me to honor our Lord for all He has done in my life. I was so grateful to see the room filled beyond by expectations - thank you so much for attending. In Lionism, we are much like Esther, standing in the gap for others. We are the hands and feet of our Lord here on this earth. With our shoes of peace on, let us strive each day to do better than yesterday. Scripture reminds us to be like eagles, to rise higher in our own lives and to help others rise higher as well. Eagles are strong yet compassionate. As Lions, let us look daily for the opportunity to serve others!*

*I am looking forward to the rest of this Lions year as I work alongside DGE Jason, IVDGE Ed, and 2VDGE Lori. The leadership that have come before us have paved the way for our success and we will continue building on that strong foundation. I am confident in the vision, dedication, and servant leadership of those who will follow me, and I look forward to working with them as well. As I continue visiting clubs, I'm excited to promote Lions Quest for our youth and working with PDG Bob Knutson to grow our LEO clubs (we currently have 3). There is still work to do in 5M4. Let's take ID Liz's challenges to heart and keep District 5M4 Rising Higher!!*

*"Thank you" just doesn't seem like enough to express the gratitude I have for each and every one of you - my Lions heart is truly full. I am proud to serve alongside each of you and look forward to continuing this journey together.*

*With gratitude and pride,*

*DG Susan Krumrey*

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*DG Susan Krumrey  
and Lion Brad Krumrey*





## *February reflections: A Convention to remember and a Legacy to Build*

### February Reflections: A Convention to Remember and a Legacy to Build

What an incredible time we shared together at our 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention in Willmar, February 6–8! From the moment Lions arrived, the weekend was filled with meaningful learning opportunities, inspiring conversations, heartfelt fellowship, and plenty of laughter. It was truly a reminder of why Lions do what we do—and how powerful our impact is when we come together.

The convention offered something for everyone: education to strengthen our clubs, time to reconnect with old friends, and the chance to welcome new Lions into the spirit of service. The energy in the rooms, the ideas being shared, and the camaraderie on display made this a Mid-Winter Convention that will be remembered for years to come.

I am also deeply honored and grateful to have been elected as your next District Governor. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to continuing to grow the legacy that has been so thoughtfully planted by those who came before us. Together, we will build on that foundation, strengthen our clubs, and expand our service across District 5M4.

This year's Mid-Winter Convention will be a tough act to follow—but I'm excited to share that our Convention Chair is already hard at work planning the next District Convention, scheduled for January 29–31, 2027. Stay tuned—great things are already in motion!

I also want to remind everyone about an exciting upcoming event: “Roar for a Cause”, the LCIF fundraiser at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on February 28, 2026. This is shaping up to be an awesome day celebrating LCIF, all while supporting an incredible cause. Proceeds from this event will help fund LCIF's dedication to the 2026 USA Games for the Special Olympics, which will be hosted right here in Minnesota—a tremendous opportunity for our Lions to make a lasting impact close to home.

If you are interested in volunteering at the 2026 USA Games, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I would be happy to help get you connected and lined up to serve at this extraordinary event.

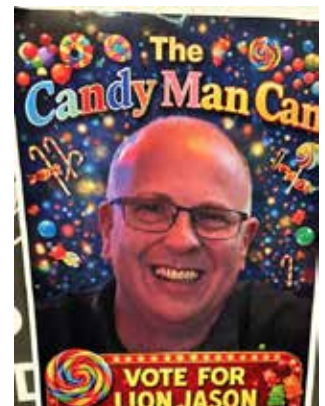
Thank you for all that you do as Lions. The heart, passion, and dedication of District 5M4 continue to inspire me every day. Let's keep the momentum going—serving, leading, and roaring together.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jason Kerfeld  
District Governor-Elect, District 5M4  
kerfeld@mainstreetcom.com  
phone: 320-429-0794



*Lion Jason Kerfeld,  
DGE District 5M4*





## Save the Date for the 2nd Annual 'Lions Day' at the Capitol

Dear Fellow Lions,

We are thrilled to share that the 2nd Annual Lions Day at the Minnesota State Capitol is officially on the calendar! This powerful day of unity and purpose celebrates the extraordinary impact of Minnesota Lions Clubs, from restoring sight and supporting youth to fighting hunger and strengthening our communities. Together, we'll shine a spotlight on the service, compassion, and leadership that define what it means to be a Lion. Beyond celebration, this gathering is also a time for advocacy. It's our opportunity to educate policymakers, elevate our voice, and champion the issues that affect our ability to serve effectively across the state. Below, you'll find a shared vision, our purpose, and the actionable steps we'll take together to make this year's event a meaningful success, one that reflects the heart of our motto: "We Serve."

When: Tuesday, March 24th

Time: 1:30 – 4:00

Vision and Objectives

The purpose of Lions Day at the Capitol is to:

1. Increase Public Awareness: Showcase the impact of Lions Clubs on local communities through our charitable programs and initiatives.
2. Advocate for Positive Change: Address tax policies that negatively affect our programs, ensuring we can continue supporting those in need effectively.
3. Strengthen Community Relationships: Foster partnerships between Lions Clubs and local governing representatives to amplify our reach and advocacy efforts.

Goals

1. Increase Public Awareness: Raise the visibility of the Lions' contributions and our challenges as a charitable organization.
2. Advocate for Change: Encourage legislative action to address tax policies that hinder our ability to deliver vital programs.
3. Strengthen Partnerships: Build relationships with local and state representatives to support long-term collaboration.

How Clubs Can Participate

To make "Lions Day at the Capitol" a success, we need the active participation of every Lions Club in Minnesota. Here's how your club can contribute:

1. Generate Enthusiasm:
  - Share the event details at club meetings.
  - Highlight the importance of our advocacy work in newsletters and emails.
  - Organize a pre-event discussion to brainstorm ideas for showcasing your club's work.
2. Set Attendance Goals:
  - Aim for 5 – 10 attendees per club to ensure strong representation.
  - Encourage members to invite friends, family, and community partners.
  - Those who've you helped in your community.

MARCH 24, 2026  
1:30 - 4:30 PM

## LIONS DAY AT THE CAPITOL



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**ENGAGE WITH LOCAL GOVERNING REPRESENTATIVES: SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES AND INVITE THEM TO ATTEND.**



Host: Maple  
Grove Lions

To sign-up click the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AF2DA3FCC34-60193134-2ndannual>

### 3. Engage with Local Governing Representatives:

- Pre-Schedule meetings with your local officials in advance to discuss key issues and invite them to attend.
- Prepare examples of your club's impact to share during these conversations.

Strategies for Success

- Promote the Event Locally: Work with your local media and share updates on social media platforms to build excitement.
- Collaborate Regionally: Coordinate with nearby clubs to organize shared transportation and messaging strategies.
- Highlight Impact Stories: Prepare materials, such as testimonials or statistics, demonstrating how Lions Clubs improve lives in your community.

Let's work together to make this initiative a resounding success. We appreciate your dedication to serving others and your enthusiasm for representing the Lions at this critical event.

Please follow this link to RSVP!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A4AF2DA3FCC34-60193134-2ndannual>



# Leadership



District Governor Elect Jason Kerfeld



1VDGE Ed Bolas



2VDGE Lori Mausolf



Jason Kerfeld has an active fan club celebrating his election as District Governor effective in mid 2026. He's known as the **CANDY MAN** - and it will be a **SWEET** convention in 2027!



PDG Jeff Swenson presides over the election of new leaders for 5M4.

# Remembrance



A touching Memorial Service was held on Friday evening. Lions who had passed away since the last convention were honored and remembered by friends and family.





## Speakers



ID Liz Crooke shared her message about the importance and benefits of our donations to LCIF with the convention goers.



PCC Glenn and PDG Lisa Kaufmann shared their message about growth in service with us on Saturday afternoon.



Lion Sue Krumrey and Lion Gary Stevens shared an emotional message about Childhood Cancer with us at Saturday's luncheon.



(Above) Tim Burley shared his message of the importance of helping veterans transition to civilian life after service. He also spoke candidly about helping veterans who were struggling with suicidal thoughts.

(Right) 2VDGE Lori Mausolf recruited her daughter to be a Lion - and she was sworn in by ID Liz Crooke.



## First Timers



DG Susan with our First Timer coordinators PDGs Bob and Sue Kulbeik and the 2026 "Roadmap to Success" winners. 1st Lion Pete Nelson, 2nd Lion Courtney Weispenfennig, and 3rd Place 5M4 Cabinet Secretary Rene Willhite. (Right) 1st Timers meet with PDG Sue. (Right) ID Liz and PDG Sue meet with our first time convention goers.





## Serving



Lion Bob was busy keeping the 'tech' working for everyone.



Thank you Villard and Cedar Mills Lions Club for serving at our convention.



Leader Dog in training, Hunnicutt, was a very good dog all weekend!



The Buffalo Lake Lions Club did a GREAT job of selling raffle tickets and volunteering all



Thank you to PCC Rob and Lion Jo Wiener for organizing our hunger project. 1100 snack packs were put together for our clubs to take and distribute where ever there is a need. There were also hundreds of Lego sets, games, and toys donated that will be delivered for children with cancer to our Children's Hospitals and the Ronald McDonald Houses.



## Peace Poster winners



1st Place winner Esmee Mead, Bird Island Lions Club



2nd Place winner Caden Wevley, Elbow Lake Lions Club



3rd Place winner Piper Boehme, Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Lions Club



# Learning



There were so many learning opportunities at the convention! Trustee's Ronald and Susan Honken demonstrated how our KidSight screening machine works, and Lion Barry Erdahl and PDG Bob Kulbeik, taught those in attendance how to use the hearing machine that is used throughout the MN Lions Hearing Foundation. The Speed Learning sessions were another hit! Each session was very well attended and informative, led by Lions who knew what they were talking about! Our Lions Foundations, causes and camps were well represented for all to check out!



## Fun & Fellowship





## Awards & Appreciation

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1. Lion Brad and DG Susan with our ID hosts, Lion Erin and PID Bruce Beck and ID Liz Crooke

2. PDG Bob Knutson accepting his International President's Award from IP AP Singh for his excellence in service to 5M4, for his inherent capacity for leadership and strength, and his ability to see a need and seize the opportunity.

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3. DGE Jason Kerfeld was honored with a Lions Leadership Award. His forethought and willingness to support all that is needed in 5M4 is a great quality and one that will serve us well next Lions year as he continues to move us forward!

4. Hall of Fame winner PDG Marty Athmann! So very deserving!! His Lions' spirit, heart for service, and leadership are part of his every day routine. We are honored that he is inducted into the Hall off Fame for 5M4!

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5. PDGs Bob and Sue Kulbeik accepting their Certificates of Appreciation for all they have done and continue to do for 5M4. They continue to be great leaders.

6. PCC Heinen accepting his Certificate of Appreciation for all he does for 5M4 - LCIF Chairperson, District Administrator, Technology, Protocol, MD Global Extension Leader, helps with officer training and is one that has an answer for any question! His knowledge and willingness to serve is outstanding!

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7. PCC Rob Wiener has been a constant leader, advisor, and friend through this journey. I appreciate you more than you know! - DG Susan

8. 2VDG Lori Mausolf achieved her 5M4 Heart of a Lion pin. She is a Zone Chair, has participated in many leadership opportunities, and has stepped up to be our DG in 2028/29



## Awards & Appreciation

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9. IPDG Jacque Heinen served us well last year, supporting our cclubs and meeting many goals for 5M4. Congratulations on an awesome 2024/25 Lions' year!

10. IPDG Jacque Heinen (Sauk Centre Lions) and PDG Kellie Knudson (Montevideo LEOS), accept their Kindness Matters Service Awards for 2024/2025.



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11. PDG Ron Branch and PCC Rob Wiener were honored by IPDG Jacque Heinen for the extensive efforts in starting a new club last year.

12. ID Liz Crooke, Lion Brad Krumrey, and DG Susan Krumrey.

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13. Alexandria, Ashby, Carlos, Clara City, New London, Raymond, Sauk Centre, and Wheaton Lions Clubs were honored by achieving the Club Excellence Award for 2024/25. Job well done!



Thank you to PCC Glenn and IPDG Lisa Kaufman, and CC Denise and 2VDGE Joe Laudenschach for participating and adding to the success of our convention. You are appreciated!



## NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM



March 20-21, 2026  
 Duluth, MN

Join us for a high-energy weekend dedicated to the **heart of Lionism**. Whether you're a new member or a seasoned leader, this forum is designed to help you **drive Mission 1.5** and elevate your club experience.

### REGISTER TODAY:

Scan the QR code for hotel information and registration.



ROAR LOUDER.  
 SERVE BETTER.  
 LEAD STRONGER

### WHY YOU SHOULD BE THERE?

1. Empower your leadership
2. Master the tools
3. Tell your story
4. Modernize your service

### BREAKOUT HIGHLIGHTS

Some of our breakout sessions will cover topics such as:

- Attracting new members
- Developing leaders within your club
- Portal training
- Lions Quest
- Engaging youth
- Influencing at every level
- Online storytelling

Fostering a positive club culture

### WHAT TO EXPECT

**FRIDAY NIGHT:** The Kickoff (6:00 PM – 10:00 PM)

Welcome Mixer & "Speed Fellowship" Icebreakers.

MD5M Pride Showcase & Music.

**SATURDAY:** The Educational Forum (8:00 AM – 4:30 PM)

**Morning Keynote Speaker: PID Bruce Beck** (Lions USA).

Interactive Breakout Sessions (Choose your own path!).

"Northern Pride in Action" Closing Challenge.

**Evening Keynote Speaker: PID Lee Vrieze** Insights (Mission 1.5).

Inspiring Growth Through Service & Leadership "Be part of the movement to make MD5M stronger than ever."



**Northern Pride  
Lions Forum**

March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Radisson Duluth  
Harborview



**2026 Registration Form**

Your District & Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle if

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten or Vegetarian

Lions Membership# \_\_\_\_\_

Circle if

Companion Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten or Vegetarian

Companion Lions# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$110.00 (US)**

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet, Seminars on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers

Checks payable to: Northern Pride Lions Forum

Mail to: Lion Dennis Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations: Duluth Radisson Harborview

800-333-3333 Group Northern Lions Forum

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IZ07S7>



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com) or 320-295-8327.

**Clubs should continue to promote the Golf Passports for Special Olympics...& that it is a 2 year fundraiser and there has been a couple clubs that have returned some of the unsold ones already. This is like stopping a baseball game after the 3rd inning!!!... just too early!!! we are just getting started!!! Keep up the great work!!!**

## More about the Golf

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>	<a href="http://albanygolfcourse.com">albanygolfcourse.com</a>	320-845-2505	
Alexandria Golf Club	2300 N. Nokomis NE, Alexandria	<a href="http://alexandriagolfclub.com">alexandriagolfclub.com</a>	320-763-3605	
Appleton Golf Club	331 E. Wyman Ave., Appleton	<a href="http://appletongolfcourse.com">appletongolfcourse.com</a>	320-289-2511	
Benson Golf Club	2222 Atlantic Ave., Benson	<a href="http://golfbenson.com">golfbenson.com</a>	320-842-7961	
Dawson Golf Course	1380 Walnut Street Dawson		320-769-2212	
Eagle Creek Golf Club	1000 26th Ave NE, Winnetka	<a href="http://eaglecreekgolf.com">eaglecreekgolf.com</a>	320-235-1166	
Geneva Golf Club	4181 Geneva Golf Club Drive, Alexandria	<a href="http://genevagolfclub.com">genevagolfclub.com</a>	320-762-7089	
Greystones Golf Club	10254 Greystones Drive, Sauk Centre	<a href="http://greystonema.com">greystonema.com</a>	320-351-4653	
Hardwood Hills Golf Course	8446 County Road 27 SW, Alexandria	<a href="http://hardwoodhillsgolf.com">hardwoodhillsgolf.com</a>	320-886-1400	
Hawk Creek Country Club	100 Spicer Ave N., Raymond	<a href="http://hawkcreekcc.com">hawkcreekcc.com</a>	320-967-4653	
Island Pine Golf Club	1601 Wyoming Ave. W., Abwater	<a href="http://islandpinegolf.com">islandpinegolf.com</a>	320-974-8600	
Little Crow Country Club	15880 Hwy 23 N., Spicer	<a href="http://littlecrowcc.com">littlecrowcc.com</a>	320-354-2296	
Lynx National Golf Course	40204 Princeton Lane, Sauk Centre	<a href="http://lynxnationalgolf.com">lynxnationalgolf.com</a>	320-352-0242	
Mayflower Golf Club	46321 Co. Rd. 39, Fairfax	<a href="http://mayflowergolfclub.com">mayflowergolfclub.com</a>	507-426-9964	
Meadowlark Country Club	837 Country Club Drive, Melrose	<a href="http://meadowlarkcc.com">meadowlarkcc.com</a>	320-256-4989	
Minnewaska Golf	22518 Dero Drive, Glenwood	<a href="http://minnewaskagolf.com">minnewaskagolf.com</a>	320-634-3680	
Nordic Trails Golf	4343 39th Ave NE, Alexandria	<a href="http://nordictrailsgolf.com">nordictrailsgolf.com</a>	320-762-5420	
Oakdale Golf Club	55106 Co Rd 38, Buffalo Lake	<a href="http://oakdalegolfclub.com">oakdalegolfclub.com</a>	320-587-0525	
Olivia Golf Club	5125 S. 1st Street, Olivia	<a href="http://oliviagolfclub.com">oliviagolfclub.com</a>	320-623-2313	
Osakis Country Club	30 16th Ave E., Osakis	<a href="http://osakisgolf.com">osakisgolf.com</a>	320-859-2140	
Pomme De Terre Golf Club	24660 State Hwy 9, Morris	<a href="http://pdgolfclub.com">pdgolfclub.com</a>	320-589-1009	
Stoney Creek Golf Course	21278 820th Ave., Remille	<a href="http://golfremille.com">golfremille.com</a>	320-775-4653	
Tipsinahounds Golf Course	25185 Golf Course Road, Ellow Lake <i>Mon-Wed play only</i>	<a href="http://tipsinahgolf.com">tipsinahgolf.com</a>	218-685-4271	
Valley Golf Course	1900 Becker Ave SE, Willmar	<a href="http://valleygolfwillmar.com">valleygolfwillmar.com</a>	320-235-6790	
Hook & Slice (patent/patrol)	2921 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria <i>Buy 1 hr., get 2nd hour FREE</i>	<a href="http://hookandslice.com">hookandslice.com</a>	320-391-5353	



## Lions Teeing it up to help Special Olympics!!

*Get your Golf Passport today!*

This Golf Passport will fund Family Night at the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games that will be held in Minnesota in June 2026 and other Lions charitable endeavors

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



**A GREAT SAVINGS FOR YOURSELF OR A PERFECT GIFT IDEA!**

Available from your Lions Club or selected participating golf courses

Bearer entitled to 9 FREE HOLES with the purchase of 9 holes, continuous play.  
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When Purchasing the passport, make checks payable to...Lions



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



# Kidsight Update

Happy 2026! We're excited to see how many clubs will screen children this year! Our 5M4Lions have screened more than 4,370 referring 424 since July. I'm still missing some data!

Thank you for stopping by the Kidsight table at the Mid-Winter convention. Hope you enjoyed the 'Lifesavers' - that's what you are when you screen and let parents know their child has an indicator of a possible issue-a life changer- a lifesaver!!!

Need to learn how to use the scanner? We're here to help and will have scanners at the convention.

Lion Ron and Lion Susan

**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](#)

[SOMN.ORG](http://SOMN.ORG)



SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
**USA GAMES**  
MINNESOTA 2026

**2026**  
Coming to  
**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.

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



Lion     Leo     Guest  
 Check if this is your 1<sup>st</sup> Multiple Convention

Lion     Leo     Guest  
 Check if this is your 1<sup>st</sup> Multiple Convention

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ 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



Contact Lion Carmen @ 320-212-7301  
 or any one from the Bird Island Lions  
 Club. Thank you!



### Bird Island Lions Club Raffle

Raffle Includes Cash Prizes of:

\$20  
per ticket

- \$5000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000,
- \$750, \$500, \$500, \$250, \$150, \$100,
- \$50, \$50, \$50, \$50, \$50,
- \$50, \$50, \$50, \$50, \$50

Sunday, March 1, 2026 • Drawing at 7:00pm  
 Drawing to be held at St. Mary's Church basement  
 220 S. 10th St. • Bird Island, MN

Sponsored by the Bird Island Lions Club, License #04616  
 (1,500 tickets - odds 1:75) NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN  
 MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKET  
 WINNER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TAXES DUE

NO

## BIRD ISLAND LIONS Sausage & Beef

### DINNER



Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026  
 Serving 4:00 till 7:00  
 St. Mary's Church Basement  
 Bird Island

Dine in or Take Out  
 Deliveries in Bird Island  
 Call Carmen @ 320-212-7301



## Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for Let's Grow, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

BONUS: All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

#### Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

#### Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact



January 6 - February 17  
 (Every Other Week)  
 8 pm EST / 7 pm CST  
 / 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

7s [membership@lionsusa.org](mailto:membership@lionsusa.org)



## 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](http://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](http://www.candocanines.org)



## 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!

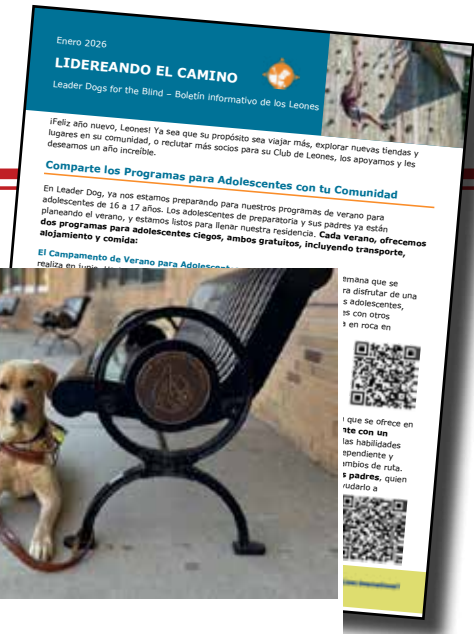
So talk to your fellow members or spouses and lets host some young, future Lions and make some friends from around the World!

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!



February 2026

# LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Newsletter



Each year, we set a fundraising goal for our partnership with Lions. Reaching this goal helps continue the Lions legacy of supporting vision through Leader Dogs for the Blind. We reached the midpoint of the fiscal year, and the months ahead are critical. Together, we have a real opportunity to accelerate toward our \$2.5 million goal.

**Can you help us reach our goal?** Giving options are on the [Ways to Give page of our website](#), which you can access with the QR code to the right. If you would like to make a personal gift, please include your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift as a Lions gift.



## Vision Activity for Convention Season

Convention season is here! Between February and May, the Lions team and a few Leader Dog clients will join you at dozens of Lions conventions across North America. Conventions are an important opportunity for Lions to gather, celebrate our impact in our communities, and educate each other on the causes we support.

We outlined an activity you may be interested in bringing to your convention or your club meeting. It allows participants to **experience first-hand the importance of vision for orientation in space**, and how quickly those with low vision can become disoriented without support like Leader Dog's Orientation & Mobility program.



Lion Christie Boyer of New Mexico serves as Leader Dog Chair in District 40, and she designed this activity for district leadership with great feedback. **Participants said, "It was fast, furious, and fun."** Get an activity guide for this activity and order blindfolds with the QR code to the right or on the [Lions Club Resources page of our website](#).





## *LCIF is making a difference for Special Olympics*

The USA Special Olympics that will be held in Minneapolis in June. This will be a huge event with Special Olympians from all over the United States. The Lions of MD5M (Minnesota, Manitoba and NW Ontario) plan on hosting family night for the Special Olympians. We plan on giving each athlete a BALL for ALL. These balls were first introduced after World War 1 for soldiers. The Ball for All is made with bells inside for people with low vision so they can hear them and are able to play soccer.

To do these things the MD5M Lions are raising \$350,000 for LCIF Special Olympics. That is why we suggest all clubs to donate to LCIF at the Parade of Green at the 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention Feb. 6-8th. Donations by individual Lions is important also, please consider one time donation or automatic withdrawal for a monthly donation.

“Roar for Cause” will be an LCIF event with an emphasis on the USA Special Olympics. You will be able to come and learn about the Special Olympics and how Lions are helping out. It will be held at Chanhassen Dinner Theater on February 28th. You can be a table sponsor for \$800 or individual tickets for \$65. Please let me know if you need more information.

***5M4 has raised \$18,926 toward its goal of \$47,616 for this year. Thank you for your continued support!***

Check for Special Olympics should be made out to LCIF-Special Olympics

Send LCIF donations to:

PCC Dennis Heinen

5M4 LCIF Coordinator

12069 Bluegill Dr.

Sauk Centre, MN 56378

320-491-3996 Heinende@centracare.com

LCIF MD5M Roar for a Cause is a charity event organized by the Lions Clubs of MD5M which is Minnesota, Manitoba & NW Ontario. This event is to support the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games held in Minneapolis.

People in attendance will get to learn about the impact Special Olympics has a positive impact for these athletes. Lions are a great supporter of Special Olympics in both nationally and locally. We sponsor Opening Eyes at Special Olympic events to provide vision screening. Learn more about what is happening at the 2026 USA Special Olympics.

How can Lions help?

Attend this event if you are able.

Donate a raffle item for this event!

Look at volunteering at the 2026 USA Special Olympic Games!

Keep supporting your local Special Olympics!

Donate to LCIF as a club and as an individual.

### **2026 EVENT DETAILS**

- Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026.

- Time: 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

- Location: Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, Chanhassen, MN.

LCIF Coordinator Dennis Heinen

heinende@centracare.com

## *USA Special Olympics 2026*

Lions of MD5M (Minnesota, Manitoba 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

# SAVE THE DATE

# ROAR for a CAUSE



Special Olympics & LCIF are partnering for the  
2026 Special Olympics USA Games in Minnesota

## Saturday February 28, 2026

Chanhassen Dinner Theatres  
501 W 78th St, Chanhassen, MN 55317



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



### Can Do Canines to Host Open House February 28

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, February 28, from noon to 2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our organization can join us to **learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.**

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five of the types of dogs Can Do Canines trains: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at [CanDoCanines.org](http://CanDoCanines.org).



*The Sauk River Champions Lions Club hosted a Holiday Dance and Supper for the area Special Olympic Athletes, other persons with disabilities and their friends and families*

*A visit by Santa, the Grinch and Cookie Monster added to the festivities*

*Good time was had by all!*



## HONG KONG 2026 108th Lions International Convention

Dear District Governors and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors of MD5M,

As we begin planning for the **2026 Lions International Convention in Hong Kong**, I wanted to share a quick update regarding **hotel accommodations** available for our Lions attending this exciting event.

Lions Clubs International has secured **multiple hotel options**, all of which can be viewed on the Lions International website under the *Convention* tab. Based on **feedback from past conventions**—highlighting the value of staying near fellow Lions for convenience, fellowship, and shared experiences—MD5M has identified two recommended hotels to help keep our members close in proximity.

The following hotels are both designated **Headquarters Hotels** and are ideal choices for Lions wishing to stay near one another:

- **Grand Hyatt Hong Kong**
- **Renaissance Harbour View Hotel**

You will find these hotels, along with *additional lodging options* and full registration details, on the **official convention page**:

📄 <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/international-convention>

We in MD5M are truly excited to **celebrate the conclusion of a wonderful Lions year**, while also **kicking off and honoring our new District Governor team**, who will officially take office at this international gathering. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable convention filled with service, celebration, and camaraderie.

Please feel free to share this information with your district members, and encourage early planning, as accommodations are expected to fill quickly.

Warm regards,  
Denise Marie Laudenbach  
Council Chair, MD5M  
Lions Clubs International

The Montevideo LEOs club completed their annual glasses recycling project and will be sending 80 hearing aids, 660 pairs of glasses, and 584 pairs of lenses to the Mid-Winter Conference in February. The Leo club collaborates with local optometrist offices, churches and nursing homes and assisted living facilities to collect throughout the year and then schedules a work day to sort, count and box the items.



## 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](http://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**

[9 101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448](mailto:bmguthrie9@myctl.net) [bmguthrie9@myctl.net](mailto:bmguthrie9@myctl.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”**



District 5M4 Service Calendar 25-26

February	★ Vision/Childhood Cancer	- Support a childhood cancer support group. - Organize a vision care event for children. - Fundraise for childhood cancer research.
March	★ Youth	- Plan a youth mentorship program. - Organize a career day at a local school. - Host a youth talent show.
April	★ Environment April 8-16, 2026 International Service Initiative	- Organize a tree planting event. - Conduct a community clean-up day. - Launch a recycling awareness campaign.
May	★ Hunger	- Continue food drive efforts. - Develop a community garden project. - Partner with local restaurants for food donations.
June	★ Humanitarian	- Focus on mental health initiatives. - Support the MN Lions Hearing & Voice Clinic. - Organize a childhood cancer awareness event.

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# 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HECTOR LIONS CORN CHAFF DAYS RAFFLE

July 11, 2026

\$20 ea. Min to 10

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



January **Hunger International Service Project** Complete – Now make sure you get it reported! EXCELLENT! And thank you for your service to your communities.

February **Vision/Childhood Cancer** – donate to Childhood Cancer at MidWinter Convention, bring your Games, Cards or Lego Sets. Missed the Convention consider a donation directly to the Foundation. Contact Lion Mer Athmann, District Childhood Cancer Representative, if you need more information.

March **Youth** recognize the youth in your community. Ask them to assist with a service project, or organize one and you assist them – teach them to lead.

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

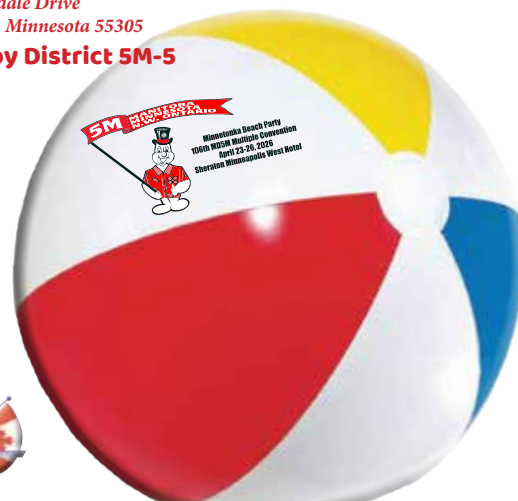
As Lions **WE SERVE!**

## 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

July 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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	Fri. 7-10	Sat. 7-11	Sat. 7-11	Sun. 7-12
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	1:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

Order tickets online: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>

## Hector Lion's Club

All You Can Eat  
Annual  
**Flapjack Festival**

Sunday February 15, 2026  
8:00 am-12:00pm  
Hector Community Center  
Freewill Donation




Flapjacks with fresh fruit toppings  
French toast, Sausage, Coffee, Milk or Juice

Proceeds to Support the BLHS School Safety Patrol Reward Day







**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/0430rLionsClub>
- 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.

## PARADE OF GREEN

2026 Parade of Green Recipients


*Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$18,635
*TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation	\$ 3,340
*MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	\$ 8,887
*MN Lions Diabetes Foundation	\$ 7,415
*MN Lions Hearing Foundation	\$ 6,965
*MN Lions Missions Foundation	\$ 1,565
*MN Lions Vision Foundation	\$ 9,215
*MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation	\$ 4,410
*5M4 Special Olympics	\$ 2,395
*5M4 Youth Outreach	\$ 1,915
*Camp Needlepoint	\$ 2,690
*Camp True Friends	\$ 2,040
*Confidence Learning Center	\$ 2,490
*Can Do Canines	\$ 5,185
*Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ 6,190
*Project New Hope	\$4,870

TOTAL \$88,207

Thank you for your donations!



**CELEBRATE**



**MILAN LIONS**

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

March 31, 2026

Tickets \$25.00

Contact --- Lion Tom Moe

## Spicer Sunrise Lions

Spicer Sunrise Lions grand prize winner Rollo Campe of Spicer (far right) received his check from past president Lion Bob Bliss (center) and treasurer Lion Todd Erickson (left)

## Spicer Winterfest Raffle winners

- \$1000 – Rollo Campe
- \$500 -Brooklyn Mueske
- \$200 Zorbaz gift card – Dale Sweep
- \$200 Teals gift card – Dale Sweep
- \$100 SuperStop card – Linda Fostervold
- \$100 Mels card – Deb Hoekstra
- \$100 O'Neils card – Denise Hoffbeck
- \$50 O'Neils card Tonya Uken

**Everyone is invited to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Milan Lions Club on Tuesday, March 31st! Reserve your meal tickets by March 20th – please send a check made out to Milan Lions Club to Lion Tom Moe, PO Box 188, Milan MN 56262. Location of the celebration will be at Kviteseid Lutheran Church, 308 N 3rd Street, Milan. Our guest speaker will be PIP Brian Sheehan. All are welcome!**



## Sauk Centre Pancake Breakfast fun!

# 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  
Lion Ron Honken -- ronaldhonken1940@gmail.com



## Can Do Canines

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



## Project New Hope

Chair: Lion Ron Buse -- ron.buse06@gctel.com  
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@rccbi.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
District Governor	DG	Susan Krumrey	320-295-8327	susanreuberkrumrey@outlook.com	Buffalo Lake
1st VDG	1VDG	Jason Kerfeld	320-429-0794	kerfeld@mainstreetcom.com	Sauk Centre
2nd VDG	2VDG	Ed Bolas	320-304-0117	edmary1973@gmail.com	Hoffman
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
Constitution & By-Laws	PDG	Kellie Knudson	320-226-4156	lionkellieknudson@gmail.com	Montevideo
District Administrator	PCC	Dennis Heinen	320-491-3996	heinende@centracare.com	Sauk Centre
Environment	PDG	Kathy Harwick	320-226-3651	kharwick@frontiernet.net	Appleton
GET	PDG	Bob Knutson	320-295-1757	lionbobbyk2017@gmail.com	Spicer Sunrise
GLT	PDG	Marty Athmann	320-579-1357	athmannmarty@hotmail.com	Bird Island
GMT	PCC	Rob Wiener	320-241-7100	5m4lionrob@gmail.com	Sauk Centre
GST	IPDG	Jacque Heinen	320-249-6536	lionheinen@gmail.com	Sauk Centre
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