

5M4 Newsletter



March already?!

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear - we have worked incredibly hard towards our annual goals, and it shows! Yet as we evaluate where we stand, we have a few key areas to strengthen so we can finish these final four months strong!

We have offered multiple officer trainings to equip you to serve your clubs well. Additional officer and leadership learning opportunities are available through the Lions Learning Center. Many members have taken advantage of this flexible "learn at home" model. If you would like assistance logging in or navigating the system, please reach out!

One area that needs our attention is the support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Currently, 13 of our clubs have not yet made a contribution this year. LCIF is the backbone of our global reach. It provides funding for local and global projects, supports disaster relief efforts, and offers matching grants that amplify our impact. Over the past few years, 5M4 has secured more than \$350,000 in grants and disaster relief funds – dollars that have directly strengthened our ability to serve our communities. That is a powerful return on a small investment. Please consider making a donation of any size at your next club meeting. Every contribution matters.

Service remains at the core of who we are! You are busy serving your communities, donating to those in need, planning projects, AND having fun! Now, we need you to report all you do! IPDG Jacque has been offering project ideas and assisting clubs with service reporting. Recording our service is critical – it creates visibility, visibility creates credibility, and credibility attracts new members and more philanthropic partners. It also strengthens our Foundation's position when seeking additional funding to support our projects and disaster relief efforts. Service is a circle, we serve, we report, others see our impact, and that inspires more service and more support. Don't let our good deeds go unnoticed! Please reach out to IPDG Jacque at lionheinen@gmail.com for support.

And speaking of energy and getting things done - March Madness is here! Our Multiple District 5M has launched a friendly membership competition as a continuation of Mission 1.5! This isn't just about growing numbers, this is about increasing our capacity to serve. It's about more hands in clubs. It's about being a part of a global organization and their effort – our effort - to serve ONE BILLION PEOPLE around the world! PCC Rob Wiener, our 5M4 District Membership Leader, and I have tailored this challenge specifically for our 5M4 Clubs. There are prizes and recognition available both individually and at the club level. Please see the flyer on page 6. I encourage you to consider creating a friendly challenge within your own club as well!

As we move toward the final months of my District Governor year, I will also be adding Lions Quest as a focused youth initiative for 5M4. Lions Quest is a comprehensive Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program that equips students with essential life skills such as self-awareness, emotional regulation, responsible decision-making, and interpersonal communication. With collaboration from our 5M4 LEO Advisor, PDG Bob Knutson, we will promote this programming and work to expand LEO club development within our district. We currently have three active LEO clubs, and those youth are on fire! They are planning and doing incredible work in their schools and communities. A LEO club provides Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity - helping young people grow into great future Lions! We are planning to promote these initiatives at upcoming community events, if you would like us to bring this information to your area, please let me know. Please continue to read this newsletter for more information on Lions Quest and LEO Clubs. If the development of either of these initiatives spark interest for your children, school, or community, I would love to connect with you.

Thank you so much for all you do for your communities and thank you for being a part of 5M4! Let's continue to RISE HIGHER!

DG Susan Krumrey 320-295-8327



DG Susan Krumrey
and Lion Brad Krumrey



March into Service - Roaring toward Spring with Pride, Purpose, & Possibility!

Fellow Lions of the mighty 5M4,

As the snow begins to loosen its grip and we start dreaming of sunshine and fairways, March is shaping up to be another exciting month for our incredible district!

One event you won't want to miss is the Northern Pride Forum, March 20–21 in Duluth. Think of it as our very own mini USA/Canada Forum — all the learning, fellowship, and inspiration, but closer to home. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow as Lions, share ideas, and celebrate the pride we have in serving our communities together.

Then, just a few days later, we'll have the honor of gathering for Lions Day at the Minnesota State Capitol on March 24. This is our chance to be visible, to be heard, and to show how Lions make a difference across Minnesota. The impact of our collective voice is powerful, and I hope to see many of you there.

On the personal side of my journey, the Mid-Winter Convention season has come to a close (what a fantastic run it was!). Now the calendar shifts to an exciting and meaningful stretch. March 12 will be spent touring our Lions foundations — a day I'm truly looking forward to as I continue learning more about the incredible work being done in our name. That will be followed by District Governor training on Friday the 13th... which doesn't sound scary at all, right? We'll wrap up the week with our Council of Governors meetings on Saturday. I am honored to represent our district in these settings, and I'm very aware that I have some big shoes to fill — but with the strength of 5M4 behind me, I know we will continue our proud legacy.

As we look ahead to the new Lions year beginning July 1, I have an important request. There are several cabinet positions that still need to be filled, The Hearing Foundation Position, along with 4 of our 8 Zone Chair roles. These are not just positions — they are opportunities for growth, leadership, fellowship, and FUN. If you've ever thought about taking the next step in your Lions journey, this is your moment. Please reach out to me — I would love to have you on the team for what promises to be a fun-filled and impactful year of service. The last cabinet meeting our cabinet approved the re-zoning of the zones in our district. Please note, in this month's newsletter to see if your club is listed in Zones 2, 4, 5, or 7 because those are the clubs I need someone to step forward to lead our zones in (Zone Chair).

And speaking of things we're all looking forward to — warmer weather! With spring around the corner, those Golf Passports will soon be in high demand again. Be sure to connect with PCC Dennis Heinen or with me if you or your club need more. It's a fantastic program and a great way to support our work while enjoying the season. Thank you, Lions, for your energy, your dedication, and your heart for service. Every meeting attended, every project completed, and every life touched is what makes 5M4 so special.

Let's keep the momentum going — the best is yet to come!

With Lion pride and gratitude,
District Governor-Elect Jason Kerfeld
Sauk Centre Lions Club

320-429-0794 kerfeld@mainstreetcom.com



*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>



Let's talk about LEOs!

Do you know youth in your household or school district that would thrive as part of a LEO Lions Club? LEO Clubs are designed for our young people starting at age 12 who want to make a difference while growing as leaders.

Leadership - Leos are encouraged to take on meaningful leadership roles and responsibilities within their club and community. They learn how to plan projects, work as a team, speak with confidence, and lead with integrity – developing lifetime skills that will benefit them in their personal and professional lives.

Experience – Through various hands-on service projects and activities, LEOs gain real-world experience that enriches their understanding of community service, collaboration, doing good for others, and teamwork. Through these experiences, they grow their ability to problem solve. They see firsthand how their efforts can positively impact others.

Opportunity – Being a part of a LEO Club gives our young people the opportunity to serve locally while connecting to a global network of service-minded peers. They build friendships, expand their perspectives, and become part of something so much bigger than themselves on a global level. One of the most powerful aspects of LEO Clubs is the mentorship with younger youth that naturally develops. Older LEOs guide and encourage younger members, modeling that they are a global force for good, creating a sustainable cycle of leadership and service within their communities. Today's LEOs become tomorrow's Lions - strengthening our clubs and our Lions mission "We Serve" for generations to come.

If this opportunity sparks interest for your child, a student, or your school district, we would love to visit with you about starting a LEO Club in your area!



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.

- MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Trustee
- MN Lions Hearing Foundation Trustee
 - Zone 2 Chair
 - Zone 4 Chair
 - Zone 5 Chair
 - Zone 7 Chair



Lions...
Give the Gift
of Service

Together,

District Governor Susan Krumrey | 320-295-8327

PDG Bob Knutson, LEO Advisor | 320-295-1757



Learn about Lions Quest

Lions Quest is a comprehensive Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program. It equips students with essential life skills such as self-awareness, emotional regulation, and interpersonal communication. Research shows that SEL programs like Lions Quest improve students' academic performance, behavior, and attitudes toward school. Implementing Lions Quest contributes to a positive and inclusive school environment where students feel safe, respected, and valued. The program fosters a sense of community and belonging, reducing incidents of bullying and promoting empathy and cooperation among students. Through their lessons, it equips students with critical skills needed for success in today's world, such as problem-solving, decision-making, and teamwork; lifelong skills that are highly crucial for students' personal and professional growth.

Lions Quest is an evidence-based program with a track record of success in improving student outcomes and reducing risky behaviors. Studies have shown that students who participate in Lions Quest are less likely to engage in substance abuse and other harmful activities. Social anxiety disorders typically start around age 13. Depression, OCD and PTSD are also anxiety disorders which can be led back to age 7. (ADAA) Everyone experiences stress and anxiety at one time or another. The difference between them is that stress is a response to a threat in a situation. Anxiety is a reaction to stress. Over the years, through studies, Lions Quest students demonstrated a 69% increase in resiliency and a 75% increase in social and personal development. Lions Quest is a vital tool to protect and strengthen our youth's mental health and well-being.

The program also provides teachers with professional development and resources, giving them additional tools to feel confident and equipped to address students' social and emotional needs. It also encourages collaboration between schools, families, and communities, creating a supportive network for students, and offers resources for families to reinforce SEL skills at home, strengthening the home-school connection.

Lions Quest aligns with national and state educational standards, supporting schools in meeting their academic and developmental objectives. The program complements existing curricula and can be seamlessly integrated into various social and well-being subjects, and grade levels.

5M4 has been awarded a Lions Quest Grant to promote this programing. If you are interested in an event in your area or have a connection within your school, we would love to hear from you.

District Governor Susan Krumrey
320-295-8327



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!





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



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.



CELEBRATE



MILAN LIONS

75TH ANNIVERSARY

March 31, 2026

Tickets \$25.00

Contact --- Lion Tom Moe

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!



Global Service Team

March 2026



Service Reporting by Zone CONGRATS ZONE 8! – Most Improved! Well done.

Zone 1:	6 of 9 Clubs Reporting	67%
Zone 2:	7 of 10 Clubs Reporting	70%
Zone 3:	4 of 5 Clubs Reporting	80%
Zone 4:	3 of 5 Clubs Reporting	60%
Zone 5:	5 of 6 Clubs Reporting	84%
Zone 6:	4 of 6 Clubs Reporting	67%
Zone 7:	5 of 5 Clubs Reporting	100%
Zone 8:	5 of 7 Clubs Reporting	72%
LEO's	2 of 3 Clubs Reporting	67%

LEO ADVISORS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RECORD YOUR LEO'S GREAT ACTIVITIES!

Hopefully we can all submit more of what we are doing in our clubs. Thank you for all you do and Thank you for reporting your service, planning for service via meetings and fund raising events so you can do what is in our hearts: to **SERVE OTHERS.**

Please reach out for ANY assistance you may need to:

- Lion Jacque Heinen lionheinen@gmail.com Service Chair OR
- Lion Dennis Heinen heinende@centracare.com District Administrator for portal access

GST District Goals:

1. Kindness Matters Award – Applications Due in July for previous year
2. Mid Winter Service Project – Packed 1100+ Food packs for Kids
3. Promote 3 International Weeks of Service
 - a. Oct 4-12 Mental Health
 - b. Jan 3-11 Hunger
 - c. Apr 8-16 Environment
4. DG Diabetic Kits Emergency Kit and Promote Awareness.
5. Increase Club Reporting
 - a. This year's Goal: 79% .. **Currently 71% We are getting there! THANK YOU!**



Global Service Team Newsletter March 2026

MARCH service focus is on youth if your club is looking for a new project. Plan a youth mentor program. Organize a career day at school. Host a youth talent show. Host Life Skills workshops, such as financial literacy & resume building.

APRIL 8-16 service focus is on environment THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE WEEK INITIATIVE (3rd and final week of worldwide service for club excellence). Recycle; any and every thing: plastic, aluminum, launch a recycling awareness campaign. Educate on hazardous waste: batteries, household paints/chemicals, computers. Weather permitting (always an optimist) some roadside or park cleanup can begin.

Planning further ahead **May** is for HUNGER and **June** is HUMANITARIAN.

Lion Jacque Heinen,
Service Chair
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lionheinen@gmail.com

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.***



LIONS MISSIONS FOUNDATION REPORT

2.14.2026

November 8-15, 2025 trip to Guatemala. It is the end of the rainy season and students will be out of school to help translate. Approximately 25 people will be traveling and the hope is to fit 2000 people with corrective eye glasses.

This trip was successful. More will be discussed at our annual meeting coming up at our Multiple Convention tentatively planned for some time on April 24th, 2026.

MN Lions Missions generously received \$1,365.00 from our Mid Winter Parade of Green.

Any questions on this foundation – please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

OOPS ACCIDENTLY OVERWROTE THE Oct 29 2025 CABINET MEETING COPY

JMH 2.14.26

Respectfully submitted,

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Hoffman Lions Club Donates Backpack Food to the Kensington-Hoffman Food Pantry Hoffman, MN –In a heartfelt act of service rooted in the Lions Mission of community support, the Hoffman Lions Club delivered a special donation this week to the Kensington-Hoffman Food Pantry for its backpack program, which provides weekend food support for local children. The donation included dozens of the backpack meals – assembled earlier this month at the Lions 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention. Lions from across the district joined together during the convention's hands on service project, creating nutritious easy to prepare meal kits designed to help students who face food insecurity when school is not in session

LCIF at the Midwinter Convention

Thanks for all who were able to make it to the Midwinter Convention. We had several LCIF activities at the convention. On Friday night Olympics everyone was able to play with the Ball for All. Lions were able to play a game with the ball blindfolded. It is not as easy as it seems and sheds a light on how difficult it is.

LCIF Speed learning discussed the many ways LCIF donations are being used in our district. We have used District Impact Grants for food packing, hygiene kits and school supplies. The Emergency Preparedness Grant for the 5M4 Lions Alert Food Trailer. A Hunger Grant for the Ashby Greenhouse and Matching Grant for inclusive playground in Buffalo Lake.

We did a fundraiser for the USA Special Olympics Games. We raised \$4,705 that evening and the total for Parade of Green was \$18,635! Thank you for all your donations as this will help the Special Olympians have a great experience when they come to Minnesota.

5M4 has raised \$27,768 toward its goal of \$47,616 for this year. Parade of Green is still to be entered.

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



ZONE MEETINGS

Zone 1 – March 5th, Osakis Pub at 6:30pm

Zone 2 – To Be Announced

Zone 3 – March 3rd, Captains Bar and Grill in Glenwood at 6:30pm

Zone 4 – March 2nd, Milan Legion Hall (south side meeting room) at 6:30pm

Zone 5 – March 23rd, Off Center Tavern & Grill in Clara City at 6pm

Zone 6 – March 25th, Bird Island Cultural Centre at 6:30pm

Zone 7 – To Be Announced

Zone 8 – To Be Announced

Zone meetings are a great opportunity for you to learn about what is happening on a District, Multiple District and Lions International level, as well as collaboration with your fellow neighbors. They are intended for ALL members of your club. Club leaders, please watch your email for announcements and reminders, and be sure to share with your membership!



Spicer Sunrise Lions honored the 2025 Peace Poster winners in the contest held at NLS last fall. Students ages 11-13 were challenged to create an artwork on the theme **Together as One**. First place winner was **Olivia Westby** with **Manny Contreras** placing second.

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 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

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

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	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>



Hey 5M4 Lions, Thank you, thank you for the donations to our Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation at the Parade of Green! Super awesome! Here's where you can learn more about what our researchers are learning:

17th Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update Saturday, March 7, 2026

**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn -
St Cloud MN
St. Cloud, MN 56301**

**11 a.m. Registration and
Social State/Sunwood Ballroom**

11:30 a.m. Lunch 100 4th Ave. S.

12:30 p.m. Program

**2:30 p.m. Meet n' Greet with
Scientists**

Lion Lori Schellberg, 5M4 trustee

NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM

**March 20-21, 2026
Duluth, MN**



**ROAR LOUDER.
SERVE BETTER.
LEAD STRONGER**

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.



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 20th & 21st, 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>



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 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	applebarn.gov/golfcourse	320-289-2511
Benson Golf Club	2222 Atlantic Ave., Benson	golferenb.com	320-842-7961
Dawson Golf Course	1380 Walnut Street Dawson		320-769-2212
Eagle Creek Golf Club	1000 26th Ave NE, Wymore	ecgolfclub.com	320-235-1166
Geneva Golf Club	4181 Geneva Golf Club Drive, Alexandria	genevagolfclub.com	320-762-7089
Greystones Golf Club	10553 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., Abwater	islandpinegolf.com	320-974-8600
Little Crow Country Club	15880 Hwy 23 N., Spicer	littlecrowcc.com	320-354-2296
Lynx National Golf Course	40204 Primrose 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	2518 Dero Drive, Glenwood	minnewaskagolf.com	320-634-3680
Nordic Trails Golf	4343 39th Ave NE, Alexandria	nordictrailsgolf.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 16th Ave E., Osakis	osakisgolf.com	320-859-2140
Pomme De Terre Golf Club	24660 State Hwy 9, Morris	pdgolfclub.com	320-589-1009
Stoney Creek Golf Course	21278 820th Ave., Remille	golfstoney.com	320-775-4653
Tipsinah Mounds Golf Course	25185 Golf Course Road, Ellow Lake <i>Mon-Wed play only</i>	tipsinahgolf.com	218-685-4271
Valley Golf Course	1900 Becker Ave SE, Willmar	valleygolfwillmar.com	320-235-6790
Hook & Slice (patronmaster)	2921 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria <i>Buy 1 hr., get 2nd hour FREE</i>	hookandslicema.com	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



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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



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

A huge thank you to all the clubs who donated to Kidsight through the Parade of Green at the Midwinter Convention. A total of \$4,410 was donated. Thank you notes have been written. We hope to soon share which clubs are able to order a Kidsight Award. It would be very helpful if checks or envelopes had each club's address. We also received some cash donations, but don't know who to thank.



Our foundation recently met via a Zoom meeting.

We are also grateful to those of you who participated in our mini training session.

Please remember to enter the child's birthdate or age before screening for more accurate results.

Your Kidsight Directors, 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](#)

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USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026
Coming to
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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 Balls





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

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 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



 **HONG KONG 2026**
108th Lions International Convention

Dear District Governors and 1st 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



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*



MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission to grow.



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!



March 2026

LEADING THE WAY

Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Newsletter



Future Leader Dog Winzer, Raised by Lions of Iowa

In January, Lion Ann Baughman and PDG Rick Baughman came to Michigan to return Future Leader Dog (FLD) Winzer to start his official guide dog training. FLD Winzer was born in September 2024 to Leader Dog Mom Ahyoka in a litter of 7. He spent his first few weeks with his mom, siblings, and an amazing host family. Four of his siblings are yellow, but FLD Winzer and two of his sisters are black Labrador retrievers. When he was very small, he wore a blue collar to distinguish himself.

In November 2024, FLD Winzer and his siblings moved to Leader Dog campus for 2 weeks of kindergarten. He got his first vaccines and a clean bill of health from the veterinary team. While he was on campus, he got to play with his siblings and a crew of volunteers. He had the time of his life while our volunteers helped him learn to explore new environments and experiences with confidence and curiosity.

Just a few weeks later, Lion Ann and PDG Rick came to Michigan to pick him up for a year of adventure in Iowa. Ann and Rick taught FLD Winzer good house manners, social skills, and important basic obedience. They also invited him into their world, taking him to Lions club meetings, restaurants, and community events.

After a little more than a year learning how to be a happy, healthy, service-minded dog from his Lions parents, FLD Winzer was ready for college. He and his siblings returned to campus for guide dog training. They are working with guide dog mobility instructors to level up their skills in preparation for the best job a dog can have. In their free time, they play with other dogs and volunteers. Sometimes, they even hang out with the Lions team to practice being in an office.

To learn more, go to LeaderDog.org and navigate to [Volunteer – Raise a Puppy](#).





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

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.





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@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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support a childhood cancer support group. - Organize a vision care event for children. - Fundraise for childhood cancer research.
March	★ Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organize a tree planting event. - Conduct a community clean-up day. - Launch a recycling awareness campaign.
May	★ Hunger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue food drive efforts. - Develop a community garden project. - Partner with local restaurants for food donations.
June	★ Humanitarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on mental health initiatives. - Support the MN Lions Hearing & Voice Clinic. - Organize a childhood cancer awareness event.

LIC. NO. X65009

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 2:00 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.

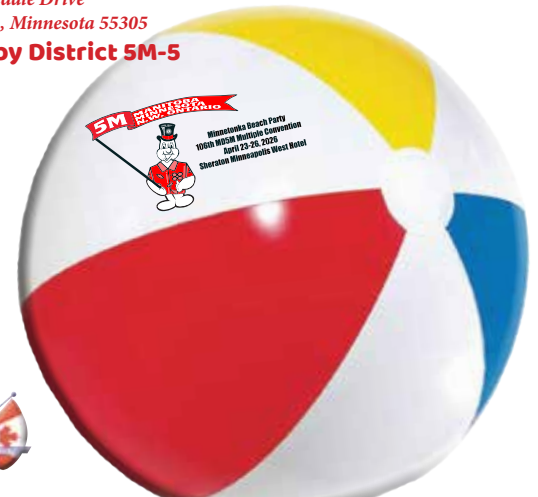
April **ENVIRONMENT OUR 3RD International Service Project**. Start planning your spring event. Conduct a cleanup day. Launch a recycle campaign.

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



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

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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

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
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LCIF Chairperson	PCC	Dennis Heinen	320-491-3996	heinende@centracare.com	Sauk Centre
Leader Dog for the Blind	Lion	Mary Bolas	320-815-0343	marybolas.mb@gmail.com	Hoffman
LEO Chairperson	PDG	Bob Knutson	320-295-1757	lionbobbyk2017@gmail.com	Spicer Sunrise
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MN Lions Diabetes Foundation	PDG	Ken Harwick	320-212-4393	kbearalive@live.com	Appleton
MN Lions Hearing Foundation	PDG	Bob Kulbeik	605-949-0136	kulbeik@hotmail.com	Elbow Lake
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