

5M4 Newsletter



Check out pages 4,5,6,7,8 for important Mid-Winter Convention information!



Happy New Year 5M4!

The start of a new year naturally invites reflection, goal setting (and evaluating), and looking forward. In this Lions Year, January also marks our halfway point – a perfect time to reflect on what we have accomplished so far, are our goals still in alignment, and to look at how we can finish the year strong as we head toward June. As your District Governor, I have been doing this same evaluation at the district level. Monthly, your Global Action Team (GAT) meets to evaluate where we are, and where we are headed. I am very proud of this team! They are all working hard to ensure your clubs feel supported, are successful, and are equipped with the tools you need to serve your communities! So far this year, LCIF has partnered with us on four different grants totaling \$227,700 coming into our district!! Just imagine the impact, the many lives we will serve and the pride that comes from showcasing the power of our Foundation!

Service is the reason we are here! Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Jacque has been doing outstanding work supporting clubs with service reporting and sharing ideas for meaningful projects. Secretaries, Service Chairs, or Club Administrators can report your clubs service in the portal – and it matters! Including our three LEO Clubs, 63% of our clubs have reported service so far this year! I love how the portal accumulates our collective impact; how many people we have served, funds donated, total hours volunteered. This is such an incredible tool for promoting our clubs and telling your story. Keep up the momentum and make sure your club is getting the credit it deserves!

Reflecting on the past six months, you would not believe all the emails, calls, and messages we've handled – questions answered, support given, and meaningful connections made. We are truly grateful that you are reaching out. It shows commitment to your club, your community, and that you are doing your best for all those in need. When I say "we are here for you" – I truly mean it! Your entire 5M4 cabinet shares the same motto – WE SERVE – and we are committed to helping your club thrive. Never hesitate to contact us!

"Just Ask" is a concept we have been emphasizing for some time. Consider these three questions...1)

What do you believe in? Is it a cause, a belief. 2)Why are you here? To serve, fellowship with others, to be a part of good within your community, it makes your heart happy, you saw something you have a passion for. 3)Who invited you to become a Lion? Someone once saw potential in you and invited you to be part of something bigger, to grow, lead, offer your compassion, and to have fun doing it. Reflect and put your answers together, craft your elevator speech and get ready to rumble! Share your passion, ask about theirs, and listen to what they want for their community. No matter their response, you can confidently respond, "Lions can do that!" Our mission starts right here in the communities of 5M4. Please, give someone else that same opportunity ~ Just Ask!

Of a district goal of 129 new members, we are currently at 43%, which means we have some makeup work to do in our second half. If growing your club hasn't been a priority yet, now is the time to put it on your agenda. Challenge members to bring a friend, and plan a service project before your meeting which fosters fellowship and fun! The district offers reimbursement funds for qualifying membership recruitment events. Plan a community service project, ask for information from our foundation leaders so you can showcase our global reach, and ask your GAT team for help. PCC Rob, our Global Membership Chair, is ready to help. Reach out and start planning. Let's pick up the pace and keep growing together!

Your Leadership Team has worked very hard to make officer training accessible for Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers; through in person events, offering zoom calls, and getting the word out about the Lions Learning Center. If you are a current serving officer, we strongly encourage you to complete the training. Even experienced leaders will benefit from staying current in their roles. The lessons in Learn take less than an hour to complete, yet only 21% of the 159 tracked positions have completed the training. If you have committed your time to your club and the position, please take time to Learn! If you need help accessing the portal, or finding the Learn link, please let us know. We are happy to assist you.

January also brings us to the Mid-Winter Convention!! PCC Dennis, IPDG Jacque, and I have been working very hard to create a weekend full of fellowship, learning, fun, and service. There is still time to register, and the Best Western Plus is holding our discounted room block until January 5th. Clubs have the opportunity to support the convention by advertising in our program booklet, donating to our silent auction, and selling those raffle tickets! Silent auction items can be picked up after the entertainment Saturday night or Sunday at brunch, and the raffle winners will be drawn Sunday (you do not need to be present to win). More details are available on the 5M4 website at ~ <https://www.e-district.org/sites/5m4/> , and within this newsletter.

It has been an honor to be welcomed to your club meetings this year. Our December winter weather delayed a few visits, but I am coming! I have eight clubs left to visit for the district, after which I will focus on supporting our GAT leaders and revisiting clubs that have requested additional assistance. We also have exciting work underway with potential new clubs in our district, so I will be supporting PDG Bob, and PDG's Sue and Bob with their extension outreach. I am also looking forward to helping support PCC Rob (GMT) with clubs that would like to have membership drives this spring. Let the planning begin! I look forward to a strong finish as we push toward our Mission 1.5 goal of serving one billion people worldwide. This starts in our own communities.

As we move into the second half of this Lions year, let's stay energized, connected, and focused on why we serve. Together, we have already made a powerful impact, yet there is so much more ahead. Thank you for your dedication, your compassion, and your commitment to making a difference in District 5M4. I am proud to serve alongside you, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together in the months ahead. Let's finish strong, because when Lions work together, we all Rise Higher!

May 2026 be filled with good health, prosperity, laughter, and countless blessings!

DG Susan Krumrey

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

Jottings from Jason



Happy New Year, Lions of 5M4!

I was so wrapped up with getting my shopping done, making sure I had the gifts wrapped, groceries purchased that I nearly forgot to prepare this article. I better get writing...

As we turn the calendar to a brand-new year, I want to wish each of you and your families a very Happy New Year! A new year brings fresh opportunities to serve, to lead, and to grow our impact across District 5M4. One of the best ways to start the 2026 Lions year off right is by inviting a new member to join our Lions family. Every new Lion brings new energy, new ideas, and a stronger ability to serve our communities. Let's make this the year we each ask at least one person to join us in service.

The new year also means we're quickly approaching one of our favorite times—the Mid-Winter Convention in Willmar, February 6–8. This event is always a highlight of the Lions year, giving us the chance to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, share ideas, and celebrate the great work happening throughout our district. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time—sign up today! You won't want to miss the learning, fellowship, and fun.

Mid-Winter Convention season is also special because we can finally say, with confidence, that winter is half over! And of course, it means we're getting closer to that much-anticipated Lions tradition—Pancake Day in Sauk Centre on February 1st. Warm pancakes, French toast, sausage, great fellowship, and community service all rolled into one fantastic event. What better way to kick off the year?

Here's to a year filled with service, growth, and Lions pride. I look forward to seeing you in Willmar and serving alongside you in 2026!

First Vice District Governor Jason Kerfeld

Sauk Centre Lions Club

320-429-0794

kerfeld@mainstreetcom.com



Lion Jason Kerfeld,
IVDG District 5M4

Meet Ed Bolas, 2nd VDG

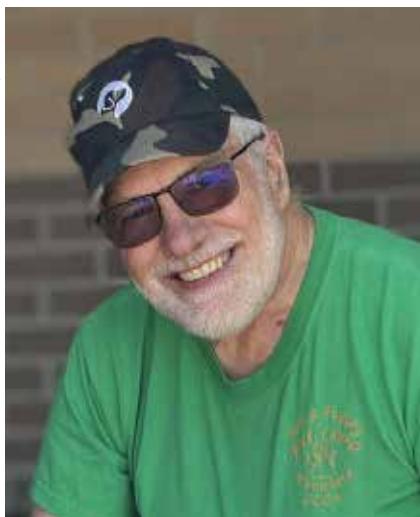
I have been an active and dedicated member of the Hoffman Lions Club, serving in a variety of leadership roles rooted in service and community commitment.

I began my Lions leadership journey as First VP in July 2021, followed by Hoffman Lions President in July 2022.

In July 2024, I accepted the role of Hoffman Club Administrator, while also serving as 5M4 Zone 2 Chair, supporting clubs through collaboration and encouragement. Continuing my commitment to Lions leadership beyond the local level, I accepted the position of 5M4 Second VDG in October 2025.

I believe that strong communities are built through Teamwork, compassion, and a shared desire to serve. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside fellow Lions and am committed to the Lions mission of making a difference, one act of service at a time.

I am a retired accountant having worked for a local manufacturer for 30 years. Mary and I have been married 52 years. We have two children and three grandkids. We enjoy raising puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind, occasional travel, and volunteering.



The tradition continues!

**SAUK CENTRE LIONS
65th ANNUAL BENEFIT
PANCAKE
DAY**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

~ Serving ~

PANCAKES ~ FRENCH TOAST WITH BUTTER & SYRUP
GOOD COUNTRY-STYLE SAUSAGE
POTATOES ~ APPLE SAUCE
CHOICE OF BEVERAGE

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT BREAKFAST!

Advance tickets: Adults - \$10.00
At the door: Adults - \$12.00
Children Under 10 - \$7.00
Children 2 & Under FREE

TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE

Sauk Centre High School Cafeteria
ALL THE DELICIOUS FOOD YOU CAN EAT!
Buy Your Ticket Today from Any Lions Member or at
MN National Bank, Pine Country Bank,
Magnifi Financial (Sauk Centre), Schaefer's Market, Coborn's,
Abel Chiropractic & Purple Parlor
Tickets will also be available at the door
Proceeds go for ~
◆ Fairy Lake Park ◆ Outdoor Skating Rinks ◆ Dollars for Scholars
◆ Vision, Hearing and Diabetes Programs ◆ Many other Lions Activities



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 helped in your community.
3. Engage with Local Governing Representatives:

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

LIONS DAY AT THE CAPITAL



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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.

To sign-up click the link below.

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

- 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>



2026 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention

Feb 6, 7, & 8 2026

Willmar MN Conference Center



Soaring to New Heights

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Final REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ Title: PID PCC CC PDG DG 1VDG 2VDG

(please circle all that apply) Lion LEO guest First Timer

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club Name _____

Final Registrations accepted until Jan 16, 2025

Full Registration Book - includes all convention meals. Effective 12/20/25

Lions and Guests: \$ _____ \$125.00

First Timers (5M4 lions only): \$ _____ \$60.00

LEO's: \$ _____ \$60.00

If purchasing individual Meals:

Sat am \$20 _____ Sat noon \$35 _____ Sat banquet \$50 _____ Sun am \$30 _____

Make checks payable to: District 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention

Mail Registration Form AND check to: Lion Jacque Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr, Sauk Centre MN 56378

SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS: GF Vegan Dairy Other _____

[Hotel Information](#) Willmar Holiday Inn and Best Western. Rooms starting @ \$129.99

Please call direct at 320.235.6060 and ask to book with the Lions Club for Feb 6-8, 2026

Or at the link

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24139.html?groupId=7X5JA1I5

HOTEL ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES: **1-5-2026**





5M4 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

FEB. 6-8 WILLMAR CONVENTION CENTER

The 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention is a unique opportunity to learn how to improve your Lions Club. Learn about what Lions do to improve our communities and new service ideas you can implement in your community.

SEMINARS

Mental Health
Childhood Cancer
Veterans Health
The Kaufmann's
International Director Liz Crooke

Speed Learning Topics

Fun at Club Meetings, New Service Ideas, Growing Your Club, New Fundraising Ideas, Thanking your Members, Stepping Up in Leadership, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Being a Club President

Trainings

Lions KidSight Vision Screening
MN Lions Hearing Foundation Hearing Screening

Come and honor Lions at the Memorial Service Friday Evening

Friday Night Lions Olympics - we are looking for clubs and zones to come up with a Lions Olympics games, Contact PCC Dennis Heinen at heinende@centracare.com if you are interested or have questions.

Saturday Night Banquet and Dueling Pianos!

Don't forget to sell your convention raffle tickets and clubs should bring a raffle item.

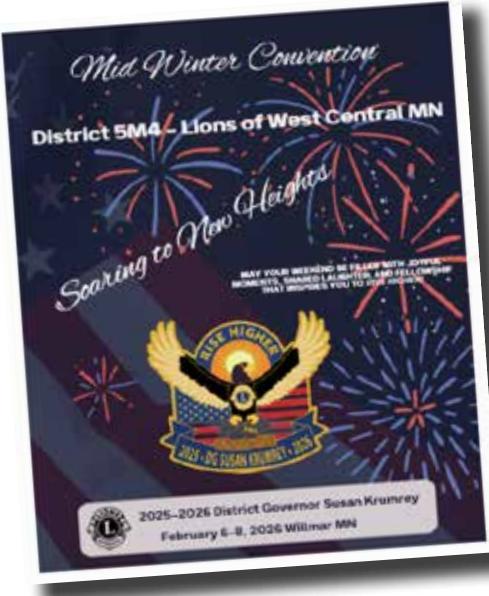
Donations for Childhood Cancer: bring card games and Legos for children hospitalized

Registration ends January 16th
Lions Hotel Block closes January 5th

Don't miss the fun!



CONVENTION INFO



2026 Mid-Winter Convention Schedule

(Tentative ~ Subject To Change)

Friday

3 – 7pm	Registration and Credentials	Atrium
3 – 11pm	Collection of Childhood Cancer Service Project Items Collection of Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids	Atrium
3-11pm	Silent Auction	Gallery 1-4
3-11pm	Parade of Green	Gallery 1-4
3-11pm	Foundations/Lions Informational Table Displays	Gallery 1-4
4:30 – 5pm	PDG Meeting	Gallery 5-6
5-7pm	Cabinet Meeting/Supper	Gallery 5-6
7:30 – 8:30pm	Service of Remembrance	Gallery 7
8:30 – 9pm	Roadmap To Success (First Timers Orientation)	Boardroom
8:30 – 11pm	Lions Olympics and Evening Social	Gallery 1-4

**Gallery 1-4 and Registration will be closed during the Service of Remembrance

Saturday

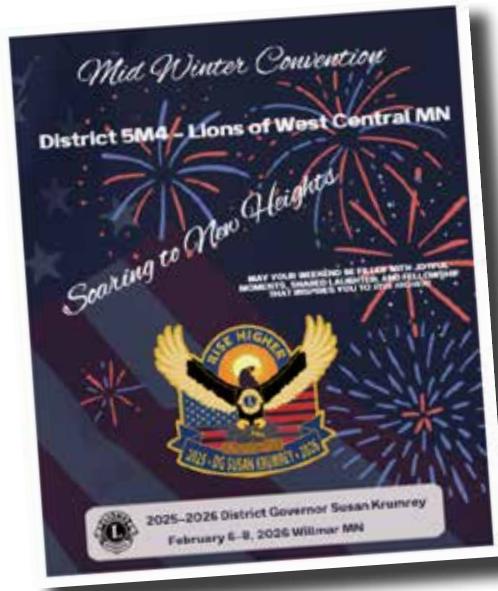
7:30 – 8:30am	Continental Breakfast Buffet	Gallery 5-7
7am – 12n	Registration* and Credentials	Atrium
8:30 – 10:30am	Annual Business Meeting	Gallery 5-7

**Gallery 1-4 and Registration will be closed during the Annual Business Meeting

**After this time, registrations can be picked up in the Atrium

10:30 – 11:30am	SEMINAR Speed Learning	Gallery 1-4
10:30am	Foundations - Silent Auction – Parade of Green	Gallery 1-4
12n – 1:45pm	Noon Luncheon Masonic Children's Hospital/Childhood Cancer Presentation of Peace Poster Winners 50/50 Raffle to support MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	Gallery 5-7
2 – 2:50pm	SEMINAR Anne Broderius ~ Mental Health Self-care for both men and women	Gallery 5-7
3 – 3:50pm	SEMINAR Glenn & Lisa Show	Gallery 5-7
4 – 4:30pm	KidSight Vision Screening Training	Chamber West
4 - 4:30pm	Hearing Screening Training	Chamber East
4 – 5:00pm	Service Project Kids Snack Pack Project	Atrium

CONVENTION INFO



6pm

District Governor's Banquet / Cash Bar
 Guest Speaker: International Director Liz Crooke,
 Envelopes offered for personal LCIF donations

9 – 10pm (last chance!)

Silent Auction – Parade of Green

8:30 – 10:30pm

FUN PIANOS –Dueling Piano Entertainment

9:30pm

First Timers – Turn in your roadmaps to PDG Su

10:30 – 11:30pm

Pick up your Silent Auction items!!

Sunday

8:00am

Church Service

8:30am

Breakfast Buffet Opens

9 – 11am

Sunday Speaker - Tim Burley ~ Mental Health
 Convention Wrap-up/Parade of Green
 50/50 Raffle to support Project New Hope

All clubs are encouraged to participate. Can be as easy as a donation to a local food shelf. A hunger drive or working in a soup kitchen. This will meet a **club excellence** requirement once reported. Whatever your community needs are! We Serve!

Service Reminder



Let's Plan Ahead:

FEB: Vision/Childhood Cancer

Easy bring a LEGO set or small game or cards to the MidWinter Convention - all items will be sent to Children in the Hospital with Cancer

March: Youth

Make your plans now to assist/involve your area youth. Vision Screening??

CONVENTION INFO



Attention all clubs - please send in the names of those who have passed away in the last year so they can be remembered at the Mid-Winter Memorial Service

Let's think mid-winter. That means it is time for all clubs to send their memorial information. What I need is the name of the Lion and a picture for the picture frame. (an obituary would be great). The dead line for this is January 15th. Thank you I will update next month again.

Pcc Rob Wiener

5m4lionrob@gmail.com

320-241-7100

832 Ash Street S.

Sauk Centre MN. 56378

Thank you to these clubs who have submitted their members who passed away this last year. Thank you!*

Ashby

Bird Island

Danube

Morris

Renville

Sauk Centre

** As of Dec. 19, 2025*

If your club has lost a member, please send the information to Rob by January 15 so they can be remembered at the Memorial Service on Friday evening at the convention.

The Parade of Green

The Parade of Green is a wonderful opportunity for clubs and individuals (yes, donations can be given by all!) to contribute to the causes and foundations supported by District 5M4! These organizations rely on this annual support to continue their vital work serving those in need. Last year, thanks to your generosity, We Served our Parade of Green with an incredible amount of \$76,229.84 (surpassing our 2024 amount)! Your generous donation of any amount makes a difference and is deeply appreciated!!

Checks can be brought to the Mid-Winter Convention in Willmar (February 6-8th), or by sending to IPDG Jacque Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.

Thank you for sharing your donations with us! Your giving is a blessing, so we can be a blessing and make a lasting impact to others!

2026 Parade of Green Recipients

- *Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- *TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation
- *MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
- *MN Lions Diabetes Foundation
- *MN Lions Hearing Foundation
- *MN Lions Missions Foundation
- *MN Lions Vision Foundation
- *MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation
- *5M4 Special Olympics
- *5M4 Youth Outreach
- *Camp Needlepoint
- *Camp True Friends
- *Confidence Learning Center
- *Can Do Canines
- *Leader Dogs for the Blind
- *Project New Hope



Dive In! Register Now for the 2026 MD5M Convention – Minnetonka Beach Party!

Dear Lions Club Members,

Get ready to make waves — 5M5 is thrilled to welcome you to the 2026 Multiple District 5M Convention!

Join us April 24–26, 2026 at the Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel in Minnetonka for a weekend full of fellowship, fun, and Lions spirit!

This year's theme is "Minnetonka Beach Party" — so pack your best Hawaiian shirt, throw on your flip-flops, and get ready to celebrate Lions Service in true beach style. Whether you come for the camaraderie, the inspiring speakers, or the sunny surprises, this convention will be one to remember!

You won't want to miss:

- Friday Night Beach Party — music, laughter, and tropical vibes.
- Motivating speakers and inspirational seminars to strengthen your club and service impact.
- Hands-on Service Projects — join fellow Lions in making a difference together.
- International Guest: We're honored to welcome Lions International President A.P. Singh to Minnesota!

HOTEL & REGISTRATION:

- Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, Minnetonka, MN
- \$135 per night (220 rooms available — reserve your room now!)
- Convention Registration:
 (All 2026 MD5M Convention information can also be found on the Multiple District website or by using this link — <https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>)

This is your chance to connect, learn, and celebrate the power of service — Lions style! Let's make the 2026 MD5M Convention unforgettable. So, grab your shades, your Lions pin, and your beach spirit — we'll see you at the Beach Party in Minnetonka!

*In friendship and service,
 2026 MD5M Convention Host Committee, District 5M5*



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**



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.

February 6, 2026 – Best Western Conference Center / Mid-Winter Convention, Willmar, Time/TBD

May 6, 2026 – Alexandria, Place and Time TBD

Please RSVP to DG Susan if you plan to attend.

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

OPEN CABINET POSITIONS

- LEO Advisor • Zone 3 Chair (Benson, Garfield, Glenwood, Hancock, Lowry, Morris)
Contact DG Susan Krumrey for more information

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!!

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.

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	MAP
Albany Golf Club	500 Church Ave., Albany Monday play only	albanygolfcourse.com	320-845-2505	
Alexandria Golf Club	2300 N. Nokomis NE, Alexandria	alexandriagolfclub.com	320-763-3805	
Appleton Golf Club	331 E. Wyman Ave., Appleton	appletonmgolfcourse.com	320-289-2511	
Benson Golf Club	2222 Atlantic Ave., Benson	bensonlions.com	320-342-7901	
Dawson Golf Course	1380 Walnut Street Dawson		320-769-2212	
Eagle Creek Golf Club	1000 25th Ave NE, Willmar	eaglecreekgolf.com	320-235-1166	
Geneva Golf Club	4101 Geneva Golf Club Dr., Geneva	genevagolfclub.com	320-762-7089	
Greystone Golf Club	105-3rd Avenue Drive, Sauk Centre	greystonemn.com	320-351-4653	
Hardwood Hills Golf Course	8400 County Road 27 SW, Alexandria	hardwoodhillsgolf.com	320-886-1400	
Hawk Creek Country Club	100 Spicer Ave N., Raymond	hawkcreekcc.com	320-967-4853	
Island Pine Golf Club	1601 Wyoming Ave. W., Atwater	islandpinegolf.com	320-974-8600	
Little Crow Country Club	15800 Hwy 23 N., Spicer	littlecrownresort.com	320-354-2296	
Lynx National Golf Course	4020 Princeps Lane, Sauk Centre	lynxnationalgolf.com	320-352-0242	
Mayflower Golf Club	46321 Ce. Rd. 39, Fairfax	mayflowergolfclub.com	507-426-9964	
Meadowlark Country Club	837 Country Club Drive, Melrose	meadowlarkcountryclub.com	320-250-4989	
Minnepawka Golf	23518 Dero Drive, Glenwood	minnepawka.com	320-634-3650	
Nordic Trails Golf	4343 39th Ave NE, Alexandria	nordictrailsgolf.com	320-762-5420	
Oakdale Golf Club	55100 Ce. Rd 38, Saukville Lake	oakdalegolfclub.com	320-587-0525	
Olivia Golf Club	5129 3rd Street, Olivia	oliviahgolfclub.com	320-523-2313	
Oskaloosa Country Club	50 10th Ave E., Oskaloosa	oskalosiacountryclub.com	320-859-2140	
Pomme De Terre Golf Club	24,860 State Hwy 9, Morris	pdtgolfclub.com	320-589-1009	
Stoney Creek Golf Course	21278 820th Ave., Remmille	golfremmille.com	320-779-4653	
Tipishah Mounds Golf Course	15185 Golf Course Road, Elbow Lake Mn-Walt play only	tipishahgolf.com	218-685-4271	
Valley Golf Course	1900 Becker Ave SE, Willmar	valleygolfwillmar.com	320-235-6790	
Hook & Slice (dom simulator)	2921 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria Buy 1 hr., get 2nd hour FREE	hookandslicecmn.com	320-391-5353	

More about the Golf



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



**\$50
25 Courses
TAX DEDUCTIBLE**
This card expires October 1, 2026.

A GREAT SAVINGS FOR YOURSELF OR A PERFECT GIFT IDEA!

Available from your Lions Club or selected participating golf courses

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When Purchasing the passport, make checks payable to...Lions



Global Service Team

December 2025

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

Zone 1:	5 of 9 Clubs Reporting	56%
Zone 2:	7 of 10 Clubs Reporting	70% up 30%
Zone 3:	4 of 5 Clubs Reporting	80%
Zone 4:	3 of 5 Clubs Reporting	60%
Zone 5:	5 of 6 Clubs Reporting	84% up 17%
Zone 6:	4 of 6 Clubs Reporting	67% up 17%
Zone 7:	4 of 5 Clubs Reporting	80% up 20%
Zone 8:	3 of 7 Clubs Reporting	43% up 43%
LEO's:	0 of 3 Clubs Reporting	0

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

GST District Goals:

1. Kindness Matters Award
2. Mid Winter Service Project
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 65% up from 45% AWESOME! We are getting there!

THANK YOU!

Lion Jacque Heinen, Service Chair

320.249.6536

lionheinen@gmail.com

It is with great sorrow that I pass along the news that PDG Bob and his close friend Lion Jan were in a car accident today, and Lion Jan was killed. PDG Bob is in the Paynesville hospital with a cracked sternum and broken rib. Please keep him, their families, and the Spicer Sunrise Lions Club in your prayers.

Psalm 34:18 – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

*Peace and comfort to all,
 Submitted by Susan Krumrey*



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
 USA GAMES
 MINNESOTA 2026



Multiple District 5M
 proudly announces...



2026 Coming to MINNESOTA JUNE 20-26

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

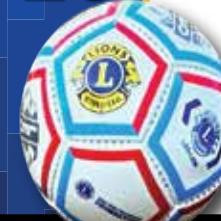
Family Night!

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.

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:

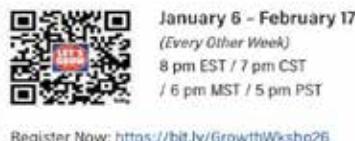
- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact

January 6 – February 17

(Every Other Week)

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST
 / 6 pm MST / 5 pm PSTRegister Now: <https://bitly/GrowthWkshp26>

?s membership@lionsusa.org





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



Lion Leo Guest

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Lion Leo Guest

Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

City: _____

Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____

Prov/State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Title: _____ District: _____

Club: _____

Club: _____

Full Hospitality Book:

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

Cost January 1, 2026 thru
 March 31, 2026
 \$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:

\$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

\$20
per ticket

NO
1



Morris Lions volunteers did vision and hearing screening with children at MACA school on December 8 and 9. We used 2 Kidsight cameras and 2 hearing devices along with a couple hearing from school. Went well.

BIRD ISLAND LIONS Sausage & Beef DINNER



Sunday March 1st 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

SPICER SUNRISE LIONS CLUB

2026 SpICEr WinterFest Raffle

FIRST PRIZE
\$1000 Cash

2nd Prize: \$500 Cash

Other Prizes:

\$5.00 per ticket

- Need not be present to win.
- No other purchase necessary.
- Must be 18 years or older.
- Permit # X-32170
- Sponsored by Spicer Sunrise Lions Club

Drawing to be conducted January 31, 2026!

Tickets available from any Lions Member or at a participating business location. Call 320-212-5600 for more information.

Only 1500 Tickets Printed!



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: _____

15. 5M4 Newsletter

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

JANUARY 2026

January 2026

LEADING THE WAY



Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lions Newsletter



Happy new year, Lions! Whether your resolution is to travel more, explore new shops and stops in your community, or recruit more members for your Lions Club, we support you and wish you an amazing year.

Share Teen Programs With Your Community

At Leader Dog, we're already preparing for our summer programs for teens aged 16-17. High school-aged teens and their parents are beginning to plan for the summer, and we are ready to fill our halls. **Each summer, we offer two programs for teenagers who are blind, both free of charge including travel, room and board:**

Teen Summer Camp is a 1-week program in June. Up to 24 teenagers from across North America will come together for a **week of fun, leadership development, and community**. For many teens, our summer camp is their first opportunity to build friendships with other teenagers who are blind. While at Leader Dog, they will rock-climb at our local Lions Bear Lake Camp, practice safe night travel, enjoy bonfires, and even practice archery.

Applications for Teen Summer Camp are open now and will be accepted until April 3, 2026. Visit LeaderDog.org and click 'Client Programs' to learn more and apply.



Teen Orientation & Mobility is a 1-week program offered in three sessions over the summer. **Teens will work one-on-one with a certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS)** to learn the skills they need to map out walking routes in their community, independently cross the street, and thoughtfully problem-solve when they come across obstacles or route changes. **Each teen brings a support person, usually a parent, who spends the week learning how to best support their teen** and how to help them advocate for themselves as they grow into independent young adults.

Applications for Teen Orientation & Mobility are open now. Visit LeaderDog.org and click 'Client Programs' to learn more and apply.



Lion Mike: From Leader Dog Employee to President's Award



After twelve years as an employee in Leader Dog's philanthropy department, Lion Mike retired. Soon after, he realized just how much he missed being on the Leader Dog campus. So, what did he do? Signed up to volunteer, of course!

In December, **Lion Melissa Weiss, President & CEO, recognized Lion Mike with the Leader Dog President's Award**. This award is given to one Lion each year in recognition of acts of service supporting the cause of Vision with Leader Dog.

Mike, an active Lions Club member, now serves in our client services department, fielding phone calls from prospective and current clients. He helps with frequently asked questions, applications and other logistics questions or concerns. He also supports Lions events on campus, including Lions Tour Experiences and Summer Visits.



"There is a common thread that runs through everyone who volunteers or donates to Leader Dog. It is an undeniable passion to empower people who are blind or visually impaired to travel safely and independently. If you share this passion, I encourage you to volunteer, donate or, better yet, do both."

– Lion Mike Dengate

A Fact & A Quote

Fact | In 2025, Leader Dog launched the Alumni Board. This powerful initiative builds a dynamic and inclusive client community by fostering meaningful connections among Leader Dog graduates. The Alumni Board ensures that the client's voice and perspective are actively represented.

Quote | "We are doing our work for the clients. If it wasn't for the clients, Leader Dog wouldn't be here. So being able to listen, collaborate and learn from each other, that's the



Leader Dog updates also available in Spanish!

Enero 2026

LIDERANDO EL CAMINO

Leader Dogs for the Blind – Boletín informativo de los Leones

¡Feliz año nuevo, Leones! Ya sea que su propósito sea viajar más, explorar nuevas tiendas y lugares en su comunidad, o reclutar más socios para su Club de Leones, los apoyamos y les deseamos un año increíble.

Comparte los Programas para Adolescentes con tu Comunidad

En Leader Dog, ya nos estamos preparando para nuestros programas de verano para adolescentes de 16 a 17 años. Los adolescentes de preparatoria y sus padres ya están planeando el verano y estamos listos para llenar nuestra residencia. Cada verano, ofrecemos dos programas para adolescentes ciegos, ambos gratuitos, incluyendo transporte, alojamiento y comidas.

El Campamento de Verano para Adolescentes es un programa de una semana que se realiza en junio. Hasta 24 adolescentes de toda Norteamérica se reúnen para disfrutar de una semana de **diversión, desarrollo de liderazgo y comunidad**. Para muchos adolescentes, este campamento de verano es la oportunidad de forjar amistades con otros adolescentes ciegos. Durante su estancia en Leader Dog, practicarán escalada en roca en nuestro campamento local Lions Bear Lake Camp, practicarán escalada en roca en nocturnos seguros, distribuirán de fogatas e incluso practicarán tiro con arco.

Las solicitudes para el campamento de verano para adolescentes ya están abiertas y se aceptarán hasta el 3 de abril de 2026. Visite LeaderDog.org y haga clic en "Programas para Clientes" para obtener más información y presentar su solicitud.

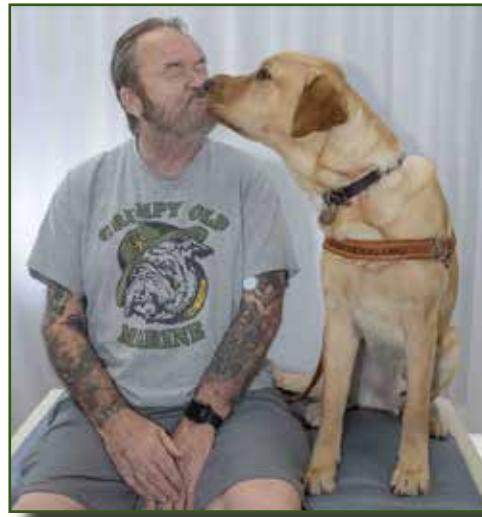
Orientación y Movilidad para Adolescentes es un programa de una semana que se ofrece en tres sesiones durante el verano. Los adolescentes trabajan **individualmente** con un **especialista certificado en orientación y movilidad (COMS)** para aprender las habilidades necesarias para tránsitos seguros en su comunidad, cruzar la calle de forma independiente y resolver problemas de forma reflexiva cuando se encuentren con obstáculos o cambios de ruta. **Cada adolescente trae a una persona de apoyo, generalmente uno sus padres**, quien defiende a medida que se convierte en un joven adulto independiente.

Las solicitudes para Orientación y Movilidad para Adolescentes ya están abiertas. Visite LeaderDog.org y haga clic en "Programas para Clientes" para obtener más información y solicitar su lugar.

LeaderDog.org | LionsSupport@leaderdog.org

(5M4 Leader Dog featured in 'Giving Tuesday' Facebook promotion)



Mary Bolas reported:
This is one of our puppies, I would recognize him anywhere! This is why we are puppy raisers, changing lives with one dog at a time. All donations matter.



The Danube Lions sponsored an evening of activities and pictures with Santa for the Children.



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

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





We Are Searching for Our Next Second Vice District Governor!

This is your opportunity to serve! Are you ready to take your Lions leadership to the next level? We are thrilled to announce that we are searching for a passionate and dedicated Lion to serve as our Second Vice District Governor (DG for the 2028-2029 Lions year). This is an incredible opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our district and help shape the future of Lionism for 5M4.

What Does a Second Vice District Governor Do?

The Second Vice District Governor plays a vital role in supporting the district governor team by being an active member of the cabinet and advancing the mission of Lions International. A key responsibility of yours is to further the purpose of Lions International (LI) by supporting membership growth within our clubs, continue the work of the district plan and initiatives, and to support our cabinet members, and club operations as needed. You will start to become familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of the clubs in our district, and through club and zone visits, you will be another resource for them, and support their club development.

As an active member of the 5M4 District Team, you will be expected to actively participate in cabinet meetings (four each year), other district committees as needed, and participate in the preparation of the district budget with other district leaders. Your participation will start to prepare you for your future District Governor role; you will gain knowledge of the district operations and structure, develop leadership skills, and become familiar with club health indicators so you can support our clubs. You will gain knowledge and an understanding of the importance of our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), and how through our support, it supports us in 5M4. You will learn about other Foundations we support, the programs we offer, and you will prepare to conduct effective club visitations.

This position offers an exceptional opportunity to develop leadership skills and grow as a Lion. You will work alongside like-minded individuals, dedicated, who share your passion for service! This path not only will strengthen you in Lionism, it will also advance your personal growth as well! You will not be working alone, you will be a part of a supportive team, all sharing our passion of serving together.

We are looking for Lions who have (or will have within the next two years) served as a club president and have some experience in leadership, possess communication and organizational skills, and are willing to invest some of your time into our district development. Do you have a vision for membership growth and club excellence? Are you ready to embrace comprehensive leadership training and development? If you are committed to the principles of Lionism and the Lions Code of Ethics, this leadership position is for you!

Don't worry if you feel you need more preparation—Lions International provides comprehensive training for all Second Vice District Governors! The SVDG Training Program includes online learning and assignments through the Lions Learning Center in the comfort of your own home, on your own time. You will also have a live virtual seminar with fellow SVDGs from around the world, expanding your friendships worldwide! There are also workshops coordinated by our multiple district, and superior mentorship and support from other experienced district leaders. You are never alone on this journey!

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity or would like to learn more, please reach out to:

PDG Jeff Swenson (Nominations) | 218-770-1779

PCC Dennis Heinen (5M4 District Administrator) | 320-491-3996

District Governor Susan Krumrey | 320-295-8327

or any Global Action Team member found on the last page of the newsletter.

We would love to discuss how you can help lead our district to new heights! This is your chance to answer the call to service and make a lasting difference in our Lions family here in District 5M4. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more vibrant district, dedicated to serving our communities and changing lives. We hope you will come join our team!

Good news from the LITPC Youth Scholarship Chair

We are members of the LITPC (Lions International Trading Pin Club). Lion Bill is also a member of the 5M Pin Traders Club. We are the LITPC Youth Scholarship Chairman in MD5M.

We are asking if you could please include the attachment (LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION) in your upcoming December, January AND February newsletters.

Thank you so VERY much for doing this to get the word out there about the LITPC Youth Scholarships which are available for the 2025 - 2026 school year for graduating LEOS OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of LIONS. This school year there will be 8 - US \$4,000 scholarships awarded! The LITPC Youth Scholarship was established to foster the continuing education of a high school senior!!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us. Thank you again so VERY much!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

Yours in Lionism,
Lions Bill and Marcia
Guthrie
763-232-9357
(Lion Marcia's cell #)
bmguthrie9@myctl.net



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

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

January	✿ Hunger	- Coordinate a food drive. - Partner with a local food bank for distribution. - Host a community meal for those in need.
	January 3-11, 2026	
	<i>International Service Initiative</i>	
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	- Organize a tree planting event. - Conduct a community clean-up day. - Launch a recycling awareness campaign.
	April 8-16, 2026	
	<i>International Service Initiative</i>	
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.

December 2025 MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc

Greetings to 5M4 Lions

We met in December and approved funds to the University of Minnesota for some research proposals:

Proposal #1 - Bernhard J. Hering, MD, Guerard Byrne Ph.D., Andrew Adams, MD, PhD, Christopher McGregor, MD, Name of Project: Continuing scientific and technical development of a comprehensive analysis of human antibody reactivity to porcine (pig) xenogeneic antigens in patients currently on the waiting list for human kidney transplantation, Would be funded at \$25,000.

Proposal #2 - Bernhard J. Hering, MD, Sabarinathan Ramachandran, Ph.D. and Amar Singh Ph.D. Schulze Diabetes Institute, University of Minnesota, Name of Project: Immunosuppression-Free Islet Transplants from Adult Stem Cells for Type 1 and 2 Diabetes, Would be funded at \$25,000.

Proposal #3 - Brian T. Fife, Ph.D. , Justin Spanier, Ph.D, Name of Project: Understanding the origins of autoimmune diabetes, Would be funded at \$25,000.

Additional Proposal #2 - Brian T. Fife, Ph.D. Name of Project: Curing diabetes by stopping the immune system, Would be funded at \$25,000. In March 2026 we will be having our annual research update where some of the researchers will present information and audience may interact with them by asking questions. A silent auction will be held as well as a light lunch. March 7 is the tentative date with the location the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud.

Thanks for your support of your Diabetes Foundation. Please consider donations for Parade of Green, Dreamcatcher awards or memorials. More information at our website: mnlionsdiabetes.org

5M4 trustee, Lion Lori Schellberg
320.894.8643
lorischellberg@gmail.com

5M4 trustee, PDG Ken Harwick
kbearalive@live.com



Raymond Lions Breakfast December 6th



DG Susan Krumrey helped out at the KS95 radiothon which raised almost \$1.1 million for childhood cancer - not bad for one day's work!! Our MN Lion's Childhood Cancer Foundation also donated \$70,000. Thank you to all that support this and all our Lions Foundations so we can continue to support others!



A big Thank You to everyone who helped at the State Special Olympic Bowling Tournament help on Saturday, Nov 22 and Sunday, November 23 in Alexandria!!!!



Zone 8 Meeting

There were 70 members of Zone 8 that attended the meeting in Litchfield. All 7 clubs were represented and shared great stories of what their club is doing! Thank you to PDG Keith Johnson for helping in getting this together.

Five new members were inducted into the Litchfield Lions Club! A great testimony of Mission 1.5 in action!

Leadership for the evening was Zone Chair Jason McCoy and wife Rhonda, DG Susan Krumrey, IPDG/5M4 GST Jacque Heinen, and our LCIF Coordinator PCC Dennis Heinen.

5M4 Zone 8 Meeting

Atwater, Cedar Mills, Cosmos, Darwin, Grove City, Kingston, Litchfield

Prospects Restaurant, Litchfield MN

Monday, November 24, 2025 ~ 6:30 pm

1. Meeting was called to order by 5M4 Zone Chairperson, Jason McCoy at 6:30 pm.

a. Meeting was attended by 7 Lions Clubs in the area with 70 people in attendance.

b. The meal by reports that I heard, very good.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was done; Lion Larry Jensen of the Litchfield Lions gave a prayer in gratitude of Thanksgiving and the giving of our Lions Clubs and organization.

3. 5 new members of the Litchfield Lions Club were inducted into Lions Clubs International.

a. District Governor, with the help of Zone Chairperson Jason McCoy did a fine job of facilitating the induction of these new members.

4. Immediate Past District Governor Jacque Heinen talked to

the Zone 8 members about training seminars for Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. She talked about reporting on the Portal for Lions Clubs International and if anyone needs help to contact her. Her contact information is found in the 5M4 Newsletter which is sent to all Lions members in 5M4.

a. If you are not getting a copy of the 5M4 Newsletter, let your secretary know so that a correct email can be sent to the District Governor.

b. She also talked about the 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention February 6,7,8, 2026 at the Holiday Inn in Willmar, Minnesota. The 5M4 Newsletter will be in your email soon, so get updated on the convention.

5. Past Council Chair Dennis Heinen talked about the value of Lions Clubs International Foundation and a few clubs in our 5M4 District that have received substantial matching grants from Lions Clubs International.

a. If you want to get a LCIF matching grant for a community project, talk to Lion Dennis or DG Susan Krumrey.

6. District Governor Susan gave an update on 5M4 happenings and also with Lions Clubs International.

a. She also talked about and displayed the Peace Posters done by 5M4 club students.

7. Lions' representatives from Atwater, Cedar Mills, Cosmos, Darwin, Grove City, Kingston, and Litchfield gave reports on club activities. We are doing well for others and our service reflects our passion to serve others less fortunate.

8. Stay tuned as there will be a notification of another Zone 8 meeting in February of 2026.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm



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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

Zone 1 Meeting 11/6/25 Notes

Arrived at Osakis Pub at 6:00 pm, and some ordered some food. Approximately 6:30 pm meeting was called to order, and we had the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had two guests, Ron Buse of Project New Hope and Mike Beilke of Can-Do Canines.

Club Updates:

Osakis: They are doing meat raffles at the Osakis Pub. They try to do it once a month and they would like to have at least 3 Lions volunteer. It lasts about 2 1/2 hours. Steve Stixrud, President of the Osakis Lions, informed us that they are down to 18 members. He created a nice flyer for possible recruitment. I have attached information on that. They were also involved in the walleye tournament, but the person in charge is not currently a member. I will follow up with Steve to see if there is anything we can do.

Alexandria: They will be doing the Salvation Army Bell ringing along with Jingle Bells. They do a potluck once a month and do activities at the nursing home. That is awesome getting involved with community.

Sauk Center: They have a lot of activities during the year. One of the big things they do is the fall wine/beer tasting with the Melrose Club. The event went well and the new venue provided space that was needed. They also collect donated items to sell on Facebook. This is a great idea.

Evansville: They are in search of younger members. They are collecting deer hides for Kid Sight. They also collect food for these trying times for families. They are also collecting metal. I would like to thank Ron Buse for all his hard work.

Villard: They supply 3 porta pottys for the lake association on 3 different lakes.

We had Ron Buse, who is the Project New Hope Chair, give a presentation on Project New Hope. They have 5 locations for retreats from Sandstone, Minnesota to Clitherall, Minnesota. They charge \$50.00 to the U.S. combat veterans and when they arrive they return the \$50.00. They can bring the whole family. They

Provide all meals, have different sessions available (problem solving process, anger management, along with many others) and it ends with service on Sunday. I have attached a brochure. It is a wonderful program.

We also had Mike Beilke, from Can Do Canines. It costs approximately \$45,000 to train a dog. They have been doing some dog training in prisons, and it helps the inmate along with the dog being trained. These dogs are used for hearing, mobility, diabetic, seizure and Autism assistance. It is an amazing organization.

Upcoming Events:

January 3-11, 2026 ~ Week of Service "Hunger"

January 13th ~ Melvin Jones, our founder's birthday

February 6-8, 2026 ~ District 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention, Willmar

April 18-26, 2026 ~ Week of Service "Environment"

April 24-26, 2026 ~ MD5M Convention, Minnetonka

I would like to thank all the individuals that came to the second Zone Meeting. We had most of the clubs represented there. Looking forward to 100% club participation.

Our next meeting is **March 5, 2026**. You can arrive at 6:00 pm and order some food, and the meeting will begin at approximately 6:30 pm. Meeting will be at Osakis Pub.

If anyone has suggestions for me or has an organization that they would like to attending one of our meetings, please feel free to contact me.

Lion Lori Mausolf
Zone 1 Chair



Lions Club Peace Poster Contest at LqPVMiddle School

The Milan Lions Club sponsored the 2025 Peace Poster Contest with the theme "Together as One" for students at LqPV Middle School. Jill Bom, serving as both teacher and advisor, provided guidance and support to the students for the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest at LqPV as they worked on their project.

The students who earned first, second, and third place honors are pictured in the front row of the group photo. Milan Lions Club members Tom Moe and Don Struxness presented the awards to the winning students.



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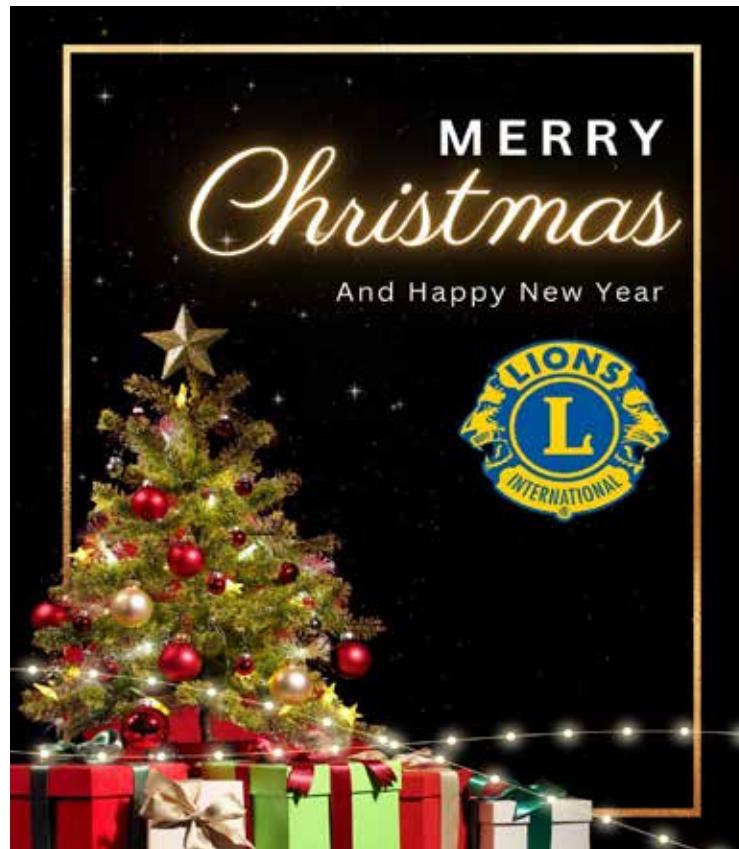
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DG Susan got a tour of the park lights from Zone Chair Lion Doug Godwin. The Montevideo Noon Lions put up many different scenes through the park for visitors to drive through and enjoy. The penguin scene was bought in honor of our PIP Brian Sheehan. Also, (below) four new members were inducted into the Montevideo Noon Lions Club at their December meeting. Montevideo is busy and thriving ~



The Buffalo Lake Lions Club ~ promoting their All-Inclusive Park project, partially funded by a LCIF grant! The project will be completed spring 2026.



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