



# 5M9 Service Journal

District Governor Les Swift



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**United in Kindness and Diversity  
with International President,  
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

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Your safe service has preserved the health and safety of so many within your local community. The coronavirus pandemic has become the global health focus for the world, but many other health issues remain. And that's where Lions can make a difference.

Visit our World Diabetes Day page for activities and educational series that you and your club can participate in to make a difference in your community. And don't forget to use the hashtag **#LionsFightDiabetes** to celebrate your service with us and Lions around the world.

Because every global cause has a solution that begins at home.

Regards,  
**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**  
**International President**



World Diabetes Day is on **November 14**, and this year, we're asking Lions to continue serving safely by serving virtually. Beginning October 12, your club can participate in a variety of virtual activities to promote diabetes awareness, prevention and care.

Want to learn more about diabetes, its impact around the world, and what you and others can do to make a difference? Head over to the Virtual Events Center to register for our World Diabetes Day Education Series webinars (offered in English only), hosted by partners such as the Wellness Initiative, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, Lions Clubs International Foundation, and more!



*District Governor*

*Les Swift*

## **Facing our Challenges**



It is hard to believe that November is already here. October was the month of 2020 that lots of our clubs and members found ways to be able to hold in person meetings and events safely. The Coronavirus has challenged all of us to change the way we do things and we learned that Lions can continue to do service projects. The clubs that have done safe projects during this time have had tremendous results they've made huge differences in their communities and keep the family bond in their clubs strong.

We held our cabinet meeting on October 25 at the Ideal Fire Department. We had a good turn out and held a very productive and safe meeting. Thank you to Donna Leagjeld and Crosslake Ideal Lions for hosting. Fantastic job.

Our cabinet approved going ahead with a one day convention to be held at Craguns in March of 2021. It will be a extremely safe and fun event. Thank you PCC Bert Nelson for taking the lead.

We also received some extra money from the sale of our district trailer that was voted on to be put toward training. So if you ever wanted to take some training now is the time. Look in the news letter for training that is coming up.

Also want to thank PID Lion Bruce Beck for being our Tail-twister for the day he made it a lot of fun for all of us.

I would like to say that NAMI is making a difference in our district. If you are not sure how it works or need more information please contact our GAT team we would be happy to come and explain why it is working. It will help build your club and bring in more friends.

Please keep in contact with your club members and exchange ideas on how we can face the challenges we are faced with. It is up to all of us to stay positive and keep moving forward to show our communities we do not give up.

Last of all my wife and I are staying positive about her treatment for cancer and are receiving encouragement from her doctor. Thank you for all the cards and prayers that we are receiving. It does help keep us stay positive.

Kindness Matters,

DG Lion Les Swift



**A Spring 5M9 Convention is in  
the works! More info soon!**





# 1st Vice District Governor Jamie Huttunen Lions Building for Change



Hello 5m9 Lions

Just came back from St. Cloud from District Governor Leadership training. It was a two days learning and leadership training, How to help our district. Learn how to get your district cabinet ready for next year. Plus we had our 5M9 Nami Champion Lion Jay Norby teaching us how our new North American Membership Initiative work and how we can get stronger clubs and new members.

There is four Focus Area in this program Focus Area 1: Rejuvenate district with new clubs. Focus Area 2: Revitalize clubs with new members. Focus Area 3: Re-motivate member with fellowship and exciting new services. Focus Area 4: support District and club leaders.

Focus Area 1: The GAT Team along with the District Governor team is looking at starting at least one new club a year for the next three year. Please look at area around your community or area that are underserved and could use a Lions to enhance the service and quality of their community or area.

In the next few months I will be talking more about service and membership with our new NAMI (North America Membership Initiative). Here is my email [jamieh70@wcta.net](mailto:jamieh70@wcta.net) and Cell number 218-639-9306 leave a message I will get back to soon as I can. I am willing to help the best way I can. As Lions We Serve



Lions Building for Change

1st VDG Jamie Huttunen

# Scott Rolfe

## 2 Vice District Governor

intent to run for 1st Vice District Governor for Lions District 5M9.



Welcome to Fall fellow Lions! Hoping you and all of the members of your club are healthy and safe. As we move forward thru this pandemic, I want to be there for your club to help with any concerns that you may have. I will be more than happy to help in any way possible. Our clubs and, especially the members, are very important to us and want to help your club succeed. We are working every day to ensure that our clubs have the help to keep moving forward.

One of the best things to come out of 2020 is the Lions NAMI program to help clubs grow and give them the support they need. We are very excited to move forward with this opportunity to help reinvigorate our current membership to bring back the passion that is in all of us and at the same time find new members to help clubs grow and achieve their goals.

Congratulations to Jenkins Area Lions for their new charter, we welcome them and the almost 30 new members that have joined this awesome new club.



## SCOTT ROLFE

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 5M9

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### MAKING A CONNECTION!

**Go on An Adventure**

**Visit another Club, Go to a Zone Meeting**

**Do an Activity Together**

**Sponsor a District Meeting or Training**

**Have a Membership Drive**

**Sponsor a New Member**

**Keep Everyone Involved**

**Be a Leader**



# Congratulations

**Lion Donna Leagield, Zone 3 chair, announced she would like to run for 2nd Vice District Governor of District 5M9 2021-2022!**

## New Cabinet Members

Hearing Foundation trustee is Lorrie Kommer, from Vergas Lions

Project New Hope, Allen Krook from Vergas Lions



## Proud Lions

# Welcome



# New Lions



At our **Emily, Outing 50 Lakes Area Lion's** meeting on Monday, September 28th at The Pickled Loon in Emily. Two new members were sworn in, and the photo includes their sponsor.

From L - R: Barry Pederson, sponsor of Lynn, new member Lynn Remington, new member Mark Mosman, Jan Mosman, Mark's sponsor.



PCC Bert Nelson inducted a new **Baxter Lion** at the last meeting!

Middle, New Lion Sheryl Crow

Right Sponsor and Mother Sandy Johnson.



**Aitkin Lions** met on September 15 at our regular membership meeting. We put together 70 colorful bags which were filled with fruit snacks, stuffed animals and a special note written by each Lions members as a cheerful note for the residents of Aicota Nursing Home. We can't go each month to play Bingo with the clients which we all miss. Each month we plan to make these special bags to add some cheer to the days of Aicota residents.



**Aitkin Lions** made a donation for \$1650.00 to the Rippleside Elementary teaching staff for classroom supplies in these trying times.



# Lions!



**Baxter Lions** signed on the dotted line! PCC Bert Nelson was our guest at which time we signed the papers to become a LCIF Campaign 100 Model club! President Linda McGaffey and PDG Dick Stebbins did the honors of signing.

The **Pillager Lions** crew who put on our Annual Veterans Dinner on 10/10/20. Boxed dinners and gift certificates were delivered "drive-thru style" to the Veterans who came to pick them up. The patriotic stars masks were sewn by a Veterans Dinner Committee member.



# Congratulations!



Lion Charlene Akers (l) and Lion Shirley Sanborn ® received Melvin Jones Awards.

Lion Joyce Behnke received MN Lions Hearing award.

Lion Marg Hartung received a Helen Keller Award. From President Kay Bendorf

**Proud Lions**

On October 12, 2020 4 members of the **Deerwood Lakes Lions** received special awards. Our club is so proud of the members who received these awards.



**Battle Lake Lions Club** members "looked for treasures" in the ditches along State Highway 78, south of Battle Lake September 22, for their Fall roadside cleaning. We started early in the morning, and the ditches were wet with dew, but that didn't deter us from completing the task. In the photo are Connie Krusemark, Sheila Scheer, Kelly Hepper, and Sally and Brian Kvebak. Others helping but not pictured were Dean Nelson, Gary Widness, and Jon Tamke.



# Lions

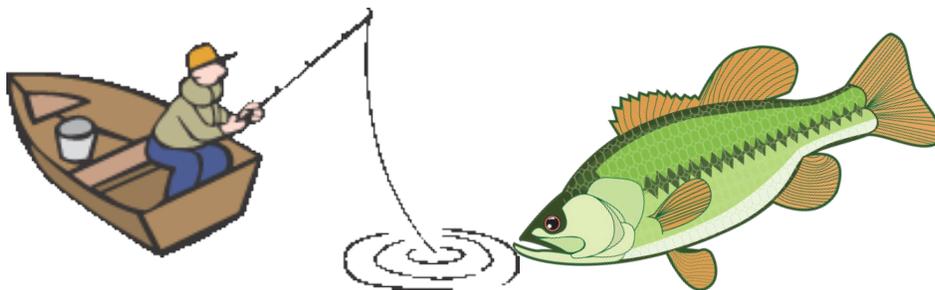


## Cormorant Lion 2020, 36 Annual Fishing Opener Fund Raiser Successfully Completed

Its been a long road but the Cormorant Lions completed their 2020 Fund raising raffle and had the drawing on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We print our \$5000 give away tickets in January with the goal to do the drawing after our annual fishing opener breakfast. Things changed this year.

Without outlets for selling our raffle tickets we moved the drawing to correspond to our Cormorant Days pancake breakfast in August, hoping that thing would open up by then and we would be able to sell our 2000 tickets. The township community center did not open and we could not have our fundraiser there and we still had many tickets to sell so we again moved the drawing date to correspond to our Fall stag date in September.

Needless to say, that event also ended up being canceled as the town hall is still not open to the public. We ended up holding the drawing on the front porch of the town hall on September 25<sup>th</sup> and awarded our \$4000 first place prize and the four additional \$250 dollar prizes. We sold all but 10 tickets netting our fund raising efforts \$14,900, in large part to one Lions members major participation in selling over 600 of the tickets at the local food establishments.





Walnut Grove  
Fudge Fundraiser  
Take Home or Order



**NOVEMBER 7, 2020  
9 AM – 2 PM  
DEERWOOD AUDITORIUM**

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL**

**GARRISON BAY LAKE AREA LIONS**

**MN Wild Rice Hot Dish Cook Off**

Hot Dishes donated by 6 area Lions clubs.

**Craft Sale**

A varied assortment of craft products.

**Bake Sale**

Homemade baked goods including  
breads, bars, cookies & lefsa!

**Walnut Grove Mercantile Fudge Sale**

Take home or order some of the most delicious  
fudge you'll ever eat! Delivery by Thanksgiving  
and it makes a great holiday gift.

Proceeds from this event benefit:

**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation**

<https://www.facebook.com/MN-Lions-Childhood-Cancer-Foundation-106271427419671/>

**JOIN US!**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
MN Wild Rice  
Hot Dish Cook Off  
Judging 10:30 am!**

**FREE WILL  
DONATION**

**LUNCH @ 11 am**  
(includes hot dish, roll,  
cookie, water or  
coffee)

**LIVE!**

**Radio Broadcast  
with  
TOM Martin  
R&J Broadcasting**

**FUN & PRIZES**

Garrison Bay Lake Area  
Lions Club  
PO Box 556  
Deerwood MN 56444  
218-678-9090

**VETERANS DAY MEAL**  
**NOVEMBER 14TH 7:30AM - 11AM**

**\$5 per plate**  
**VETERANS EAT FREE**

**PARKING LOT  
BAKE SALE!**

**PRE-ORDER  
PASTIES \$5**

Egg Bake and  
Fruit curbside  
Pre Order (320) 684-2123  
Pick up pre-order Pasties:  
Meat, Apple, Blueberry,  
or Cherry

**Located at Bethesda  
Church in Malmo**  
**Call to Pre Order (320) 684-2123**  
**21590 State Hwy 47, Isle, MN 56342**  
**All proceeds go back to the community**

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**MALMO AREA LIONS IS HOSTING  
FALL ZONE 2 MEETING**

Thursday, November 5, 2020

5:15 Sign In, Meet & Greet

Check out the Silent Auction Items *-bring your own pen, please*

Get your 50/50 tickets

6:00 Call to Order

6:40 Dinner

7:15 Meeting Begins

**Postponed**

(2 piece chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy,  
vegetable. salad and roll

Please RSVP to Lion Nancy Campio

By Monday, October 26

email [bavlake7@embarqmail.com](mailto:bavlake7@embarqmail.com)

*We encourage everyone to RSVP with their choice of dark or white meat.*

All Presidents attending will have 2 minutes to describe the clubs highlights  
of this year.

**WEAR YOUR MASK**



**SEE YOU THEN!**



Zone 2 November 5th, Malmo Area Lions in Aitkin  
Zone 8 Nov.5 at the Elizabeth Community Center. Social at 5:30.

**Zone Meetings**

<b>Zone 1 Chair</b>	Nancy Cross	<b>Zone 6 Chair</b>	Mike Kern
<b>Zone 2 Chair</b>	Diann Bates	<b>Zone 7 Chair</b>	Dennis Breitzman
<b>Zone 3 Chair</b>	Donna Leagjeld	<b>Zone 8 Chair</b>	Ginny Paulson
<b>Zone 4 Chair</b>	Sue Olson	<b>Zone 9 Chair</b>	Connie Krusemark
<b>Zone 5 Chair</b>	Les and Diane Brietling	<b>Zone Chair Advisor</b>	Jay Norby

# Lions



## Big Check Presentation

Representatives of the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation present a symbolic “big check” to Dr. Kim Sadak and Dr. Luci Turcotte. The \$100,000 raised by Minnesota Lions was matched, dollar for dollar, by the University of Minnesota Foundation and the Children’s Cancer Research Fund to make \$300,000 donated to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital to fund research and services for survivors of childhood cancer. Presenting the check on behalf of the Foundation were President Jeannine McDonald, Secretary Linda Albrecht, Director Bob Knutson and Treasurer Tom McCarthy.

One of the innovative programs being funded by the Lions is a smart phone app to keepin touch with survivors as the leave the hospital program and move on with their lives. Dr. Karim Sadak, Director, Childhood Cancer Survivor Program at the Masonic Children’s Hospital, has stated, “Funds from the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation have made it possible to create a way through mobile health to never let childhood cancer survivors slip through the cracks of the healthcare system.” Be proud, Minnesota Lions!!! Be very proud!  
(And, yes, we are all smiling!!!)

# We Serve!



The MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation board

## District 5M9 Youth Outreach Scholarship application 2020-2021 is now available!

Our college students are home on their summer breaks and now is the best time to let them know about the District 5M9 Youth Outreach Scholarship. This scholarship is available to a college student who is in their final two years of obtaining a degree in a field that leads to a career in working with youth.

The scholarship application is available to download on the 5M9 website: [www.lionsof5m9.org](http://www.lionsof5m9.org). You can print the cover letter that instructs the students on how they can access the fillable application form or print the entire scholarship to distribute to potential applicants. Keep a few copies available for your club members to reach out to any eligible college students in your community.

A prepared sample newspaper article below is also provided for each club to use for the purpose of promoting the scholarship in your community. Please substitute the names of your area clubs for the ones listed in the article.

### Lions of 5M9 Youth Outreach Scholarship for Newspapers

The Youth Outreach scholarship committee of Lions District 5M9 is offering up to \$12,000 in college scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. The application deadline is **December 15, 2020**.

Students must be in their final two years of college and have a major which will lead to a career in working with youth. To be eligible the students must have graduated from a high school that is within Lions District 5M9 or their home is in District 5M9. District 5M9 has 66 Lions Clubs and includes the following clubs in this region: Baxter, Brainerd, Merrifield, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point, Pillager Area, Aitkin, Bay Lake Area, Cuyuna Range, Deerwood Lakes, Garrison, Hill City, Malmo, McGregor, Palisade Area, Backus, Crosslake Ideal, Emily Outing Fifty Lakes, Hackensack, Longville, Northland Remer, and Pine River.

Scholarship applications are available by contacting a Lions member from one of the clubs or downloading the



Note deadline change  
to December 15, 2020

**2020 - 2021**

## **LIONS 5M9 YOUTH OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Youth Outreach Committee of Lions District 5M9 is offering up to \$12,000.00 in college scholarships. The scholarships will be for the 2020-2021 school year.

**To be eligible to apply for a scholarship a student:** 1. Must be in the last two years of a degree college program. Graduate students are not eligible for this scholarship. 2. Have a major in a program which leads to a career in working with youth. 3. Have graduated from a high school that is within District 5M9 or their home is in District 5M9. The student can only receive this scholarship one time.

The Youth Outreach co-chairpersons of District 5M9 shall do the final selecting and awarding of scholarships.

**Required scholarship application enclosures:**

A transcript of your college grades for all the years you have attended college.

Two letters of recommendation. One should be from your college; an instructor or an adviser and the second letter from a member of your community or a Lions Club member.

Recent photograph; to be used for the awards ceremony if you are selected.

Completed scholarship application including the essay.

**Criteria used to select recipients:**

College GPA

Involvement in college and outside activities

The two letters of recommendation

The essay portion of the application

**All letters and submissions must be in print form. No hand-written documents will be accepted.**

Any questions: Contact one of the following:

Lion Mike Kern

15545 Big Buck Drive

Menahga, MN 56464

218 849-4577

mjk20030@yahoo.com

Lion Evie Ladd

48372 Great River Road

Palisade, MN. 56469

218-845-2932

evieladd.5@gmail.com



b. List community activities/organizations in which you have been active, including recognitions, awards, etc. which you have received beginning with high school. A separate page may be attached if needed.

ACTIVITY	DATES	LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work experiences both out of school and while in school.

Employer	Date of employment	Duties
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Essay: Describe your career goals in a youth related occupation which will utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from your major. (Describe in essay form with a minimum of 250 typed words on an attached page).

The information in this application is true and factual.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Lions Clubs International Education Opportunities***

The following Institutes will be offered by Lions Clubs International.

### **Advanced Lions Leadership Institute**

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region, and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$125.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: March 13-15, 2021

Location: Toronto, ON, Canada

Language: English

**Submission Deadline: December 13, 2020**

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search ALLI

### **Faculty Development Institute (FDI)**

The Faculty Development Institute is a three-day institute that serves to develop and expand the number of skilled Lions faculty available for use in training at the club, district, and multiple district levels. The curriculum is designed to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Lions who complete the FDI are expected to be able to effectively deliver training sessions with provided materials. They should not be expected to create their own training materials.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as instructors at local Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. A candidate's training experience should include using PowerPoint to support training delivery. (Note: Participants will not be expected to create any materials while at the FDI, but it will be necessary to use PowerPoint and other provided materials for some activities.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. In compliance with board policy, a non-refundable participation fee of US\$150.00 will be required to offset a portion of these costs. Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and other travel related expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: February 20-22, 2021

Location: Los Angeles, CA, USA

Language: English

**Submission Deadline: November 22, 2020**

Application available on the LCI website/Resource Center/search FDI

**W A N T E D**

# **2021 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)**

**March 18 – 21, 2021**

**Holiday Inn-Detroit Lakes MN**

***We are looking for Lions from your district to attend the  
2021 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute!***

*Lions that are selected as participants in the Institute must be in good standing in a Lions Club and may not be a 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor, Past District Governor, International Director, or Past International Director.*

*The \$150 fee for the Leadership Institute includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs and additional meals are not included.*

*However, a \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.*

*Participants MUST be available to attend ALL sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.*

*Each district has the opportunity to send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.*

*The Institute will have a maximum of 72 participants.*

*Applications are available from your District Governor or on the MD5M Website and are due (without fees) by December 1, 2020.*

*Your District Governor will then make the final participant selection.*

*Institute graduates will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion.*

***If you have questions concerning the Institute, please contact:  
Lion Dennis W. Kelly III - dkellylion@gmail.com***



## 5M9 District Governor Les Swift Club Visit Form



Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Location \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates for Club Visit: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice

\_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

\_\_\_\_\_

Time Club Meeting Begins: \_\_\_\_\_

When does your Social Hour Start? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Board of Directors Meeting? Yes No

Would you like the DG to attend your Board of Directors Meeting? Yes No

Are there other Lions, or Leo Clubs involved for the DG visit? Yes No

Please list other Clubs

\_\_\_\_\_

Will you have Meal? Yes No

Lion, or Leo, requesting the Governor's visit:

\_\_\_\_\_

Club contact telephone #

Email address

\_\_\_\_\_

Will the Governor be expected to install officers: Yes No

If yes, please send names of new officers. If inducting new members, please have the LCI New Member Kit with Pin and signed Certificate.

Will the Governor be expected to give out awards to club members: Yes No

If yes, please send information stating the awards and the names of those receiving the awards. Please have awards, certificates, pins, or changes in installation or inductee ceremony available when I arrive for the Governor's visit. I am looking forward to coming to visit with your club!!

Please mail to: District Governor Les Swift, 11889 57<sup>th</sup> Ave .SW,  
Pillager, MN. 56473,

**NEW Email** swiftleslie67@gmail.com

## How to submit an article

Please submit material for these sections. by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.

I would like to publish your most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers, in which Lions from other clubs could, perhaps, participate.

Submit pictures, flyers or text. In photos please put names of who is in it. When possible, send photos in jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use of pdf is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions  
Submit to: [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)

Sue Stebbins editor

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR LES'S CALENDAR

### November

5 Zone 8

9-Park Rapids

11-Crosslake Ideal

19 Henning

23 Sebeka

### December

12 Hewitt

14 Osage

15 Callaway

### January

21 Verndale

26 Malmo

