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5M9 Service Journal

District Governor Denise Laudenbach



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2024-25

**International
President
Fabrício Oliveira**



Breathing Life into Service Ask Fabrício Oliveira about his native Brazil, and he'll tell you it's the lungs of the world. An evergreen canopy rimmed in turquoise shoreline. He's from a small municipality there, the son of fabric merchants with entrepreneurial vigor in their blood.

By age 18, Fabrício was already part of the family business. He would focus on his studies during the week and travel dutifully for work over the weekends. For such a young man, Fabrício was driven and focused on results.

"I've always done things early," he recalls with a smile.

At just 22 years old, the spirited entrepreneur became a happily married man. He and his wife Amariles had both grown up in the village of Catolé do Rocha, where, despite the region's tropical climate, Fabrício Oliveira was proving to be a man for all seasons.

He was already having professional success—he had a number of business deals under his belt and more on the table. He was experiencing civic success—he had received several appointments to public office. Yet, something was missing for Fabrício.

Until one evening in 1985. At the time, Fabrício and Amariles were part of a group of friends who would gather on weekends for different social events. Some of these friends were already Lions members and before long, they asked the Oliveiras to join their local club. "We couldn't say no," he admits. "These were our close friends. And I saw something special in Lions, and an opportunity to give back to the community that had been so good to me." It was a gesture as simple as an invitation that brought Fabrício Oliveira and his wife to Lions, once and for all. "So I became a Lion. And that's how everything started," Fabrício recollects. The call had been answered. A commitment to service set in motion. Now, it was time for the man from Catolé do Rocha to take what he'd learned so far from life and apply it to a new kind of work. His work as a Lion.

Watch "Make Your Mark" video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H29CWTpKEXg>

District Governor Denise Laudenbach



WHERE THE HEAD GOES THE BODY GOES

As we prepare for our new Lions year in 5M9, we sure do have some big audacious goals in front of us to achieve and July is already in the rearview mirror. Which leaves us with 333 days that will be filled with fun and exciting service projects, to meet new people and do cool things!

Have you ever heard of the saying, “where the head goes, the body goes?”

Here is the foundation to the concept:

The mind is a very powerful machine and there are 3 basic disciplines that show up in our day to day lives: 1. Perception 2. Action 3. Will.

What we tell ourselves, our body will follow. How cognizant are you in what you tell yourself every day? Is it filled with positive affirmations or just the opposite? No matter the obstacles that we encounter every day, we need to have the mindset to turn every obstacle into an advantage. So, whenever any situation crosses our path, that seems like a big audacious hurdle, facing and dismantling the obstacles is the action that we need to take.

Our district goals have been set for a fabulous year together as I am sure your club goals that you have set, are just as fabulous! All our goals are realistic and achievable. If at any point, the goals seem to feel like they can't be done, just look in the mirror – because the person you see, is the one who can make the goals into a reality. Go look in the mirror right now. Who do you see? I would like to introduce you to the person responsible for the 14 words on the list below. It's YOU!



- Attitude
- Happiness
- Success
- Thoughts
- Choices
- Impact
- Future
- Actions
- Mood
- Effort
- Accomplishments
- Ideas
- Character
- Decisions



When you wake up each day, click on the link below. This will fill your cup with the best positive affirmation to assure a “make it happen” kind of day!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR3rK0kZFkg>



**“Changing the World”
by being a
Lion!**



Get ready to Grow and Serve more People!

2024-2025 Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira’s theme is **“Make Your Mark”** and he believes **“Lions can inspire and empower communities through collective action and individual commitment.”**

“Make Your Mark” by working with your Membership Chairs on a development plan with new ways to attract new members. Invite them to help and join in on your service and fundraising projects. Show them your “lionism” and share with them your passion for Lions.

To learn more about the Membership Chairperson’s role and responsibilities **click on the link below:**

[Nurturing a Culture of Growth: MISSION 1.5 Summit Learning Path \[EN\] \(litmos.com\)](#)

“Make Your Mark” by working with your Service & Project Chairs on a plan to market your club? Does your club have a brand? A way to identify your club and show your community what service projects and fundraising projects your club participates in for the benefit of your community?

[Resource Center | Lions Clubs International](#) – enter Marketing in the Search area and then on that page click on: **Marketing Campaign Planner**

If each of us would take 15 to 30 minutes a day and use the Lions Portal, it would benefit all Lions. If you have questions or need help with the Lions Portal, please contact anyone of use. We’re here to help YOU be successful!

“Make Your Mark” in whatever you do and whenever you can!

1st VDG Lion Cathe

Sheri Greenwaldt 2nd Vice District Governor



Lions of 5M9!

Well, our Lions year is underway! Where did the month of July go? I feel like we just started and boom it's now August, almost.

I know you are all kicking off your Lions year as well. There are many new things to learn and look forward to for those of you who are in new officer roles and even those of you who have been in your roles in the past. As Lions we never quit learning.

I am very excited to come and visit clubs as a part of the district leadership team. DG Denise, 1st VDG Cathe and I have split up the district again and we have zones assigned to us. All 3 of us will share the same message. I was asked to do the officer installation for a couple of clubs the beginning of the month and it was a blast to visit those clubs. I love meeting new people and doing cool things!

One of my roles as 2nd VDG is to work with the zone chairs. The zone chairs are currently working on getting dates together for the Zone fairs. This year they are going to look a bit different. We are having only 2 zone fairs in the district. Zones 1-4 and 5-8 are working together to plan these events. When we get the dates set, they will be passed on. Please encourage your club members to attend and visit with the projects and get them signed up to visit your clubs to share all their great information with you!

Again, lets all meet new people and do cool things this year!

2nd VDG Sheri ☐



Happy
Hour

Please Join Us!

COCKTAILS + CONVERSATIONS WITH DISTRICT
GOVERNOR DENISE MARIE LAUDENBACH

WHO: Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Zone Chairs

WHY: We would love to kick off the new Lion year with an evening of collaboration and idea sharing hosted by our new District Governor, Denise Marie and her partner, Joe!

WHERE AND WHEN: THURSDAYS 5 - 7PM

AUGUST 8TH

SNARKY LOON

JENKINS

AUGUST 15TH

DRASTIC MEASURES

WADENA

AUGUST 22ND

CUYUNA BREWING

CROSBY

5M9



Meet **new** people.

Do **cool** things.

Coming soon to a Club near YOU.... the **"Bring A Friend"** Event Template

The "Bring a Friend" event is designed to introduce non-members to the Lions Club through a fun and engaging service project. Current Lions are encouraged to bring a non-member friend to participate. The event will feature a brief introduction to the Lions Club, a community service project, and a social gathering.

The **5M9** marketing team will be hosting two pilot events using a template designed to assist Presidents and Membership Chairs in recruiting and retaining Lions. The template will be ready for Club use Winter 2024. To learn more or see an event in action, please join us!

Event 1
August 21st, 5:30-7:30pm
The Fort, Fort Ripley

Event 2
September 26th, 5:30-7:30pm
Location TBD, Hackensack

Because who doesn't want to...

Meet **new** people.

Do **cool** things.

To join us for one or both pilot events, please contact Lion Joan Kane: Joan@BYOBookkeeper.org



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM



RLLI Training (Regional Lions Leadership Institute)

November 14-17, 2024 Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn



RLLI participants learn more about club operations, and opportunities and resources available to clubs while developing valuable leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve clubs.

ELLI Training (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute)

March 13-16, 2025 Site: TBD



ELLI is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

You qualify for trainings if you:

- Are a current member in good standing
- Have an interest in becoming a better Lions member.
- Enjoy meeting other Lions and sharing ideas
- Like having FUN!!!!

Participants are required to:

- Attend all sessions of the three-day institute.
- You may commute to trainings if you attend all sessions and can do so safely.
- Complete pre-assignments prior to beginning of training weekends

Contact your Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator or District Governor to register



Underwood Lions donate another free bench, this one to St. Paul's Church.
 Back row: Kirby Kugler, Verna & Norman Peterson, Jean Kugler, Lion, Greg Kugler.
 Front row: Lions, Marc & Kathi Budke, Mavis Kugler, Kristy Kugler.



Underwood Lion Dewey V. Adams presented a free Trex Bench to Sverdrup Church in Underwood MN. Pictured From left to right, Pete Eikeland, Daryl Eberhardt, Dick Mattfeld, Alan Sundby, Gary Link, Dewey Adams, Pastor Tammy Jacobson, Steve Beckman, Bert Kinzler, Bruce Leitch, Ken Sauerer, Gary Larsen, Paul Beckman

Here we grow again!



Underwood Lions add 8 New Members to their club. Pictured L to R. 1st Vice District Governor Cathe Picek, New Member, Samantha Haugen, Sponsor, Jeff Haugen, New Member, Patrick Dufault, Sponsors, John Quaal, Lowell Hoekstra, New Members, Jason Haugen, Ricky Leitch, Dustin Leitch, Justin Clark, Allen Lee. Not in picture. Tim Enderson.



Underwood Lion Julie Kugler presented Underwood Lions Five Annual \$1,000.00 Lions Scholarship Awards to the Underwood High School Seniors at the awards ceremony on May 15, 2024. From left to right, Isaac Fyhrie, Madison Hoen, Elsa Grunewald, Ezra Baker, and Kale Rich.





Park Rapids Lions participated in the 4th of July parade

Park Rapids Lions

CELEBRATION

Monday, September 23, 2024

Festivities begin at 6:00 PM ~ Dinner 6:30 PM

Riverside United Methodist Church

1005 Park Ave. N (US Hwy. 71)

Park Rapids, MN



You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary!

Our special guests, District Governor Denise Laudenbach and Past International Director Bruce Beck will inspire you with their messages of how Lions make a difference in their communities and around the world and why it is great to be a Lion!

Meal prepared by Chef Joel London

Light Hors d'oeuvres, Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Beverages & Dessert
Cost: \$20

The deadline for reservations is September 6!

Please send RSVP to parkrapidslions70th@gmail.com or call Mary at 218-256-5509

Send your check to: Park Rapids Lions Club, PO Box 532, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Congratulations!



Parkers Prairie Lions 2024 Athletes of the Year President Terry Zimmerman and Lion Derek Denny presenting Female Athlete of the Year to Johahna McKeown. Lion Derek Denny presenting the Male Athlete of the Year to David Revering.

The Awards are Earned by not only their Athletic Ability, but their Academic Achievements as well.



McGregor Lions celebrated their Charter Night Anniversary, Monday, June 17. District Governor, Linda Albrecht-Norby, was guest speaker and awarded a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Bruce Johnson for his work in distributing Holiday Gift Vouchers for families in the McGregor Area. New Officers were also sworn in that evening.



The Pillager Fair took place on July 11th, 12th and 13th and the **Pillager Lions** helped up in serving food on Friday night the 12th (first picture). We also had a horseshoe contest on Saturday the 13th with 6 winners. Todd and Kody took first place, Larry and Mitch took second and Jigger and Heidi took third. The Pillager Lions also had a float in the parade on





Benedict Laporte Lions Jail restoration project by Lions Keith Littis and Shelly Jacobsen worked many hours the past 3 years to restore the Laporte jail.



Margaret Renskers, 40 years member, and Cheryl Miller, post names of folks being honored by friends donations to The Tree of Life project. All money collected by **Benedict Laporte lions** goes to Laporte EMS/Lakeport Firefighters. Nearly \$1500. Has been collected this year.



OSAGE LIONS BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Osage Lions have begun construction of two pickleball courts at the Osage Lions Park. The concrete has been poured and the fence posts have been placed. The next steps include completing the fence surround and applying the sealer and court paint. The pickleball courts will be a great addition to the 13-acre park and to the Osage Community



The **Osage Lions** hosted a Vitalant blood drive on July 11. There were 19 donors. Pictured L-R at the intake table are Lions Larry Frehse, Vicky Hanson, Millie Wilson and Art Yliniemi.

ATTENTION LIONS!

**THE CENTRAL
MINNESOTA
OMEGA LEOS
CLUB IS IN
ACTION!**



JOIN US FOR OUR OFFICIAL CHARTER NIGHT!



WHERE

Join us at Dunmire's On The
Lake:
19090 MN-371, Brainerd, MN
56401



WHEN

Monday, August 19th, 2024
At 6:30 pm



DRESS CODE

Business Casual Attire

THERE WILL BE A FREE WILL
OFFERING TO HELP START
THE NEW CLUB.
PLEASE CALL NANCY CROSS
218-829-9079 TO RSVP

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
FUTURE EVENTS:**

- Email: CentralMNleos@gmail.com
- Facebook: [Central MN Omega Leos](#)
- Instagram: [centralmnomegaleos](#)

***Omega Leo Clubs are tailored for young adults between 18 and 30 years old.
This track encourages the personal and professional development
of young adults.***

Cuyuna Range Lions

11th Annual Heritage Days Car Show

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Signup starts at 9am.

Show hours: 10am-3pm

In the softball field at
Crosby Memorial Park

FIRST 50 ENTRANTS
RECEIVE DASH PLAQUES

**Now Featuring a Kid's
Tractor Pull
11 AM
Ages 4-11
Free Entry
3 year olds pull for fun**



Door Prizes for Drivers

Entry Fee \$10 per vehicle

All vehicle years welcome!!

**All proceeds
to benefit
Lion's**

Multiple Vehicle Trophy Classes

Don't Miss

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club

Choke Cherry

FESTIVAL



August 3rd, 2024
Downtown Pequot Lakes

Come to Pequot Lakes for a great time!
 Arts/Crafts Fair, Food Vendors including the "almost famous" Shish-Ka-Bobbers (10am-4pm), Kid's games (10am-2pm), Back Seat Driver Game, Chokecherry Culinary Contest, Pit Spitting Contest, Babinski Pet Parade at 2:30 and so much more!

You do not want to miss this!

www.chokecherryfestival.com
 Like us on Facebook to follow our events!

Chokecherry Festival is sponsored by the Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point Lions Club, a non-profit service organization.

PUTTING FOR DOGS



BRAINERD LIONS CLUB

"WE SERVE"

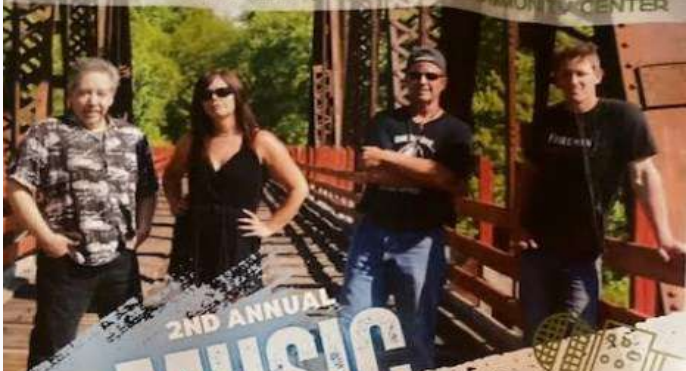
Sponsored by Pirates Cove

SEPT. 14TH, 2024

REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW



MCGREGOR LIONS EVENT @ MCGREGOR COMMUNITY CENTER



2ND ANNUAL MUSIC IN THE PARK

Featuring **LAST CALL**
THURSDAY 8/29
5:00PM - 8:00PM

Food and drinks for purchase

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

57th Annual MCGREGOR LIONS CORN FEED




Entrance Fee
 \$10 Adults
 \$5 Kids 3-12
 Free-Kids under 3

Sun., Sept. 1
 Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Gate Closes at 4 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat CORN ON THE COB

VISIT OUR CANTEEN
 Sandwiches • Popcorn
 Ice Cream • Candy • Chips

BINGO - 1:00 p.m.
 Coverall Jackpot \$500

McGregor Airport & Community Center
 Hwy. 65 - 1/2 mile north of Hwy 210

- Free Parking/Shuttle Bus
- Beer, Pop & Coffee
- Free Parking/Shuttle Bus
- Silent Auction
- Games
- Karaoke "Win Prizes"

NO Coolers or Dogs

Dance to the Music by....
 Ben's Hot Country Karaoke



VERNDALE LIONS ANNUAL PORK CHOP and SWEET CORN FEED

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd

At Verndale Lions Community Center

Serving from 4:30pm – 7pm

Cost is \$15.00 per person



MEAL INCLUDES PORK CHOPS, SWEET CORN, BAKED POTATO,
DINNER ROLL, COLESLAW, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARDS
IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY OF VERNDALE**



LIONS UNITE BOWLING CHALLENGE



Come and enjoy a fun night of bowling with your fellow 5M9 Lions chapters on September 14th from 5-9pm at Jack's House 300 MN-25, Brainerd, MN 56401 for the price of \$20.

Reserve a lane to bowl with your friends and a silent auction with great prizes. More games can be purchased for additional fees. All proceeds raised by this event will go towards the Camp Confidence East Gull Lake Lions for future service projects and events.

If you are interested in attending this event or have any questions, please contact Scott Harper with the following information listed below.

*Scott Harper:
scott@confidencelearningcenter.org
(614) 592-0230*

BLUFFTON LIONS

50 Anniversary

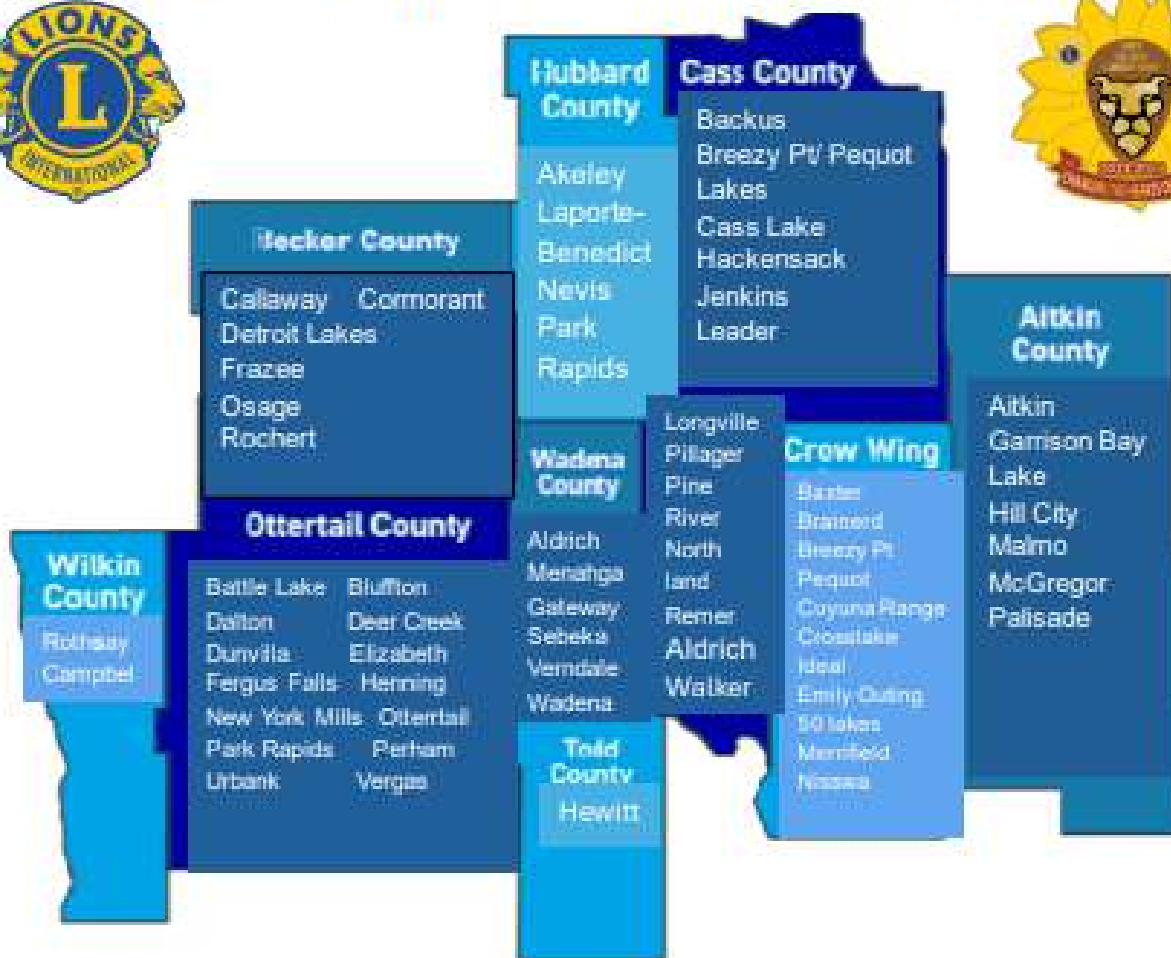


Time: 5:00 Social, Meal:6:00 Program 7:00
Cost: 20.00 ASAP: By September 18, 2024

Lion Jamie H @ lionjamie5m9@gmail
Cell 218 639 9306 or Pam Nelson @pjroes80@gmail.com
Saturday September 28, 2024
Bluffton Community Center

Guest Speaker: Past International Director Bruce Beck

PDG Linda's Celebration of 5M9



Come celebrate the Lions in 5M9

October 5, 2024

Celebration begins at 2:00 PM

Ottertail Community Center

93 South Lake Avenue

Ottertail, MN 56571

Meal to follow program

Please RSVP by September 27, 2024

PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby

218-298-4743

PROJECT NEW HOPE



Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans



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



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

**2024-2025
MINNESOTA
RETREATS**

2024 OCTOBER 4-6
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
2024 DECEMBER 6-8
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN
2025 MAY 2-4
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN
2025 JUNE 6-8
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

We are now 5 weeks out from the state fair, and we have over 65 openings for volunteers. Please open up the sign-up genius below and take a look for a date that works for you to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-45000339-2024#/>



2024 State Fair Booth Volunteering

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions posed by visitors. The hope is to have a representative of each foundation at each shift.

www.signupgenius.com

District 5M9 Youth Outreach Scholarship

application 2024-25 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 now also available to 2-year and graduate school students who are working towards degrees that will lead to working directly with youth.

The scholarship application is available to download on the 5M9 website: 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.

NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM



FRI. SEP. 20 – SAT. SEP. 21



BEST WESTERN PLUS KELLY INN
100 4TH AVE S, ST CLOUD, MN 56301

Learning, Networking, and Inspiration

Keynote Speakers
Past International President Lion Brian Sheehan
& Lion Lori Sheehan

All Lions are invited to attend!

FORUM REGISTRATION

\$105 registration

Includes: Friday appetizers,
Saturday Continental
Breakfast, Saturday luncheon
Deli Buffet & Saturday evening
banquet.

\$139 Hotel Rate



**13 different topic
seminars**

**4 Panel
Discussions**

**Kid Sight
Certification**

Email: npllfmd5m@gmail.com
<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>

Northern Pride Lions Forum



September 20th – 21st, 2024

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 4th Ave. South, St Cloud, MN USA

2024 Registration Form



Your District & Club Name: _____

Lions Membership # : _____

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Registration form also available at

<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

Special Dietary Needs:

Vegetarian, Gluten Free,

(circle ones that apply)

Allergies _____

Registration Fee \$105.00 (US\$ or CDN\$)

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, your choice of up to 6 seminars offered on Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers:
(seminars start at 9 AM Saturday morning)

SIGN UP ONLINE @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-lions-leadership-forum-2024-registration-871516237527?aff=oddtcreator>

Pay with credit card in US\$ or CDN\$ follow the online screen instructions to register.

If you would like to send a USD check or money order:

Make it payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Forum**

Mail to: Lions Dennis & Jacque Heinen, 12069 Bluegill Dr, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$139.00 USD per night (+ taxes)

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St Cloud, MN – Call Direct 1-320-253-0606



This block is called "Northern Pride Lions Forum"



Cancellations prior to September 14th, 2024, will have a \$25.00 administration fee applied, Cancellations after September 14th, 2024 are non-refundable except for a documented medical emergency (\$25.00 administration fee still applies).

For more information Email the Northern Pride Lions Forum at: nplfmd5m@gmail.com

<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>

MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

EYEBall



October 25, 2024 7:00pm-9:30pm

Featuring

The Jammers

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb at liondebbialke@gmail.com

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

All proceeds to benefit Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

August 2024

Whether it be disasters close to home, like the flooding in the Waterville or Cook areas of Minnesota; hurricane destruction that devastated locations in the Caribbean, Mexico, Texas, and beyond; or the many disasters around the world, Lions are there to help with their time, supplies and dollars. Emergency or Recovery Grants are available from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), as well as Major Catastrophe Grants, depending on the situation.

Club and individual support of our foundation is extremely important. 100% of donations goes to support our causes (shown below)! Donations can be sent to District Coordinator Linda Albrecht-Norby at the address below. Individuals may also donate online at www.lionsclubs.org/donate. This year, our goal is to reach 100% club support. Please help us make that goal.

Contact us to visit your club. We want to make sure you know how you are changing the world through LCIF and the opportunities that may be available to your own community through the grant programs.

Thank you for your support!

5M9 LCIF District Coordinators:

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pdglinda@gmail.com

Erin Beck
PO Box 74
Palisade MN 56469
218-851-7267 cell
218-845-2204 home
elb_18@yahoo.com



FABRICIO OLIVEIRA
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
2024 - 2025



**Slogan &
Logo for
the
Lionistic
Year
2024-25**

HAPPY

Lions University: Provided by the Forum since 2014, you can take all the courses you want for free, however graduation requirement do include attendance at events.

@ lionsuniversity.org

Lions Learning Institute: LCI's online learning portal.

@lionsclubs.org

Lions Virtual: Ongoing Zoom educational and social activities, and a mobile app that incorporates social sharing and other resources.

Global Lions Forum: Facebook Group with great discussions on topics of interests to Lions.

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-45000339-2024#/>



1987

A LOOK TO THE PAST

by 5m9 Historian Lion Zelda Novak

The Lions Club International voted overwhelmingly Saturday to lift immediately its 70-year-old ban on female members in 1987. The presence of women should add new life and vitality to Lions Club International,” said the service organization’s president, Brian Stevenson, of Calgary, Canada. “The problems of the world are too serious to limit their solution to only half of our population.”

Women had been barred from the Lions Club since its formation by a Chicago business group in 1917. Officials said women were kept out because so few were in business when the organization began.

Of the 5,100 delegates who voted Saturday, 77% voted in favor of an amendment to the constitution removing the stipulation that members be male. The measure takes effect at once. It grants invited women full membership rights and privileges, including the right to vote and hold office in the club, which has 1.35 million members in 162 countries. The vote came on the last day of the Lions’ 70th international convention in Taipei. It’s hard for me to imagine Lions Clubs without women, we have so much to offer. The first woman District Governor I remember meeting was DG Annett Contos back in 2007. I met her at a mid-winter convention at Craguns sponsored by the Verndale Lions Club. PDG Peter Van Erp was the Vice District Governor that year. Do you have a story from the past that you would like me to share? Email me zeldanovak530@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Convention April 25-27, 2025

Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport
3800 American Boulevard East
Bloomington, MN 55425

Join Lions from across Minnesota, NW Ontario & Manitoba

Explore opportunities for service
Learn what is going on throughout Lionism
Hear from inspirational speakers
Build Lions knowledge and leadership
Hear updates from all Lions Foundations
Meet new friends and have fun



To register online use the QR code
(click “skip advertisement” box)

For more convention information
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention/home>



The Nisswa Lions Invite you to join us for the

2025 Mid-Winter
CONVENTION

JANUARY
3-5, 2025

Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake
11000 Cragun's Drive
Brainerd Mn 56401

The Nisswa Lions Registration Portal is NOW open:
signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter



nisswalions.org





**Lions District 5M9
Mid-Winter Convention Registration
January 3rd - 5th, 2025
Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN**

LION
 LEO
 GUEST

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ CLUB: _____

Specific dietary needs? Gluten-free Vegetarian (circle one)	Jan 15, 2024 - Mar 31, 2024	Apr 1, 2024 - Oct 31, 2024	Nov 1, 2024 - Jan 5, 2025	AMOUNT
	Full Weekend Package	\$125.00	\$145.00	
Friday Dinner & Entertainment	\$32.00	\$38.00	\$44.00	
Saturday Breakfast & Morning Sessions	\$24.00	\$30.00	\$36.00	
Saturday Lunch & Afternoon Sessions	\$32.00	\$38.00	\$44.00	
Saturday Dinner & Entertainment	\$54.00	\$60.00	\$66.00	
Sunday Brunch & Morning Sessions	\$29.00	\$35.00	\$41.00	
2025 5M9 Mid-Winter T-Shirt (circle size)	\$35.00	S M L	XL 2XL	
			TOTAL:	

Checks payable to:
Nisswa Lions Club

Mail this **NISSWA LIONS CLUB**
 registration 2025 Mid-Winter Convention
 & check to: PO Box 434
 Nisswa, MN 56468

Register online: www.signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter

Congratulations! Your registration is filled out, what's next?



–Order your 2025 5M9 convention T-shirt for only \$35.00! If you want one, order it now!! (on the registration form incase you missed it).

Super soft, purple, long sleeve, hooded with a draw string.

Unisex sizes available: S M L XL 2XL

– Book your room!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made directly with Cragun's Resort

https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lions_5m_9_jan2025

To guarantee room rate, you must reserve by December 1, 2024.

– Pack your bags!

– Get ready for fun, fellowship and connecting with fellow Lions!

PLEASE NOTE:

Cragun's has a new policy regarding bringing in outside food; effective January 1, 2025 we can no longer have our Friday night hospitality booths stocked from outside food sources. All food items have to be purchased through Cragun's. The registration cost reflects that addition for Friday night.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL COMPUTER WHIZZES!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We've got a **"truckload"** of historical data that needs to be digitized (scanned), organized, and filed.

If you have a passion for technology, access to a reliable scanner and computer, and want to make a meaningful difference in your district, we want to hear from you!



Contact Lion Joan Kane
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for further information





Governor Club Visit Request Form Follow Link

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DG Team Club Visit Schedule

	Clubs	Chartered	Years	August
CATHE	GATEWAY- MENAUGA	9/21/1978	46	8/5/2024
CATHE	AKELEY	3/6/1975	50	8/13/2024
DENISE	BRAINERD LEO OMEGA CLUB	8/19/2024	0	8/19/2024
CATHE	CAMPBELL	12/22/1975	49	8/26/2024
CATHE	ELIZABETH	12/18/1985	39	8/26/2024
DENISE	NISSWA	12/26/1972	52	8/26/2024
CATHE	RIVERSIDE FF	9/13/1982	42	8/26/2024
CATHE	ROTHSAY	6/18/2015	10	8/26/2024

Name	Zones
DG Denise Marie	1, 2, 3, 5
1st VDG Cathe	4, 7
2nd VDG Sheri	6, 8

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 a pdf is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions
Submit to: 5m9newsletter@gmail.com
Sue Stebbins editor

Websites to know

Lions Club International: [www: lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Multiple District 5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)

***District 5M9* <https://www.lionsof5m9.org/>**

Lions Program Sites

Can Do Canines: [www: candocanines.org](http://www.candocanines.org)

Childhood Cancer: [www: MNlionschildhoodcancer.org](http://www.MNlionschildhoodcancer.org)

KidsSight MD5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html](http://www.lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html)

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): [www: lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)

Leader Dog for the Blind: [www: leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: [www: MNLERC.org](http://www.MNLERC.org)

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: www.5mhf.org

**MN Lions Vision Foundation:
www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org**

Project New Hope: [www: projectnewhope.net](http://www.projectnewhope.net)



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