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District Governor Denise Laudenbach



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BRIAN E. SHEEHAN

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

We are thrilled to announce that
Past International President Brian Sheehan
will be the International Guest at our 5M9
Mid-Winter Convention!

Brian Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, served as International President of Lions Clubs International in 2022-2023 and as Chairperson for Lions Clubs International Foundation in 2023-2024. He is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants and has been a dedicated Lion since 1991, serving in numerous leadership roles within the organization.

A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award—the highest honor in Lions Clubs International—Brian is celebrated for his extensive contributions and exemplary service to Lions and his community.

He and his wife, Lori, also a Lion, share a passion for family, community, and unique hobbies, including raising exotic animals. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from this extraordinary Lion leader!

District Governor

Denise Laudenbach



Our amazing District 5M9, is a vibrant and dynamic community of people who come together with a shared purpose: to serve those in need and make a positive impact in our communities.

One of the most exciting aspects of being a member of 5M9, is the opportunity to meet new people who share a passion for service and doing cool things! Whether it's connecting with fellow Lions during meetings, collaborating on service projects, or attending events like the Mid-Winter Convention, members consistently find themselves surrounded by like-minded individuals eager to make a difference. These connections not only strengthen our clubs but also foster lifelong friendships that extend beyond the service work that we do.

Inclusivity is a cornerstone of 5M9, ensuring that every member feels valued and empowered to contribute their unique skills and ideas. Our service projects are designed to bring people together, no matter their background, age, or experience level. From organizing vision screenings and building ramps for those with mobility challenges to mentoring Leo Club members, there's something for everyone to get involved in. The inclusive spirit of 5M9 ensures that every voice is heard, every hand is helpful, and every heart is touched by the joy of giving back. We believe that by working together, we can accomplish extraordinary things.

Having fun is an integral part of our Districts identity. Whether it's sharing laughter while packing diabetes kits, enjoying camaraderie during fundraising events, or celebrating achievements at district gatherings, we know how to balance hard work with lighthearted moments. Fun and fellowship go hand in hand, creating an environment that energizes our members and encourages continued participation. These moments of happy times are what make our district not just a network of service-minded individuals but a true family united by a shared mission.

As we continue to serve our communities, we also strive to inspire others to join us in making a difference. Meeting new people and inviting them to become part of our District 5M9 is a key aspect of our growth and impact. Thank you for actively encouraging prospective members to experience firsthand the fulfillment of helping others and the sense of belonging that comes with being a Lion. Together, we're not only transforming lives through our service but also creating a ripple effect of kindness and compassion that extends far beyond our district. Let's continue to come together with open hearts and open minds, and welcome anyone who shares our vision of making the world a better place.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you at our Mid-Winter Convention at Cragun's Resort, January 3-5, 2025.

1st Vice District Governor Cathe Picek



“Changing the World”
by being a
Lion!



We’re ready to Grow and Serve more People!
Congratulations 5M9 on an AWESOME first half of 2024-2025!

Now that we’ve experienced the feeling of accomplishment and doing our best to achieve our goals for this year. Let’s look at what we can do to elevate that enthusiasm and dedication to finish the next half of our Lions year. Here’s what we’ve achieved so far: 11/23/2024

DISTRICT	GOAL	Y-T-D	LOSS	GOAL	Y-T-D
5M9	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	NET	NET
	191	147	83	7	64

DISTRICT GOAL of 2 New Clubs: Y-T-D One New Club and One New Club Pending.

I’m going to repeat what I said last month, our growth is due to the effort and excitement each individual Lion puts into service projects, club participation, learning experiences, community activities, joining together to help fellow clubs, engaging in fundraising projects that help support our 8 Global Causes and the **FUN** we are having as Lions.

Here are some helpful tips and links to encourage your members and your clubs to achieve our goals:

Bring another member to the [2025 MW Convention](#) this year

Find ways to engage your members at meetings and service projects

Develop a new service project that includes more members and ideas to attract new members to join

Take advantage of the December Zone Meetings and bring another member with you to learn more about Lions

Check out the [NO EXCUSES](#) Membership Campaign

Keep [reporting](#) your club activities – service projects and fundraising projects and remember **to close and submit those in the Portal**

Make an individual member and a club donation to [LCIF](#) this year – it helps our Foundation to support many people in need – WE SERVE!

Believe in yourself, believe in Lions!

Happy Holidays!
1st VDG Lion Cathe



Sheri Greenwaldt 2nd Vice District Governor

Lions of 5M9,

As we gather with family and friends this holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for all the incredible things that make being a part of Lions International so special.

I'm thankful for the unwavering dedication each of you show in serving your communities. Your selflessness and compassion for service brings hope and light to so many lives.

I'm grateful for the friendships we've built—supportive, inspiring, and full of laughter. Together, we all make a powerful team that overcomes challenges and creates meaningful change in your clubs, communities, and internationally.

Lastly, I'm thankful for our shared visions of service that unite us all. It's a privilege to work alongside individuals who are so deeply committed to making the world a better place.

Thank you for your kindness, passion, and generosity. Here's to more service, smiles, and successes ahead. 5M9 is an amazing district with so many passionate Lions that I am so blessed to be a part of with you all! Stay safe, continue to serve your communities, meet new people, and do cool things!

Lion Sheri ·



Letter of Intent for District Governor 2025-2026

November 15, 2024

Denise Marie Laudenbach
5M9 District Governor
Lions Club International



Dear District Governor Denise,

It would be an honor to be considered as the candidate on the ballot in January 2025, for the position of District Governor for District 5M9.

I have been involved with the Lions since 2010 serving in the following positions:

Deerwood Lakes Lions Club as president and as secretary (2010-2015)
Bay Lake Area Lions Club as president, secretary, and as treasurer (2015-2020)
Club merger co-chair of Bay Lake Area Lions and Garrison Lions Clubs (2019-2020)
Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions Club as treasurer, vice president, project chair and president (2020-present)
5M9 Zone Chair (2022-2023) and 5M9 Zone Chair Advisor (2023-2024)

I have attended leadership training sessions, conventions and forums including:

RLLI Training (2013)
5M9 District Leadership Training (2010-2023)
MD5M Conventions (2017, 2022, 2023, 2024)
International Conventions (2019, 2023, 2024)
ALLI Training (2022)
USA/Canada Forum (2022, 2023, 2024)
2nd VDG Training (2023)
2023 Mid-Winter Convention Coordinator
1st VDG Training (2024)
Leader Dog Workshop (2024)
Guiding Lions Training (2024)

Award recipient (2016-2023):

Melvin Jones Fellow and Progressive Melvin Jones
Hearing Research Fellow, Dream Catcher, and Top Dog
Certificate of Appreciation – International President Gudrun Ynjvadottir
PID Bruce Beck 5M9 Outstanding President
Club Excellence Pin and Membership Key 2

I am proud to be a member of 5M9, MD5M and Lions International and I am willing to accept the role and responsibilities included with the position of District Governor 2025-2026.

Sincerely,
1st VDG Cathe Picek

Jake Jacoby-Vergas Lions

Letter of Intent 1st Vice District Governor

November 25th , 2024

Denise Marie Laudenbach
5M9 District Governor
Lions Club International



Dear District Governor Denise,

It would be the highest honor to be on the ballot at the 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention in January 2025 as a candidate for the leadership role of 1st Vice District Governor of District 5M9.

Since joining the Lions in 2017, I have been fortunate to have many roles and responsibilities within my clubs and our district and to attend many leadership training sessions within the Lions as listed below.

- 2nd Vice District Governor for 5M9 2024- present
- Zone chair advisor 2024- present
- Guiding Lion for the Jacobs Crew Lions Club 2024- present
- Current member of Vermdale Lions 2023- present
- Can Do Canine Co-chair 2019- present
- 5M9 District Secretary 2021-2024
- Hewitt Club 2nd Vice President 2019-2020
- Hewitt Club 1st Vice President 2020-2021
- Hewitt Club President 2021-2022
- Hewitt Club Service Chair 2022-2023
- Hewitt Club LCIF Chair 2022-2023
- USA/Canada Forum attendee 2020 (virtual) and 2021
- Lions International Convention Attendee 2021 (Virtual), 2022 and 2023
- Attended many 5M9 District Conventions
- Attended many MD5M Conventions
- Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Graduate 2019
- Regional Lions Leadership Institute Graduate 2019
- Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Graduate 2022
- Lions University Bachelor Graduate
- Lions University Masters Graduate
- Attended many 5M9 District Leadership Trainings

Recognitions that I have received within the Lions organization:

- Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship
- International Presidents Leadership medal
- 2 International President's Certificate of Appreciation
- GAT Chairperson's medal
- Dream Catcher Award
- Friends of Kamp KACE Award
- Club Excellence Award

I am very proud to say that I am ready to join the leadership team within District 5M9 as the 1st Vice District Governor. I am aware of the dedication and responsibilities of being a 1st Vice District Governor and I am excited for the next step in leadership. I love being a lion and I am very proud to be a member of Lions International, Multiple District 5M and District 5M9!

Sincerely, Lion Sheri Greenwaldt

MID-WINTER CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, January 3rd

Registration	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Credentials	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Raffles	12:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Cabinet Meeting	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
PDG Meeting	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Hospitality Tables	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Social Hour, Band, Dinner	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Glucose Service Project	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
First Timers Meeting	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Let's Make A Deal Game Night	8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Saturday, January 4th

Early Riser Coffee Hour	6:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Guest Speaker - Lions and the Law w/ Lion Mike Molenda	6:15 AM - 6:45 AM
Walk the Track in Tamarac	6:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Registration/Information Open	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Raffles	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Credentials	7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
Pride Breakfast	7:00 AM - 8:15 AM
Business Meeting	8:15 AM - 10:00 AM
Voting	9:45 AM - 10:00 AM
Youth Speaker - Leo-Lion Alicia Beer	10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Lunch, Music, Color Guard	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Youth Scholarship Awards	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
Grow Your Pride: Marketing for Modern Lions	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
Guest Speaker - Lion BJ Blahnik with Leader Dogs	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Leader Dogs with Leos	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Eyeglasses Service Project	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM
Service of Remembrance	3:15 PM - 4:30 PM
Past International President Reception	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Arrival for the Big Event	5:30 PM - 6:15 PM
Past International President Brian Sheehan	6:15 PM - 6:45 PM
Madrigal Dinner	6:45 PM - 9:15 PM
Awards	9:15 PM - 9:45 PM
Raffle and Prize Pickup	9:45 PM - 10:15 PM

Sunday, January 5th

Early Riser Coffee Hour	6:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Walk the Track in Tamarac	6:00 AM - 7:00 AM
Registration	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Raffle and Prize Pickup	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Club Presidents with PIP, ID's, DG's, Zone Chairs	7:00 AM - 7:30 AM
Devotions/Church Service	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
Breakfast	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Motivational Speaker, Lion Lori Sheehan	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Business Meeting Conclusion	9:45 AM - 11:00 AM
Awards	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Closing, Color Guard, Retire the Colors	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

FRIDAY, JAN 3

8:00 PM

HOSTED BY THE

**Brainerd
Breakfast Club**



**Wear your best costume and don't forget to fill
your pockets or purses with a variety of objects!**

Jaw-dropping prizes are waiting for YOU!

Get ready to wheel, deal, and win!

HEAR YE!

Step into the enchantment of the
Renaissance with a

Madrigal

DINNER Saturday, Jan 4th
6:45 PM

Join us for an entertaining evening with the
Brainerd High School A Cappella and Windfall
Choirs, featuring music, laughter, and theatrical
delights fit for royalty.

Don't miss this unforgettable experience—

**REGISTER TODAY FOR THE
5M9 Mid-Winter Convention**

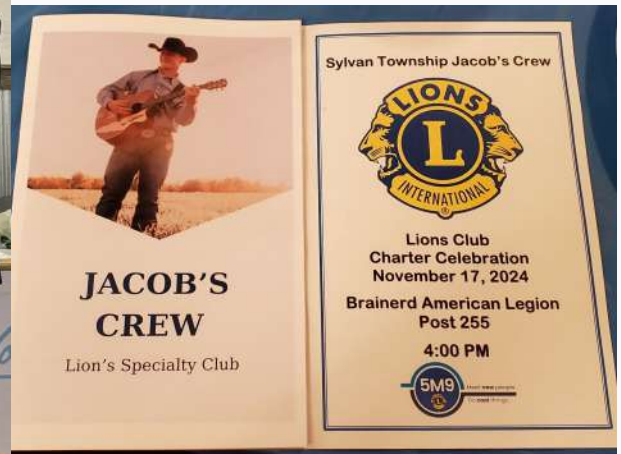
Huzzah!

Sylvan Township Jacobs Crew Lions Club is official!



P.I.P. Brian Sheehan and DG Denise Laudenbach presented President Nate Soens of **Jacobs Crew Specialty Lions Club** with their charter and a gavel!

Congratulations!



We had the most amazing 5M9 Charter night with the **Jacobs Crew Specialty Lions Club**. They have over 50 charter members to this AWESOME club!!! They have an unbelievable story behind them and will be a great Lions Club in helping to promote Lions Quest and Cyber Bullying.

Look them up here <https://www.jacobsvoice.org/>



The **Laker Lions** made a financial contribution to the Emily Food Shelf to go towards purchasing supplies to be used for Thanksgiving meals for their neighbors. Also a number of Lions donated their time to pack bags for 80 meals to be distributed to community members. A turkey was included along with many staples necessary to complete a Thanksgiving dinner.



One of the favorite projects that the **Hewitt Lions** do every year is purchase books for each student in the kindergarten class. The students pick their own book out at the book fair and we present them to each student.



Battle Lake Lion Dean Nelson presents a new AED to school nurse, Jennifer Kolstad. The unit, purchased by the club, will accompany the sports teams when they travel to away games.

Photo: Battle Lake Lions



Treasurer Connie Krusemark and President Dave Neitzke presented a \$2,000 check to Sue Kalseim from the Art of the Lakes Association in Battle Lake. The money will be used for an art program for students in grades 3-6.

Battle Lake Lions Paul Ness and Brian Kvebak (front), and Sally Kvebak and Chris Fegert (back) making meatballs for the local senior citizens' meatball dinner fundraiser November 12. Money raised was for heating/cooling system upgrades at the center





Hackensack Lion Dean Husfeldt, center, our membership chair, being presented the Melvin Jones award at our DG dinner in October by DG Denise and club President Joe.

Congratulations!



2029 Lions International Convention - Minneapolis, Minnesota USA



At the recent Cabinet Meeting, **Pine River Lions** member Art Schmidt was the first one to purchase from Joe Laudenbach the newly released 2029 International Convention pin, which will be in Minneapolis.

Also available are the four parts that make up the MD5M Snowman. Ask Joe about both of these items when you see him, he'll be glad to help you determine what to purchase.



Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions were in Brainerd ringing bells for the Salvation Army!



Hackensack Lions washed and dried hundreds of eyeglasses in anticipation of reading them on the Lensmeter this winter. Pictured left to right are: Lions Rodney, Lewie, Karen, Dave, Dean, Vicki, and Tonia.

Northland Lions of Remer



DG Denise had an evening spent with the lions of **Northland Lions of Remer** it was filled with promises of serving the community to the best of our abilities.

Five guests were also in attendance learning more about the great service projects that this mighty club provides.

Having fun together while helping others, is what it is all about!



Recycled bag project results

5M9



Meet **new** people.

Do **cool** things.

ZONE 1 MEETING

TUESDAY, DEC 3RD

5:00 PM SOCIAL | 6:00 PM MEAL

Camp Confidence 1620 Mary Fawcett
Memorial Dr. Brainerd, MN 56401

Meal: Ham & Cheese sliders, soup, salad & dessert

RSVP ASAP!!

Cost \$15

**QUESTIONS &
RSVP TO**
SHERI GREENWALDT
ZONE CHAIR ADVISOR
LIONQSHERI@GMAIL.COM



Zone 2 Fall Meeting

Hosted by McGregor Lions

Thursday - December 12, 2024
Gather at 5:30 🦁 Dinner at 6:00

Come enjoy visiting our friends in other
clubs and have a great dinner:
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert.

Cost is \$15.00



Silent Auction & Prizes



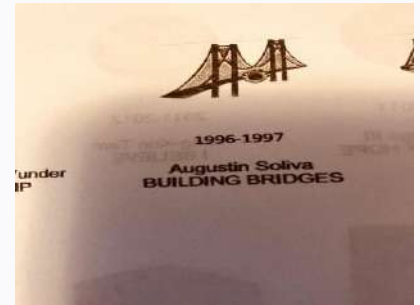
PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, December 6, 2024

Terry Carter

tcarter51@msn.com or 763-691-5192

THE YEAR WAS 1996-97

PID Augustine Soliva of San Jose dos Campos Brazil was the International Director serving a two-year term. A Lion for nearly 50 years and a Melvin Jones Fellow, Past President Soliva was a Lifetime member. His presidential theme was BUILDING BRIDGES. This was his pin. Past President Soliva was the recipient of 24 International Presidents awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award.



Also in 1996, Margaret Van Erp joined her husband Pete as a member of the Bluffton Lions Club. Rising quickly thru the ranks of Lionism she was the first 2ndVDG in our district in 2010-2011, 1st VDG in 2011-2012 and DG in 2012-2013.

Margaret became the first District Administrator in 2016-2023, she was cabinet secretary for a total of three years, along with doing the district directory for many years with Pete's help. She taught the secretary class at the College of Leadership for many years and for many years was responsible for making sure the elections went smoothly at the Mid-Winter Conventions.

And how could we forget her famous buns? Here is a note from Margaret:

"I was cabinet secretary for a total of three years. Also, when Peter was DG and then when I was DG, I made two pans of Carmel rolls for every club visit we had and then we would auction them off. All the money went to the district projects. The highest we got for a pan was \$270.00 at one meeting. There were 68 & 66 clubs when we were Governors."

Thanks

Margaret

These are just the highlights of DG Margaret's contribution to the Lions of District 5m9 and we thank her for her service for which she recently received the Presidential Medal.

According to Lion Larry Novak, Margaret is just the best example of how we should all aspire to be as Lions.

Year End Donations

Happy holidays to everyone! We wish you peace and prosperity in the new year.



Our Mid-Winter Conventions are on the horizon. Please remember the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation in your Year end donations! Your support helps the Lions Gift of Sight eye bank, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the Lions Eye Surgery Center, the MAC Center, and many ophthalmology research efforts. And every gift is appreciated.

Please make sure that checks are made out to "Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation," which is a 5-1(c)(3) entity. Gifts qualify you for Helen Keller awards. As ever, thank you for being Knights of the Blind.

PARKERS PRAIRIE PRIDE
OF LIONS PRESENTS:



Prairie Christmas



CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW - COOKIE WALK - JUST 4 KIX PERFORMANCES

Get your photo with
Santa AND Mrs. Claus!



Saturday
December 7th 2024

Prairie Event Center

Parkers Prairie, Minnesota
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

\$2 Admission
\$1 w/ Food Shelf Item



***NEW this year...a Cookie Walk!**

The Lady Lions have been busy in the kitchen baking lots of cookies for you!
Holiday cookies will be sold by the pound w/ a wide variety to walk around pick from.
Bring your own container or we will provide boxes.



Interested Crafter or Vendors please email:
parkersprairieprideoflions@gmail.com
or Scan QR Code



GIFT WRAPPING!
SATURDAYS BETWEEN
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS
(NOV. 30TH, DEC. 7TH, 14TH, & 21ST!)

11 AM TO 3 PM

Chamber of Commerce Building
185 E Main St. Perham, MN

FREEWILL DONATION

Do you need help with Christmas gift wrapping? Come drop off your gifts and we will take care of it for you!

Sponsored by
Perham Area Community Lions





Brainerd Lions Club Host



SPAGHETTI

WITH

SANTA

MONDAY

DECEMBER 9TH

From 5:00 to 7:00 PM



Para español

Adults - \$8

Kids (5-12 years) - \$4

Kids under 5 - Free

First Lutheran Church - 424 S 8th
Norwood Street Entrance



Congratulations, Lions of District 5M9! Thanks to your efforts, year to date, we've proudly earned **6th place in membership growth** across Constitutional Area 1. Currently our district has a growth of 65 in membership since July 1st, 2024. Your commitment to asking family, friends, and acquaintances to join our service-minded clubs has truly made a difference.



But growth doesn't stop with recruitment—**retention is just as critical**. Every new member brings fresh energy but keeping them engaged ensures our continued success. Let's continue to focus on mentoring, involving members in meaningful projects, and fostering a sense of belonging. By showing each Lion their value, we strengthen the heart of our district.

Thank you for your dedication to growing and sustaining our communities. Together, we'll continue to make a lasting impact!



Joe Laudenschach

Global Membership Team Coordinator
District 5M9





LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2024 – 2025 school year that there will be **6** US \$2,500 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. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (6), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (3) and Virginia (6). The 2025 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2025.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: www.litpc.org
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.
4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. 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, 2025** to:

Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman 763-786-8072

9 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 bmguthrie9@q.com

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”



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA | +1.630.571.5466 | LCIF.org

December is a time of giving and embracing our communities and a world in need. The donations made by the Lions of 5M9 are just a small part of what we can all do worldwide.

On September 26th, the southeastern region of the United States was devastated by Hurricane Helene, with a path covering 500 miles from Florida to the Southern Appalachians. Several states were impacted, and tragically, the death toll has risen to the hundreds. Not even two weeks later, Hurricane Milton made landfall near Siesta Key, Florida, with a second round of devastation to already impacted areas.

LCIF was ready and answered the call to action. This would not be possible without the ongoing support of our generous Lions.

HURRICANES HELENE & MILTON

- LCIF has awarded 13 grants across 5 states (FL, GA, NC, SC, TN) // \$365,000 Total grant support to date
- 11 Emergency Grants // \$165,000
- 2 MCAT Grants for MD 35 (FL) and MD 31 (NC) // US\$200,000
- Lions are currently developing a plan to best utilize these funds
- LCIF staff in continual and close contact with Lions of Eastern US in anticipation of additional requests

In the face of this humanitarian crisis we, as Lions, are prepared to step in and help. Your generous donation to LCIF enables us to continue our vital work in these challenging times. We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of support and generosity of Lions whose donations to the Disaster Relief Fund as well as supplies and time made relief efforts possible. Please consider donating to our Disaster Relief Fund.

December reminds us of all that it is a special time of year to give to those who need our help. Please consider donating to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

GIVING TUESDAY

Save the Date! We invite you to join us on Tuesday, Dec 3rd as we participate in #GivingTuesday, the online global generosity movement. It is a day of giving in any way that you can to help support @LCIFLions and empower Lions Service locally and worldwide. Go to lionsclubs.org/givingtuesday for more info on all the ways you can get involved!

Mark your calendars for: **Go for the Gold Gala, March 29, 2025**, more info to follow at a later date.

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Club Activity Calendar

You are invited to use this calendar to help plan and share service, fellowship and management activities with your club. All activities below are ideas to consider. Review the resource and edit the ideas to make this organizational tool work for you!

July	August	September
Start your club year with a celebration that includes recognition of incoming and outgoing officers	August 12 is International Youth Day. Host a social event like "Lion Day in the Park" with activities for young people.	Involve a local school in Lions' mission to encourage peace. Get started with a Peace Poster kit and Peace Essay rules.
Build your club committees and ensure future Lion leaders are in them.	Identify learning needs and wants in your club. Talk to your district GLT about their training schedule and how best to provide.	Tailor your club meetings to fit your club members. Find a fun exercise to get started in Your Club, Your Way!

October	November	December
October is World Sight Day. Start on our Vision webpage to find service project ideas and planning tools.	November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit our Diabetes webpage to learn how your club can help fight this global epidemic.	December 5 is International Leo Day. Partner with your Leo club on a holiday project. Don't have a Leo club? Start one!
Re-engage inactive members by sharing the service activities your club has planned and ways they can contribute.	Involve your whole club in identifying opportunities for improvement through the Club Quality Initiative	Thank your club leaders on reaching the half-year milestone! Share your club's accomplishments and plans.

January	February	March
January 13 is Melvin Jones' birthday. Honor his legacy with an open forum night to identify community needs for service.	February 15 is Childhood Cancer Day. Show how your club cares for children with a Valentine themed fundraiser	March 8 is international Women's Day. Host a Women's Symposium or a meeting topic on growing women Lion leaders.
All club events are great opportunities to get your club known. Our Marketing Communications Guide has ideas and resources to help.	Lions are people who care. Make sure your fundraiser invites all who attend (and those who don't) to become Lions.	Form your Nomination Committee to begin preparing for club officer elections.

April	May	June
April 22 is Earth Day. Find service ideas to protect and restore the environment through our Environment webpage .	May is world Hunger Day. Start on our Hunger webpage to identify ways to serve in providing access to nutritious foods.	June 7 is Lions Clubs Birthday! Hold a party to appreciate your club members and celebrate your club accomplishments.
Join Lions worldwide in welcoming new members to their clubs. Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day on last Saturday of April.	Elect club officers for next year, so they can learn their positions and develop plans for your club's future achievements.	With your club's excellence in membership, service, leadership & organizational excellence and marketing communications, apply for the Club Excellence Award .



Dear Lions, Lion Clubs, Zones, and Districts,

We are pleased to invite you to nominate an exceptional Lion member for the prestigious MD5M Hall of Fame Award. This award is a significant opportunity to recognize and honor Lions who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service within our organization. Every day, Lions make a remarkable difference in their communities, and this is your chance to celebrate a fellow Lion who embodies the highest standards of leadership, compassion, and commitment to service.

Please take the time to consider nominating a Lion who has shown exceptional qualities in serving others and exemplifying the spirit of Lionism. Criteria for nominations and process are included with this message.

Nominations are open to all Lions members in good standing, and we encourage individuals, Lions Clubs, Zones, and Districts to submit their candidates for this high honor. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the incredible contributions that Lions make across our MD5M family. Together, let's recognize those who inspire us all to continue our mission of service.

Warm regards,
Denise Marie Laudenbach
5M9 District Governor



Appendix 28.0
MD5M HALL OF FAME
Procedure

Purpose

To honor those Lion members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously.

The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon.

MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available.

The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lions Club, Zone, or District.

There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin.

Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered.

All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted.

A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

The following Lions are members of the 5M Lions Hall of Fame.

<i>2022</i>	
Lion Bruce Beck	Palisade Lions Club
<i>2021</i>	
Lion Jay Norby	Vergas Lions Club
<i>2020</i>	
Lion Judy Brasgalla	Cass Lake Lions Club
<i>2019</i>	
Lion Margaret Van Erp	Bluffton Lions Club
<i>2018</i>	
Lion Adolph Kukowski	Bay Lake Lions Club
<i>2015</i>	
Lion Richard Johnson	Wadena Lions Club
<i>2014</i>	
Lion Bill Parks	Perham Lakes Lions Club
<i>2013</i>	
Lion Dick Labraaten	Cass Lake Lions Club
<i>2012</i>	
Lion Bert Nelson	New York Mills Lions Club
<i>2011</i>	
Lion Bob Beard	Emily Outing 50 Lakes Lions Club
<i>2010</i>	
Lion Eldon Bergman	Frazer Lions Club
<i>2009</i>	
Lion Dale Johansen	Dalton Lions Club
<i>2008</i>	
Lion George Perszyk	Dent Lions Club
<i>2007</i>	
Lion Larry "Corky" Anderson	Verndale Lions Club
<i>2006</i>	
Lion George Herda	Bay Lake Lions Club
PDG James Dullum	Nisswa Lions Club
<i>2005</i>	
PDG Otto Kamrud	Osage Lions Club
Lion Bob Schields	Vergas Lions Club

Appendix 29.0
MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination

District _____ Date _____

Nominee:

Name _____
Address _____
Club _____

Sponsor:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service, Family, Work – length of service, positions/offices held, committees, service projects, and awards. (Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.)

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's annual Midwinter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form shall be accepted and the nomination shall only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee.

The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee

Save The Date!

5M9



5M9 LIONS DAY OF LEARNING

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

12:30 TO 5:00 PM

Wadena Deer Creek School
600 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena, MN

ALL LIONS are welcome to join us for a day of Lions Learning. All Current and new officers for 2025-2026 are encouraged to attend!

Seminars will include the most recent LCI training for President/Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Service, Membership, Marketing, LCI, & more!

Coffee, water & light lunch will be served.



Pre-register by April 4, 2025 with your Zone Chair for a chance to win one of 5 \$100 Visa GC*

*attendance required to win

SAVE THE DATE

Go for the Gold Gala



Saturday March 29, 2025

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 4th Ave S.
St Cloud, MN 56301



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



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>

2025

ORLANDO

107th LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

FLORIDA

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Jul 13, 2025 at 8 AM – Jul 17, 2025 at 12 PM CDT

107th Lions International Convention - Orlando

District 5M9 Youth Outreach Poster Contest 2024-2025

Your Youth Outreach chairpersons are asking that each club sponsor this contest in their school by awarding some prizes at the local level and to bring your winning poster to the Mid-Winter Convention.

Contest Rules:

Eligibility: Contest open to 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students in all schools in District 5M9.

Dates: Contest runs from now to January 3, 2025.

The clubs will have to set up a date to pick up the posters at the schools so that you may do your voting and pick the local winners and the overall winning poster that you will bring to the convention

Size: 18"x24" poster quality material. We recommend Pacon Tagboard; Item #5220; available at office supply stores and online. (@\$30 per 100) All others sizes will be disqualified.

Medium: Any directly applied paint, crayon, marker, pencil, etc. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.

Suggested Subject: Drug/Alcohol abuse, Awareness, Violence, Volunteering, Citizenship, Peer Pressure, Healthy and Positive aspect of life growing up. **NO COPYRIGHT SUBJECTS! NO LICENSED IMAGES!** (Cartoon characters).

Large lettering on the poster is encouraged, because it will show up better.

Keep the message simple. Posters should be similar to a highway billboard sign.

Have students put their name on the **back** of the poster, along with their school, grade, and sponsoring club. One student per poster; no partnering.

Judging: Each Lion and Lioness club is to submit their winning poster to the District Youth Outreach Chairperson on or before 10:30 a.m. on Saturday of the Mid-Winter Convention in January. Everyone attending the convention will have a chance to vote for his or her favorite.

Winners will be announced prior to the close of the convention.

Prizes to be awarded by 5M9 Youth Outreach: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50. All other participants will receive a \$25 gift card.

Poster images become the property of District 5M9 and may be used for display, etc.

13. Posters and prizes will be released to the sponsoring clubs at the end of the convention.

If you have any questions contact:

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Mid-Winter Invitation

Dear Lions of 5M9,

I hope this letter finds you well! I am writing to personally invite you to the upcoming **5M9 Mid-Winter Convention**, which will take place from **January 3-5, 2025**, at Cragun's Resort in **Brainerd, MN**. This annual event is an incredible opportunity for Lions across our district to come together, learn, connect, and celebrate the remarkable service we provide to our communities.

This year's theme, "**A Sky Full of Stars**," is all about recognizing the shining contributions of every Lion and the powerful impact we make when we unite in service. Whether you are a seasoned Lion or new to the organization, this convention will offer valuable experiences for everyone. With **inspirational keynote speakers, interactive workshops**, and plenty of opportunities to meet fellow Lions, the weekend promises to be one of fellowship, learning, and inspiration.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Keynote Speakers** who will motivate and inspire with stories of service and leadership.
 - o PIP Brian Sheehan, Lion Lori Sheehan, Lion BJ Blahnik from Leader Dog, Former Leo-Lion Liaison Lions International Board Member Alicia Beer, and the 5M9 Marketing Team.
- **Workshops and Breakout Sessions** focused on strengthening our clubs and enhancing our service projects.
- **A Madrigal Musical Awards Dinner** where we will celebrate the outstanding achievements of Lions across the district. Breathtaking, fun and interactive performance from the Brainerd High School A Cappella Choir will leave you with a night to remember.
- Fun social events including **Let's Make A Deal game** that will provide plenty of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.
- **2 Hand's-On Service projects** that will give us the opportunity to serve shoulder to shoulder and then bring our service work back to each community in attendance.
- **Business Meetings** that will provide progress to plan and information to the goals and objectives in District of 5M9.

We truly hope to see you at the convention to help us celebrate the amazing work of Lions in District 5M9.

Together, we can continue to build a brighter future through service. I look forward to seeing you there and celebrating all that we accomplish together as Lions!

Warmest regards,

Denise Marie Laudenbach

5M9 District Governor

The Nisswa Lions invite you to join us for the

2025 Mid-Winter CONVENTION *A Sky Full of Stars*

JANUARY | Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake
3-5, 2025 | 11000 Cragun's Drive
Brainerd Mn 56401

Join us for a spectacular weekend! Kick off the fun on Night One with an exciting game of Let's Make a Deal, and don't miss the captivating Madrigal Dinner on Night Two!

Throughout the weekend, enjoy exclusive merch, informative speakers and seminars, raffles and prizes, club resources, awards, and much more. This is a weekend full of learning, fellowship, and excitement you won't want to miss!

Register Today!

signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter



\$145 - Full weekend package which includes all meals, sessions, & entertainment
You can also register for just the days or sessions you are able to attend.

Sponsors:





**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 <small>(circle one)</small>	Jan 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2024	Apr 1, 2024 - Oct 31, 2024	Nov 1, 2024 - Jan 3, 2025	AMOUNT
	Full Weekend Package	\$125.00	\$135.00	
Friday Dinner & Entertainment	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	
Saturday Breakfast & Morning Sessions	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$28.00	
Saturday Lunch & Afternoon Sessions	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	
Saturday Dinner & Entertainment	\$54.00	\$58.00	\$62.00	
Sunday Brunch & Morning Sessions	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$34.00	
2025 5M9 Mid-Winter T Shirt <small>(circle size)</small>	\$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.

Together, let's
WELCOME
New Lions
Saturday, Jan 4 at
Cragun's Resort



The Induction Ceremony is the symbolic beginning to a member's service as a Lion. We invite you to induct your New Lions at the 2025 mid-winter convention in a ceremony dedicated to the first step on the Path to Serving of our next generation of Lion Leaders! Together, let's set our new Lions on a journey of community service in the spirit of

*Meaningful Relevant
Inclusive Fun*



Meet **new** people. Do **cool** things.

For more info on inducting your New Lion as part of the 2025 Mid-Winter convention, contact **Joe Laudenbach: 218-851-5540**

56M9 Mid-Winter Convention Gift Basket Raffle & Request

Clubs across the district are encouraged to put together a gift basket to be raffled off along with lots of other great prizes during this year's Mid Winter Convention!

Show off your club's unique flair by creating a themed basket, or highlight the creativity of your club members with hand crafted items.



For more information, or for a basket to gather your items in, please contact 2025 Host Committee Chair, Lynn Christensen at 320-905-1745.

Your clubs basket can be brought directly to convention, or picked up in December by one of our committee members.



Governor Club Visit Request Form Follow Link

Press Ctrl and click the link

<https://forms.gle/ESzCHJZNV5C5p6Ah7>

DG Team Club Visit Schedule

	Clubs	Chartered	Years	December	January
DENISE	ALDRICH	2/24/1986	39		1/23/2025
SHERI	CALLAWAY	9/29/1976	48	12/17/2024	
DENISE	HEWITT	3/31/1978	47	12/2/2024	
DENISE	MERRIFIELD	1/31/1986	39		1/8/2025
DENISE	NISSWA	12/26/1972	52	12/9/2024	
DENISE	PARKERS PRAIRIE	12/9/1963	61		1/9/2025
DENISE	PEQUOT LAKES BREEZY PT.	4/3/2006	19		1/13/2025
DENISE	VERNDALE	2/21/1968	57		1/23/2025
	Cabinet Mtgs				1/3/2025
	COG Mtg				



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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