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Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

Thank you for giving me the amazing opportunity to serve as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Throughout the past year, I was continuously inspired by the breadth and depth of service Lions were empowered to provide because of our global foundation. Lions across the globe continue to be resilient while facing the unimaginable challenges that follow natural disasters. We meet the needs in our communities every day in so many ways. We perform vision and cancer screenings in underserved communities, feed the hungry through food banks and other programs, help youth develop life skills in their schools and communities, improve hospitals and health care centers and so much more. In addition, LCIF partners with some of the most influential organizations in the world to expand our impact. Our worldwide reach is truly awesome because of the work we can do through LCIF.

Thank you to everyone who supported LCIF this year. Every gift you made brought us closer to achieving the US\$70 million stretch goal and will enable the foundation to award even more grants to enhance your service next year. Please remember to share the importance of supporting LCIF with current and future Lions and Leos and set an example through your continued individual donations. Continue to share your stories of service made possible through the foundation. I look forward to the collective impact we will make together in the future.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

District Governor Denise Laudenbach



Make Your Mark

Kicking off a new year with the Lions of District 5M9 is certainly an exciting time. Our year will be filled with service projects and collaboration that will be relevant, inclusive, meaningful and most of all FUN!

Our new Lions International President, Fabricio Oliveira has shared his message with us – Make Your Mark. “There’s a leader inside every Lion. And leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitments, we can inspire and empower whole communities, making them healthier and stronger than ever before. And making our mark in the process.”

Our district of 5M9 has been making our mark for many years already and now is the perfect time to continue our service work and our dedication to those who need our help, not only throughout the district, but around the world. The district leadership team has been working for many months in preparing for a fun, new lions’ year. I am pleased to share with you the 2024-2025 goals and objectives. As we move into the new year, your zone chairs and leadership team will be sharing with you the details and plans behind the goals.

We look forward to a year filled with Meeting New People and Doing Cool Things.



1st Vice District Governor Cathe Picek



“Changing the World” by being a Lion!



Get ready to Grow and Serve more People!

Welcome to a fresh and exciting new Lions year! There are so many things we can be thankful for and so many things to look forward to in 2024-2025.

We continue to focus on “Mission 1.5” with the growth and retention of our membership along with the development of new clubs in order to achieve our district goals.

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) remains the first to respond to the worldwide disasters with available LCIF grants and Lions on sight ready to assist those in need. A donation of any amount helps LCIF. Plan on making a donation this year from you and your club.

We are recognized Internationally for the work and efforts we provide in support of our eight global causes. Which of them does your club support?

“Kindness Matters” at home and around the globe and is one of the simplest things we can do as Lions. As I have been travelling the past two weeks in Australia I have noticed the reactions of complete strangers just by having a smile on my face or saying hello. They smile and respond back to me and it makes me feel good. Give it a try today!

“Grow the Good” which will grow our ability to serve more!

I’m looking forward to a great 2024-2025 working with you.

1st VDG Lion Cathe

Sheri Greenwaldt 2nd Vice District Governor



Lions of 5M9,

As we start the new year in Lions, you will see a theme with the leadership team. We all will be working together with all of you as a team. When we work as a team, we get more things done and we will be more successful!

Teamwork is an essential component of Lions International, we are a global organization dedicated to serving communities and making a positive impact on society. Lions Club members work together to address various issues such as poverty, hunger, and access to healthcare through collaborative efforts and shared goals.

One of the key benefits of teamwork within Lions International is the ability to leverage diverse skills and expertise among members. By pooling resources and knowledge, Lions Clubs can implement more effective solutions to complex problems that affect their communities. Thus provides more service to your communities and beyond!

Furthermore, teamwork within Lions International fosters a sense of camaraderie and unity among members. By working together towards a common purpose, individuals develop strong bonds with one another and form lasting relationships based on mutual respect and trust.

In conclusion, teamwork plays a crucial role in the success of Lions International. By promoting collaboration, leveraging diverse skills, and fostering a sense of unity among members, Lions Clubs are able to make a significant impact on society and create positive change in communities around the world.

I truly can't wait to see where our district is going in the 2024-2025 year! I am very excited to work with an amazing team of Lions in our district. 5M9 has always been an amazing district and works together as a



Congratulations

**Lions Multiple District 5M International
Director Bert & Pam Nelson on his successful election to
the Board in Melbourne!!**



Environmental Projects!



Baxter Lions Dick Stebbins and Paul Roth recently planted trees for the Lions District 5M9 Arbor day Tree Project at Northland Arb!



Highway 371 Clean-up
Pequot Lakes Breezy Point Lions Club held our first highway clean up Saturday 5/18/24 along highway 371 in Pequot Lakes. Nine volunteers participated.



Battle Lake Lions Ditch cleaning May 6. Members participating: Chris Fegert, Jon Tamke, Sally Kvebak, Gary Widness, John Peterson, Denise Arntson, Kelly Hepper, Dean Nelson, Brian Kvebak, Pete Eggen, Tom Rasmusson. Not pictured: Gail Hustad, Kathy Neese & Connie Krusemark



Aitkin Lions tree planting day. Gary Tibbitts helped plant trees. The Aitkin Street Department wanted to help so they did a great job with digging the holes and placing mulch around all 8 trees. They all were planted in our new Aitkin Tibbitts Park

D-Feet Walk



Battle Lake Lions “D-Feet Walk/Bike Ride”

On Saturday, June 1st the Battle Lake Lions hosted an informal “DeFeet Walk/Bike Ride” in support of the MN Lions Hearing Foundation. The walk/bike ride took place along the trail system in the City of Battle Lake and into Glendalough State Park. Biking has been added because of the beautiful bike path through Glendalough State Park that connects to the City of Battle Lake trail. The number of participants was smaller than hoped, however, those that participated were generous. A total of \$465.00 was raised for the MN Lions Hearing Foundation.

The Vergas Lions sent 3 members to enjoy the great Saturday morning walk and if Vergas can be supportive – other clubs in Zone 6,7, & 8 can be challenged to participate next year! Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in June 2025 and join the Battle Lake Lions in their informal “DeFeet Walk/Bike Ride” in support of the MN Lions Hearing Foundation

Backus Lions had a D-Feet Walk on Saturday June 8th down the Paul Bunyan Trail in Backus. Pictured front is Backus Lions President Cora Hohnstadt along with Ruby who she was fostering for the weekend. Back row left to right are Backus Lions Carol Bennett, Diane Vaughn, Bob Vaughn, PDG Sandy Remington, and Hackensack Lion Sue Larson. A total of \$155 donated by these walkers will be sent to the Lions Hearing Foundation.



Here we grow again!



New **Battle Lake Lion** member Eric Dison (Sponsor Dennis Quam) was inducted at our May Dinner Meeting



Pillager Lions President Heidi Erickson inducts our newest member, Frank Herman, into our Club."



Hackensack Lions Induction of new Lions member Joan Kane right with her sponsor Brenda Bray center, by Pres. Joe DeJaeghere left.





Zachary Christ and Gracy Peterson are the \$750 Scholarship Award winners from **Rothsay Lions 2024**.



The **Hackensack Lions Club** awarded six \$1500 scholarships to area students from Pine River/Backus High School. Left front: Alaura Dahl, Sydney Hoopman, Mae-gan Irish; Back row: Ashley Shamp, Madelyn Toothman-Knapp, Lions Scholarship chair Don Hoppe. Picture #2 – Scholarship recipient from Walker, Hackensack, Akeley School Lily Burns with Hackensack Lions Scholarship chair Don Hoppe.



Pequot Lakes High School Scholarship Winners. Congratulations to the **Pequot Lakes Breezy Point Lions** \$500.00 scholarships! Kelsi Martini, Aubrey Larson

Congratulations!



Diane Ketcher for receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award present by Secretary Bonnie Lehrke.



Catch the Dream award for dedication and service to the Lions Diabetes Program was presented to 34 Auto Center and accepted by Lions Andrew, Cece and Evelyn Larson.

O S a g e L i o n s



Lion Lori Johnson received the Top Dog Award present by Can Do Canines for her outstanding support and commitment. Her spouse, Ted Johnson accepted the award.



Membership Key Award presented to Art Yliniemi for 5 new members.

Congratulations!



Wadena Lions Youth Outreach Award Lion Nick Grabe (L) Lion Wayne Wolden (R)
Melvin Jones Award Bob Keppers (M), Erica (wife) (L) and Ben Son (R)



Aitkin Lions Hearing Foundation awards.

President Cathy Wilke presents Steve Harvey who has been a Lion since 2012.
President Cathy Wilke and Gary Tibbitts who has been Lion since 1992.





PID Bruce Beck helped to Dedicate the **Parkers Prairie** Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day. The Park was made possible in part with a Community Impact Grant from LCIF.

Pequot Lakes Breezy Point Lions Club Activities

2024 Cherry Car Show

16 th Annual Cherry Car Show was held Saturday 6/1/24 with 98 registered cars and over 20 vendors. The club sold our ‘almost’ famous shih-k-bobs!



**"WE
SERVE"**

**NEVIS
LIONS**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



**MUSKIE DAYS
FISH FRY**

Adults \$15

**Fish, Fries, Baked
Beans, Coleslaw,
Lemonade**



Kids \$10

**Hotdog or Fish,
Fries, Baked Beans,
Coleslaw, Lemonade**



FRIDAY, JULY 19TH, 2024



SERVING FROM 4PM - 8PM



DOWNTOWN NEVIS, MUSKIE PAVILION



Don't Miss

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club



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.





Wadena Lions



Beef + Pulled Pork BBQ

Sandwiches served with Cole Slaw or Potato Salad – Chips – Pickle & Beverage

All Meals Only

\$12

Thursday, July 25

BN Park 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Enjoy Your BBQ Meal at the Park or Take-Out

Proceeds Support School, Youth & Community Projects

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/>

BLUFFTON LIONS 50 Anniversary



Saturday September 28, 2024
Bluffton Community Center

Guest Speaker: Past International Director Bruce Beck

Learning Opportunities

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.

Save the Date!

REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024

WHERE: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320) 253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?group Id=1H4EB8R3

TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm Dinner: 6:45 pm Program: 7:30 pm

DRESS: Black and White attire (Notice we didn't say "black tie")

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON (Not a typo!); CAPACITY: Only 280

**NO GIFTS PLEASE:
THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION ONTO THEIR HOME!
ONLY IF YOU INSIST:**

”

Consider bringing a check payable to "LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation

Name(s) _____

District # _____

Email Address: _____

Dinner Choices: Top Sirloin _____ Chicken Breast _____ Vegetarian _____

Please mail the completed form and your check for \$15/person payable to "Lion Brian Campaign Fund" to:

**Mike Molenda
1462 Featherstone Court
Hastings, MN 55033-9181**



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.

5M-2 Disaster Relief



Lions of MD5M,

District 5M-2 is currently facing unprecedented devastation caused by heavy rains and flooding. Massive flooding is now impacting nearly half of Minnesota. More than 20 river gauges across the Upper Midwest have hit major flood stage, with more rain expected in flood-soaked areas. It is imperative for Lions to take the lead in supporting fellow Lions and the communities we serve during this challenging time.

We are looking for help to all those that have suffered great loss and destruction due to the flooding.

Water levels on the Minnesota, Mississippi and Crow rivers are expected to see their highest levels in at least a decade.



5M-2 District Governor Lisa and her Disaster Relief Team have devised a plan to assist Lions Clubs in 5M-2 as they navigate through this unfamiliar territory.

Our district is exploring avenues and will be seeking a grant from LCIF. Unfortunately it's times like these, that we Lions realize the importance and need for LCIF and why it's necessary for all of us to support our Foundation. Where there's a need, LCIF is there!

The Lions of 5M-2 will also need donations to supplement the LCIF grants, as they have greater flexibility and less restrictions, and can be used to fill in the gaps left by the LCIF funds.

Stay tuned for updates from the Disaster Relief Team on ways you can contribute financially and with your skills.

Remember, you are not alone in this endeavor. Your Lions family stands united with you. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

On Behalf of the Leadership Team of 5M-2



Any questions please email Lion Rose @ rthies001@gmail.com.

Mail to:

Attn: District 5M-2 - Disaster Relief

Cornerstone State Bank

P O Box 128

Green Isle, MN 55338-0128

Venmo is @District5M2



Governor Club Visit Request Form Follow Link

Press Ctrl and click the link

<https://forms.gle/ESzCHJZNV5C5p6Ah7>

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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