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District Governor Denise Laudenbach



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Letter from the President to You International President Fabrício Oliveira



Dear Lion,

Great clubs bring fresh ideas, energy and a strong sense of purpose to our service, and our service gets even stronger when we invite people with diverse backgrounds and experiences to serve with us. When Lions serve together, we have a profound impact on the people we serve—and on the people who serve with us.

One of the best ways we are serving together is through *MISSION 1.5*. So embrace the opportunity to increase your impact, strengthen your club, and include even more of your community in your service.

As we shape the future of our great association, be bold, be welcoming, and above all be Lions.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President

Mentor young leaders with Leo Club Program

For more than 65 years, Lions have mentored, encouraged and served alongside Leos. This special bond benefits us all and helps us provide dynamic and insightful service to our communities.



Discover how you can team with Leos and build a new legacy of service through the [Leo Club Program](#).

District Governor Denise Laudenbach



Let's Grow, Serve, and Have Fun Together!

As we move forward through this Lions year, I want to remind each of you of the incredible impact we can have when we work together. Our clubs are the heart of the community, and collaboration between clubs, members, and even different organizations is key to making that heart beat stronger. Whether you're partnering with another club for a service project, sharing ideas at a meeting, or simply offering support to a neighboring club, the more we work as a team, the more we can accomplish. Together, we are unstoppable.

Service is at the core of who we are as Lions, and now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get involved in meaningful projects. From environmental cleanups to supporting local food banks, there are countless ways to serve our communities and make a difference. I encourage every club to plan at least one new impactful service project in the coming months. Reach out to your fellow Lions, work with local leaders, and find out where the need is greatest. The rewards of service are immeasurable—not just for those we help, but for ourselves as well.

Lastly, let's not forget to share the joy of being a Lion with others. I challenge every member to invite at least one friend, family member, or neighbor to join you at a Lions event or service project. Let's show them the fun, fellowship, and fulfillment that come with being a Lion. Together, we can grow our membership and expand the reach of our service. With open hearts and helping hands, there's no limit to what we can achieve.

1st Vice District Governor Cathe Picek



“Changing the World” by being a Lion!



Get ready to Grow and Serve more People!

Can you feel the energy growing in our clubs, zones, and district?

It's 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.

Throughout the past four months I have had the opportunity to be involved with Lions club visits and learning opportunities that have enriched my life and experience as a Lion. These are some of the ways you can enrich yourself as a Lion by attending:

1. another Lion's Club meeting
2. a Lions service project or fundraising event in a different zone
3. a Zone Meeting with fellow Lions clubs
4. a Zone Fair to meet the District Project chairs and schedule club visits
5. a Lions Learning Day and find out what's NEW in our organization
6. a District Cabinet Meeting if you are interested in how our 5M9 District works
7. a 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention and experience working with fellow Lions on a service project, participate in seminars, share a meal with Lions you've just met, be a part of the election process as a delegate for your club and vote, connect with Lions you've met before and meet new Lions and Leos, laugh and have fun!

You may have heard some different Lion language lately. They confirm our Lions commitments to Mission 1.5, New Club Development, Member Retention, Recruitment and New Members.

“We Be That”, “We Can Do It”, “Make Your Mark”, “Meet New People, Do Cool Things”, “The Portal” and don't forget “AWESOME – IT'S A FACT JACK”!

Believe in yourself, believe in Lions!

1st VDG Lion Cathe



Sheri Greenwaldt 2nd Vice District Governor

Lions of 5M9!

Another month is down the road, and I am sitting here reflecting on my time as a lion. I completed the Multiple District 5M (MD5M) 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor (VDG) training. I am so fortunate to have met and worked with such amazing lions from our multiple who are also 2ndVDGs! This was the first time we were all together. I look forward to continuing to work with this amazing group of lions. We will learn and work together for the next three years! We were engaged and learned much from our multiple Global Leadership chairs, Lion Stefanie Nelson and Past Council Chair Bob Jechorek.

Service is the heart of everything we do in Lions. We serve our communities and organizations by providing disaster relief, feeding the hungry, helping our neighbors, helping at schools, and many others! District Governor Denise gave us four words to use and think about with everything we do in Lions. Those four words are Relevant, Inclusive, Meaningful, and Fun. Those four words, I would love it if all of you in your clubs talked about each of the service projects you do to make sure those four words are included. For example, one of your club's service projects is ditch clean-up. Consider whether that project is still relevant for your community, meaningful, if you involve all club members and other clubs or organizations to help, and if the project is fun! If you do this with each service project, you can see if they are still needed and have discussions with your club to see if you can change a project to make it Relevant, Inclusive, Meaningful, and Fun!

I know our Global Service Team (GST) chair, Lion Jake Jacoby, would love to see all clubs in our district continue to do amazing service projects. After completing the project, he would love it even more if you reported it on the portal. If you are unsure how to do the reporting, don't hesitate to contact Lion Jake; he is very willing to help you.

One more thought on service: I know the 5M9 leadership team would love it if you, as a club, came up with a new service project for the year. Yes, it is a service project, not a fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to come together as a club to assess your community's needs and develop a great project. Look at our eight global causes: Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Vision, Diabetes, Humanitarian, Disaster relief, environment, and youth, and see if there is a project that you could do in your communities around a global cause. Our multiple district (MD5M) GST has challenged each district to get involved at the club level in November with collecting food for your local food shelves. This is a service project you do within your community. The district with the most clubs reporting on the portal that they collected food for their food shelves will get bragging rights! Let's work hard as a district to get those rights.

You all do amazing things daily in your communities and make your mark wherever you go! I love being a lion in District 5M9!

Lion Sheri



Governor's Award's



- Zone 1 Baxter
- Zone 2 Palisade
- Zone 3 Northland Remer
- Zone 4 Park Rapids
- Zone 5 Bluffton
- Zone 6 Vergas
- Zone 7 Riverside Fergus Falls
- Zone 8 Ottertail



100% Secretary Award

- Baxter Sue Stebbins
- Bluffton Margaret Van Erp
- Nevis Barbara Deery
- Palisade Evie Ladd
- Vergas Pat Strand



- Lions Kidsight**
- MD5M**
- Battle Lake
- Connie Krusemark

PDG Linda's Celebration of 5M9



**Presidential Medal-Dr. Patti Hill
Bluffton Margaret Van Erp**



**Leadership Medal-Dr. Patti Hill
Ottertail Jerry Smith**



**Melvin Jones Award
Aitkin Michele Plagman**



**Melvin Jones
award
Park Rapids
Michelle
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recipient of a Progressive MJF is:**

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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

MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
November 15-17, 2024, Holiday Inn Detroit Lakes, MN
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than October 11, 2024

NAME: _____		DATE JOINED LIONS: _____	
ADDRESS: _____ _____			
E-Mail : _____		PHONE NO: _____	
CLUB NAME and NUMBER: _____		MEMBER NUMBER: _____	
CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____			
OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____			
I WAS REFERRED BY: _____			
WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE? _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____			
Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.			
Any food or other allergies or special dietary requirements? _____			
APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:			
APPLICANT: _____		DATE: _____	
CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____		DATE: _____	

NOTE: Please submit this completed application to your District Governor by October 11, 2024. The registration fee for the Institute will be \$125 USD. This fee will be payable by check or credit card before you can attend the Institute. You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by October 25, 2024.

Bottles Without Borders

The **Riverside Lions of Fergus Falls** have begun an exciting new project that fits in with our plastics recycling goals. We collect prescription pill bottles that are cleaned and prepared to be used by Matthew 25:Ministries in their shipments of supplies to Doctors Without Borders.

This saves thousands of plastic bottles from landfills AND assists in helping people all over the world. Bottles must have no labels or adhesive, be cleaned in hot soapy water, sorted by size, color and type, have lids, and be put into packages marked "clean bottles." They then are shipped to Matthew 25: Ministries to be inspected and re-used. The cost to ship the bottles is on the clubs, but we are looking into discounts or sponsors to help pay shipping. If you would like to join this exciting project that not only keeps plastics out of our landfill but assists in helping those in need all over the world, Please contact Lion Sherry Schmidt mikkimom@yahoo.com or Lion Burke Almquist balmquist@prtcl.com for more information.



As one of our regular fall service activities, members of the **Hackensack Lions Club**, along with a couple of friends, picked up trash on State Hwy 371 outside of Hackensack.

Aitkin Lions Donuts with a Grown Up



Aitkin Lions, Donuts with a Grown Up We do twice a year, 1 in the fall and 1 in spring. We served 700 donuts last week and had 15 members helping. (Oct 10)

Plastic recycle program. This project was started by our members, Gary Tibbitts and Joy Janzen 3 years ago. We collect plastic bags and clear plastic film. We pick up from 15 locations throughout the community. Then on every Wednesday morning a group sorts through it and tosses what doesn't meet the requirements. It is then taken to our County Market store where it is picked up weekly and taken to the cities. So far from January to June this year we have collected 1.5 tons and expect to reach 3 tons by end of year. We will be receiving our number 5 bench soon.

Congratulations!



Brainerd Lions congratulate Joe Johnson in receiving the Lions Scouting Award. We appreciate his continued service to this community, family, Lions and Scouting. Congratulations Joe.



Park Rapids Lions held their annual Diaper & Wipes Collection Drive on Sept. 14th, 2024. We were proud to present the Park Rapids Area Pregnancy Resource Center with a check and products totaling over \$2,000.00 at our October 14th meeting.





Merrifield Lions participated in a trunk or treat for Halloween!



The Nisswa Lions and Nisswa Fire Department teamed up for a successful Haunted Barn and Hay Rides event, enjoying a large turnout.

Happy Halloween

Baxter Lions with the help of Boy Scout troop 36, helped with the clean up of the Haunted Trail at the Northland Arboretum. L to R Scott Rolfe, Donna Mulholland, Sue Stebbins, Ann Powers, Karlie Ray, Dick Stebbins, Paul Roth.





Battle Lake Lions club members Roger Wold, Dave Neitzke and Gail Hustad went to the Battle Lake school on Thursday, September 19 to present dictionaries for the third grade class. this is the 14th year that the Battle Lake lions have participated in the Dictionary Project.

The **Park Rapids Lady Lions** treated the Heritage residents to a tea on Nov. 15. There were lots of appreciated comments by both members and residents. The four women from l-r are Lions Zelda Novak, Jean Guggisberg, Marge Hobson and Ann Jean Wiebe



Thanksgiving for Vision



Every Year the MN LIONS Vision Foundation puts on an Event called the " Thanksgiving for Vision " !

It's a Symposium to explain what the University of Minnesota does for Research and new procedures in Eye Care. We also have a Luncheon to Honor Helen Keller Awardees as well as hear from Cornea Transplant Donors and Recipients. It's also a time to Support what We do at the Foundation. We had a Table with over 50 Silent Auction Items that brought anywhere from \$50 to \$ 900 !! We also had a Live Auction for a " Special " Carved Pumpkin. It brought an unbelievable \$5500 !!! Thank You Everyone !

As we gather for this year's 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention being held at Cragun's Resort, January 3-5, 2025, we invite you to **bring along any eyeglass collections** you've gathered to support our ongoing mission to improve vision and eye health worldwide. You can drop off the collected eyeglasses at the designated area within the Tamarac convention space. Every pair makes a difference in providing the gift of sight to those in need, and we appreciate your efforts in helping us reach our goals.

Additionally, we welcome you to **participate in our on-site service project!** Join fellow Lions as we sort and organize the eyeglasses and learn to use a lensometer to read the prescriptions. This hands-on project not only enhances our efforts but also provides a meaningful way to connect with others while contributing directly to our vision initiatives. We look forward to working together to make a difference!

If you have any questions, please reach out to our host committee chair, Lynn Christensen 320-905-1745 or MN Lions Vision Foundation Vice Chair PDG Jim Arvidson 218-639-5323.





Bluffton Lions

Pancake Breakfast

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bluffton Community Center

Bluffton Lions will be serving an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, French toast, sausage, juice, and coffee. Gluten free options will be available.



Freewill Offering!

**Breakfast proceeds go toward
Bluffton Lions projects.**



November

National Diabetes Month

*More than 38 million Americans have diabetes.
More than 97 million Americans are pre-diabetic.*



STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
Physical Activity Challenge
November 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Register / Donate at MNLionsDiabetes.org
Registration opens November 1, 2024

Commit to a minimum of 15 miles of activity each month. (2,000 steps = 1 mile) You choose your:

- **Activities**
- **Days and times**
- **Locations (Indoor / outdoor)**

Be active on your own.
Be active with a team.


Physical activity, and healthy food and beverage choices, are key to preventing diabetes and improving health.




Net Proceeds benefit Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
"Catch the Dream" ...Life without Diabetes!

Recently, the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation received a donation from the Hamel Rodeo. This year the Foundation was selected to be one of the recipients of a share of the income from the rodeo. Total donation made to the Foundation was \$20,750.

I'd like to encourage everyone to get some friends together and attend the 2025 Hamel Rodeo MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Night on July 10. Last year \$2.00 from every ticket sold at the Thursday night performance was designated to the Foundation. This amounted to \$6,500. Even if you can't attend Thursday, make plans to attend one of the other sessions during the rodeo on July 10-13.



A large wooden sign with a rope handle and a lasso. The sign features a cowboy hat icon with three stars above it. The word "Hamel" is written in a white cursive font, and "RODEO" is written in large, bold, white block letters below it.



A group of five people standing together. From left to right: a man in a cowboy hat and light shirt, a man in a grey t-shirt with "HAM" on it, a man in a blue shirt holding a check, a woman in a grey shirt, and a man in a red shirt. An American flag is visible in the background.

- \$6,500 FROM THURSDAY NIGHT'S ATTENDANCE.
- \$11,000 DONATION.
- MATCH OF \$3,250 FROM SPONSOR, POPE BUCKNELL.

HAMEL RODEO TREASURE ROWDY DORWEILER, PDG ROD HED, LION GARY STEVENS, LION COLLEEN PATTERSON, HAMEL RODEO PRESIDENT TOM DYKOFF

Pillager Lions

Fall Dinner



Friday November 8th 2024

5:00 to 7:00 PM or until gone

At the Pillager Community Center

Cost: \$14 – Adults, \$10 - Seniors (65+) and children under 12

Meal: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert, beverage



November

Attention Lions of MD5M



Fill the Shelves Food Drive



**We are collecting food (and money) for
the local food shelves**

What do we need?

**Non Perishable foods, Canned goods like vegetables, canned chicken, tuna, salmon, canned fruit, soup, etc.,
Dry food such as pasta, oatmeal, rice, beans, oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat, crackers, Small bags of chips, Granola bars, pretzels
macaroni & cheese, Peanut butter, Powdered milk, Baby food, Condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, etc.),**

Non Food Items

Laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, diapers, dish soap, toilet paper

**Planning a Food Drive This November? Report it to
your 5M9 GST Jake Jacoby rpjacoby55@gmail.com
Send me a picture and what was donated. No one
should go hungry this Holiday season.**



Natural disasters are impacting communities across the world, including right here in the

Natural disasters are impacting communities across the world, including right here in the United States.

Hurricane Milton hit Florida causing destruction. Before that, Hurricane Helene slammed into the southeast United States bringing a life-threatening storm surge, strong winds and heavy rain. The rapidly moving storm damaged homes and businesses and left more than a million people without power.

Catastrophic flooding struck the Noto Region of Japan where residents are still recovering from the earthquake that devastated the region less than a year ago. At least six people were killed, and several others are missing. Homes, including temporary structures Lions provided after the earthquake were destroyed.

A land-based cyclone brought heavy rainfall and severe flooding to Andhra Pradesh, India. More than 30 people were killed, and homes, agriculture, livestock and local businesses were significantly damaged.

Record-breaking rainfall caused severe flooding in much of Central Europe. More than 20 people were killed, tens of thousands were evacuated, bridges collapsed and homes were destroyed.

When humanitarian crises of this magnitude strike, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF mobilized critical grant funds to help the impacted communities recover. Your donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund helps ensure LCIF responds quickly and supports Lions efforts to provide help and hope where it is needed most. Club donations should be sent to: Linda Albrecht-Norby, 1021 5th Avenue NW, Perham MN 56573. Individual gifts may also be sent to Linda or made online at www.lionsclubs.org – just click Donate.

*100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.

If you would like us to come to your club for a presentation please contact us to set up a date.

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Save the Date: Go For The Gold LCIF Gala - March 29, 2025



MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION

There are some exciting things coming from the Hearing Foundation. At our most recent Board of Trustees meeting in St. Cloud on Saturday, October 5th, the below-listed items were discussed.

- The board authorized the purchase of 11 Easy Tone Machines from Midwest Special Instruments. These machines are portable hearing screeners and will allow the screening of individuals without the need for a visit to a hearing lab. Each district in MD5M will receive one of these machines. The cost of the machine is about \$2,000.00 per machine. It may be possible for clubs to purchase one of the machines, as well. Other organizations [school districts] may be able to purchase a machine through the local Lions Club.

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- The Hearing Foundation has contributed nearly \$250,000.00 toward the development and purchase of a mobile hearing lab that will be available to provide hearing screening services in underserved areas [rural or metro] of Minnesota. As we understand, the lab will be a full-service hearing lab with 6-8 stations. No further information as to when this vehicle will be available, but it will sometime in the next months.

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- The Temporal Bone Lab at the University of Minnesota has received a long-needed update and your Hearing Foundation has been an integral part of funding this project. Why is this lab important? It is an integral part of training residents, fellows, audiologists, and other medical professionals in surgical procedures, hearing aid fittings and other necessary skills that prepare them for practice. The newly revitalized lab has been enlarged with three times the stations with the most modern equipment available. It will allow the next generation of otolaryngologists to provide modern services to meet the needs of those with hearing loss throughout Minnesota and beyond.

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- The goal of the Affordable Hearing Aid Program is to help individuals who have a hearing loss and limited financial resources. We help them find hearing aids at prices that are affordable to them, no matter how limited their financial resources may be. The Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation accomplishes this by collecting used hearing aids. These used hearing aids are then sold to hearing manufacturers who use them for their repair services. The funds generated, along with negotiated rates from manufacturers, audiologists, and hearing aid dispensers, are used to purchase hearing aids at greatly reduced prices. Your contribution of used hearing aids makes a significant difference in the lives of those who would simply slip through the cracks.

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The only way these incredibly important projects can happen and continue to happen is through the contributions of Lions & Lions clubs. Please consider contributing. It is vitally important.

Want more information? Invite Dick Kimball or Dale Christensen to a club meeting. Invite neighboring clubs, other organizations and the general public. Thank you.

11.17.24

NEW CLUB CHARTER CELEBRATION!

JACOB'S CREW SPECIALTY LIONS CLUB

12:00-3:00 PM MINNESOTA VIKINGS VIEWING PARTY

SPONSORED BY LAKES JAM

4:00-7:00 PM LIVE MUSIC BY WAY SIDE

5:00 PM DINNER AND CHARTER CEREMONY

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

PAST LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BRIAN SHEEHAN

EVENT LOCATION:

BRAINERD AMERICAN LEGION

708 FRONT STREET

BRAINERD, MN

RSVP TO JANELLE

BRAINERDLEGION255@GMAIL.COM

218-829-2249



THE YEAR THAT WAS 1965-66

Walter H. Campbell from Miami Beach Florida was the International President.

He wrote in the Lions book "Our leaders must be motivated by our hopes, our faith and our awareness of furthering community service and understanding among the peoples of the world."

The opportunity for service for Lions International is limited only by the strength of ambition, the dimension of concern, and the depth of courage of each Lion."

The 5m9 District Governor that year was Otto Kamrud from the Osage Lions Club.

There were 11 suggested classifications for major activities which Lions Clubs may adopt. Agriculture, Boys and Girls, Citizenship and Patriotism, Civic Improvement, Education, Community Betterment, Health and Welfare Safety, Sight Conservation and Work for the Visually Handicapped, United Nations and Youth Exchange.

Submitted

Lion Zelda Novak

District 5m9 Historian



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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 15.

Lions Clubs International – Marketing Tools matters!

Lions Clubs International has some tools available to you to help your efforts to promote your Lions' projects, activities, and your club in general. By utilizing these tools, you may learn something which will help you in your efforts to market your club as a community-minded, fun, and engaging organization.



This link will take you to the LCI Marketing Matters website that provides you with some informational videos which provide some Marketing 101 training and tips:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/marketingmatters>

Some of the videos cover topics such as utilizing social media and how to use LCI marketing kits available on the website. Here are some direct links to some of the informational videos that may prove useful to you:

How to Use Hashtags to Grow your Lions' Clubs Social Media Following -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/909166997>

Take Your Promotions to the Next Level – Making High-Impact Promotions -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/799208700>

How to Use the Lions Clubs International Social Media Kits -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/564738434>

Lions Clubs International PR Kit Overview – Working with your Local Media -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/880303247>

Lions Get Social - Tell a Story to Promote Your Club -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/819214881>

Which Social Media Platform Should Lions Use? -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/564739219>

How to Build Community on Social Media -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/565614103>

Social Media Photo and Video Tips – Improving you Social Media Presence -

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/564738541>

How to Create a Facebook Reel with Captions – Lions Social Media Tutorial—

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10353816/video/815466447>



These videos are informative, can be watched repeatedly, and can be viewed in a setting to be shared with other Lions. Over time, LCI will be adding other marketing videos to this Vimeo LCI marketing showcase. Speaking of Lions' videos, if you haven't visited it please check out the Lions International YouTube channel for fun and informative on-line videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/lionsclubs>

Lion Lyle Goff
MD5M Marketing & Lions Information Chair
gofflt@msn.com





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

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



OPEN HOUSE
 AT CAN DO CANINES

NOV 9 LEARN ABOUT ASSISTANCE DOGS

Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 12 PM – 2 PM
Open House - Learn about assistance dogs!



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





Lions carry a thankful heart wherever they go.



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

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

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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MD5M GAT Webinar series

MARKETING MATTERS: TIPS & TOOLS ON HOW TO MARKET YOUR CLUB

● November 14th, 2024
7:00-8:00PM CST



with

Lyle Goff

MD5M Marketing &
Lions Information
Chairperson

Join us to discuss why marketing matters for your club. We'll give you the necessary tips and tools on how to keep your club on top of marketing trends in order to attract and retain members.



NEXT WEBINAR:

*Mid-Winter & Multiple
Conventions:
"What's in it for me?"*

Thursday, December 12th | 7:00PM



Scan QR code to
join Zoom meeting!

Advanced registration not required.
lionsmd5m.org

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

Dear Lions Club Presidents and Members of District 5M9,

As we approach the exciting 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention, I am reaching out to invite your club to place an advertisement in the convention program. This annual gathering is a prime opportunity to showcase the outstanding work your club has accomplished and to celebrate the collective impact of the Lions Clubs within our district.

By placing an advertisement, you not only gain visibility and recognition among fellow Lions members but also help support the convention's success. This year, we aim to create an inspiring and memorable event, and your contribution through an advertisement can enhance our program's quality, allowing all attendees to learn more about your club's achievements, events, and community service projects. Advertising in the convention program is an excellent way to: **Showcase Your Club's Achievements:** Highlight your club's community projects, fundraising efforts, and service activities.

- **Support District 5M9:** Your ad helps offset the costs of the convention, ensuring a successful and engaging event for all participants.
- **Network and Connect:** With numerous Lions members attending, your club's presence in the program will be noticed, helping to build connections and share ideas with others in the district

A graphic with a blue border and yellow background. It lists advertising options: QUARTER PAGE COLOR \$50.00, BUSINESS CARD COLOR \$25.00, FULL PAGE COLOR \$175.00, and HALF PAGE COLOR \$100.00. At the bottom, it says 2025 5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION BOOK ADVERTISING SPACE.

- Attached, you will find details on the advertisement options available, including sizes, rates, and submission deadlines. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to shine a light on your club's dedication to serving the community.

- Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for assistance with your ad submission. Together, let's make this Mid-Winter Convention a celebration of the incredible work we do as Lions!

- Thank you for your continued service and commitment to our communities and thank you to those clubs who have already submitted your ad's. We look forward to your participation.

Joe Laudenbach
Nisswa Lions Club
joelaudenbach@gmail.com
218-851-5540

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**

50M9 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 years' 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	November	December
DENISE	AITKIN	5/5/1926	11/19/24	
DENISE	BRAINERD	11/26/1921	11/11/24	
SHERI	CALLAWAY	9/29/1976		12/17/24
CATHE	CAMPBELL	12/22/1975	11/25/24	
SHERI	CORMORANT	1/4/1985	11/12/24	
CATHE	DALTON	11/15/1973	11/21/24	
DENISE	HEWITT	3/31/1978		12/2/24
DENISE	MCGREGOR	11/9/1965	11/18/24	
CATHE	NEVIS	8/23/2002	11/14/24	
DENISE	NISSWA	12/26/1972		12/9/24
DENISE	WADENA	1/23/2022	11/25/24	
	Zone Fairs			
	Zone Fairs			
	Cabinet Mtgs			
	COG Mtg			

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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