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# 5M9 Service Journal

## District Governor Denise Laudenbach



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### Letter from the President to You International President Fabrício Oliveveira



#### Lions,

Our service is extraordinary, so let's promote it with extraordinary marketing. Every Lion is a club promoter, so you should proudly share with others the life-changing service you and your club are doing.

There are many great resources on the Lion website to help you tailor social media, engage the press and market your service projects in your community.

Let's all make a commitment to grow our great association through encouraging others to join our service by sharing impactful photos, videos and stories and wearing Lion-branded gear whenever and wherever you serve.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira  
International President

**October 2024**

**Vision Awareness Month**

**Leo Membership Growth Month & Lions Membership Growth Month**

**World Sight Day October 10, 2024**

**World Food Day October 16, 2024**

# District Governor *Denise Laudenbach*



## **Embracing Growth Through Everyday Experiences**

Every experience that we have throughout our day gives us the chance to learn and grow. Whether it's a small conversation, a challenge at work, or a moment of reflection, each situation provides an opportunity to gain new insights. Life constantly offers lessons, and by embracing them, we unlock our potential and open the door to personal growth.

In the spirit of service, Lions International reminds us that growth doesn't come solely from big achievements. It often arises from the small, daily interactions where we connect with others and contribute to our community. Each encounter, no matter how ordinary it may seem, adds to our understanding of the world and strengthens our ability to serve more effectively.

As Lions, we are committed to not only making an impact in our communities but also growing as individuals. By acknowledging that every moment carries value, we empower ourselves to become better leaders, better volunteers, and better humans. Each day is a step toward becoming the best version of ourselves, through learning and embracing new experiences.





## **“Changing the World” by being a**



### **Get ready to Grow and Serve more People!**

Last month I passed on information about planning for your club’s success, tips to increase your membership and getting youth involved with your clubs and communities.

Over the past three months we have seen growth in new members and new clubs in District 5M9 and look ahead now to increase the momentum to reach our goals.

In the coming months let’s focus on ways to increase the awareness of our Lions clubs in our communities with some marketing and public relations tips that can shine a spotlight on your club and your service while encouraging others to join you. Take advantage of the marketing and PR resources that Lions International offers and click on the links below:

- [Marketing Matters](#) – Discover great marketing, branding and promotional tools that can help energize your service.
- [Lions Press Center](#) – Download a media kit and promotional materials, including sample media interview questions, fact sheets and photos.
- [Social Media](#) – Make an impact by posting photos of your service on social media.

**“We Can Do It!”** Believe we can achieve our 5M9 Mission 1.5 goal by increasing the number of members in our clubs and by increasing the number of clubs in our district. District 5M9 has a goal of 191 new members and 2 new clubs this year and we need to increase our visibility—and our impact—with great marketing and PR tools available to us.

**“Make Your Mark”** Let go of the idea of inviting a new member to a club meeting. Instead, invite new members of your community, church, social outlets to join you in a service project, annual fundraising project or club social event. Let them see that we know FUN!

I believe making your mark can be an act of kindness, a smile as you are walking down the street, allowing someone in line at the grocery store to go ahead of you or helping your neighbors with odd jobs. It’s the little things in life that “make your mark” in your community. **Growing the good starts with you and your club!**

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Cathe



## Sheri Greenwaldt 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

Lions of 5M9

This year our International President is Fabricio Oliveira and his theme for the year is Make Your Mark! As I sit back and reflect about his theme, it really hits home how this theme is so appropriate for us as lions. Every day, we have the opportunity to leave an imprint—whether through our service, actions, words, or the connections we build. Making our mark isn't just about grand achievements; it's often found in the small, everyday moments. It's in the kindness we show to strangers, the passion we put into our service and work, and the love we share with friends and family.

Consider the impact of a single encouraging word, a moment of understanding, and serving others. These seemingly minor gestures can ripple outwards, inspiring others and creating a chain of positivity. Imagine if we all focused on being a little more mindful of our interactions. What a powerful change that could bring! I also believe that making our mark requires courage. It involves stepping out of our comfort zones and embracing the unknown. Pursuing our passions, advocating for what we believe in, and expressing our authentic selves can sometimes feel daunting. Yet, it's in these moments of vulnerability that we often find our greatest strength and impact.

Let's encourage each other to explore our unique paths and support one another in our journeys. Each of us has something special to contribute, and together, we can create a lasting legacy that reflects our Motto, values, aspirations and communities.

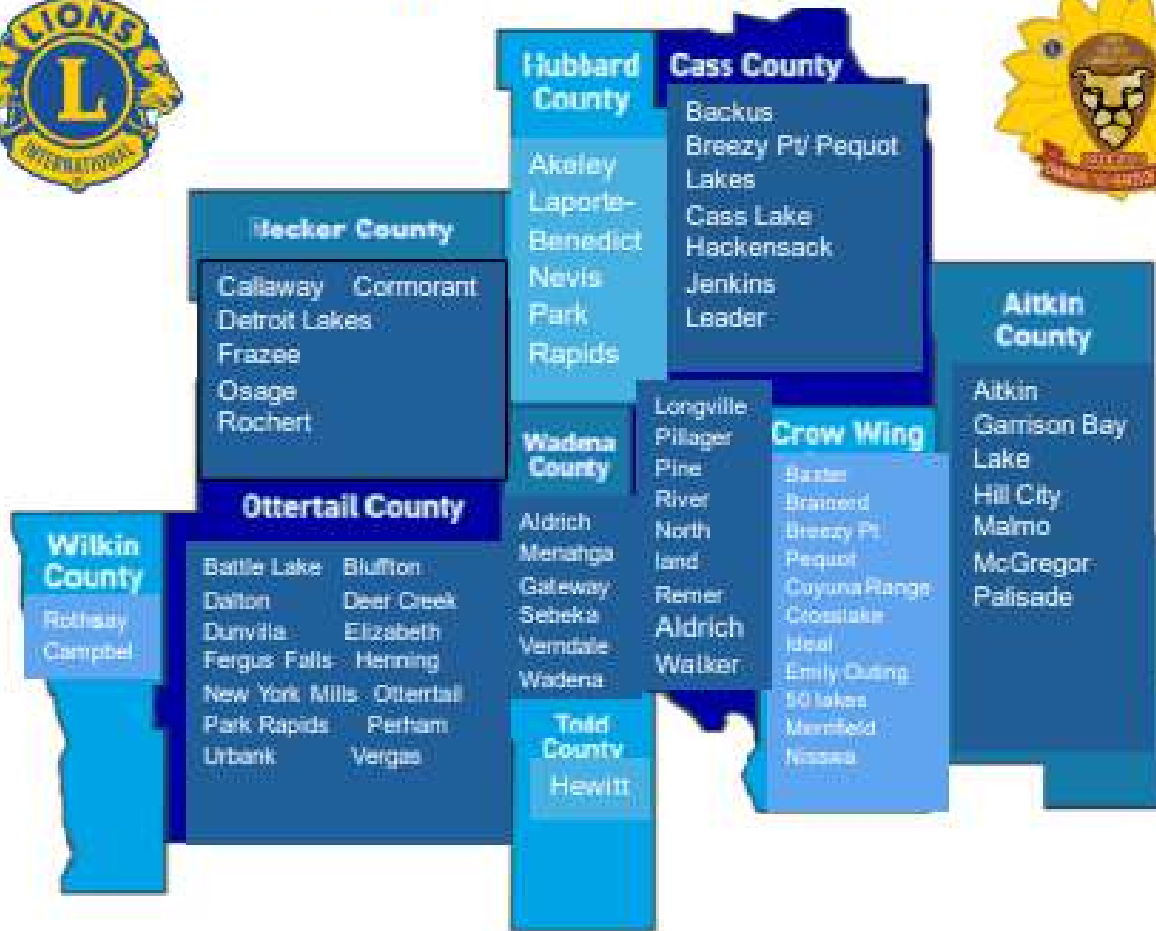
As you go about your days, remember that every moment is a chance to make your mark. Embrace it, and let your light shine brightly.

I am so proud to be a member of our district! You all are so amazing, and you Make Your Mark no matter where you go and what you are doing!

Lion Sheri Greenwaldt



# PDG Linda's Celebration of 5M9



**Come celebrate the Lions in 5M9**

**October 5, 2024**

Celebration begins at 2:00 PM

**Ottertail Community Center**

93 South Lake Avenue

Ottertail, MN 56571

Meal to follow program

Please RSVP by September 27, 2024

PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby

218-298-4743

DISTRICT 5M9 LIONS DAY OF

# LEARNING FOR ALL LIONS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2024**

12:30PM SOCIAL

1:00PM SESSIONS

4:00PM LITE LUNCH

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

BLUFFTON COMMUNITY CENTER  
202 CENTER STREET, BLUFFTON, MN

RSVP TO PDG ROSE PUCKETT  
apuckett@brainerd.net or 218-851-8380



DISTRICT 5M9 LIONS DAY OF

# LEARNING FOR ALL LIONS

Select from 1 of 2 sessions per track to attend

12:30 Social - Meet New People

1:00 pm Kick-Off with PDG Rose Puckett our GLT Chair

1:05 pm Mission 1.5 with GMT Chair Joe Laudenbach

1:15pm - 2:00pm Laugh Your Way To A Better Club with PDG Jay Norby

1:15pm - 2:00pm Strive and Drive Service with GST Chair Jake Jacoby

2:15pm - 3:00pm Climbing The Lions Ladder with PID Bruce Beck

2:15pm - 3:00pm New Lions Orientation with 2nd VDG Sheri Greenwaldt

3:15pm - 4:00pm Lions & The Law with PID Mike Molenda

3:15pm - 4:00pm Lions Diabetes Foundation with Lion Angie Hauge

4:00pm - 5:00pm Break Bread Together

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Bluffton Community Center - 202 Center Street, Bluffton, MN

Hosted by The Bluffton Lions Club

rsvp to PDG Rose Puckett: apuckett@brainerd.net or 218-851-8380





Wednesday, October 9th, 2024

Step into Wonderland!  
The Mad Hatter is hosting a Ball, and the Queen of Hearts as well as many other familiar characters will be in attendance.

*Let's see who will spill the tea.*

5:30 - 6:30 Social - Cash Bar  
6:30 pm - Dinner Experience

Dress the part (optional but fun!) or just come ready for a good time.  
One lucky attendee's key will hold the code to the box of Wonder  
(contents valued over \$200)  
Do not miss out on this delicious experience where you never know what is in the cards...

\$50  
per  
person

@  
Catalyst  
Event Center  
in Nisswa MN





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.

# Here we grow again!



Verndale Lions welcomed new members Renae and Nikki and Congratulated Lion Annette on receiving the Key Award as she previously sponsored two new members.



PDG Rose Puckett presented Lion Annette with her Key Award as she previously sponsored two new members



Second Vice District Governor Sheri Greenwalt and Battle Lake Lions President Dave



Dave Koplin becoming a Lion with his sponsor, Brian Kvbeck. Photo by Sherry Whipple

## Zone Fair with 5M9 Lions of Zones 1,2,3,4

Zone Fair with 5M9 Lions of **Zones 1,2,3,4**. Lions were busy booking the Foundations for club visits and of course, Meeting New People and Doing Cool Things!



## Zone Fair 5,6,7,8

Lions clubs of District 5M9 Lions in **Zone Fair 5,6,7,8!** They were busy setting appointments with the foundations and project chairs for club visits. Lots of sharing of successful



*Congratulations!*



### Backus Lions Present Awards

At their September 5th meeting, the Backus Lions past president Cora Hohnstadt presented awards to two of their members. Donna Holden was the recipient of the Dreamcatcher Award. Cassandra Remington was the recipient of the Helen Keller Award. Congratulations to these two recipients for their well-deserved recognition.



**Lion Art Schmidt of Pine River Lions** receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship with DG Denise Marie Laudenbach! At the Zone 1,2,3,4 Zone Fair.

Congratulations Lion Art!





**Battle Lake Lions** summer activities Memorial Day and Labor Day Pancakes

In picture Lion Jerry Begley and Mary Murphy ready to serve. Lion Kelly Hepper and Clair Prody making pancakes.

A few of our Lions enjoying breakfast before their shift. Brian and Sally Kvbeck, Becky and Dave (soon to be Lion) Koplin



The **Park Rapids Lions** held their 5th annual Diaper/Wipes Sept. 14th, 2024.

Over \$1,000.00 cash donations plus a large amount of product lead to a very successful drive. All proceeds are donated to the Park Rapids Pregnancy Resource Center. We also have 4 potential new members from this event.

Among those Lions pictured are L-R  
 Kim Donahue, Tom Blaha, Jan Beimdiek, Michelle Nickolauson, Zelda Novak, Joel Vorhes, Jeff Whiton, Julie LaFountain, Larry Novak aka Baby Luey and Phil Donahue.





The **Hackensack Lions Club** is proud to be a sponsor of our summer Lakeside Concerts.

The concerts are held every Friday night from Memorial weekend to Labor Day weekend with our club funding the bands playing the Friday closest to July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Friday of Labor Day weekend. Hundreds of people attend these concerts which is great exposure for our club!



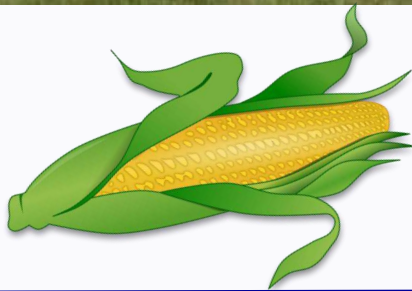
### **Battle Lake Lions summer**

August peaches and pear sales were a great success.

Thanks to many Battle Lake Lions.



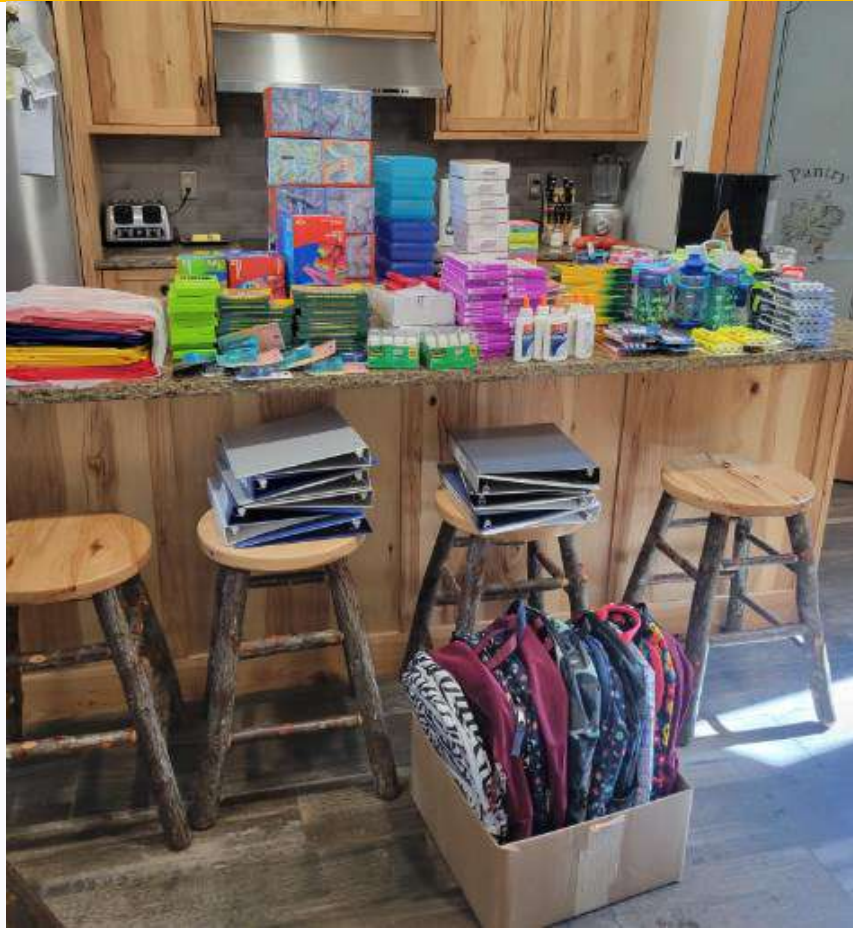
It was fun for all at the **57th Annual McGregor Lion Corn Feed**. The kids enjoyed the inflatable bouncy house with climbing wall and slide, and friends and neighbors enjoyed each other's company on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.



DG Denise and Joe attending our September 1<sup>st</sup> pancake breakfast here in Hackensack.







**Nisswa Lions Club** donates school supplies for kids to the Nisswa Elementary School.

**Nisswa Lions** also made a generous donation to upgrade our gymnasium's sound system means they will be able to make the most of our equipment and enjoy our students amazing performances for years to come.



**Crosslake Lions**, Pear Delivery!!! Our peach, pear and honey sale had a few lugs of pears left so, we got to make some fun deliveries today to Pine View Child Care & Learning Center, Whitefish at the Lakes Senior Living AND Miss Sunny's Daycare!!! Their smiling faces say it all!!!





**BRAINERD LEOS WITH  
BRAINERD LIONS PRESENT**



**50'S**



**MUSIC**

*Party*

**OPEN AT 3PM**

**SATURDAY  
10/6/24**

**\$10  
EACH**

**BURGER, CHIPS,  
ROOT BEER FLOAT  
MUSIC**

**THE CENTER  
(803 KINGWOOD ST. BRAINERD)**

**BRING YOUR USED EYEGASSES TO DONATE!**

**(218) 851-7376**

**BRAINERDLEOCLUB@GMAIL.COM**

**NEVIS LIONS FUNDRAISER**

# HALLOWEEN PURSE BINGO

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

STARTS AT 7 PM - DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
AKELEY - RED RIVER BAR & GRILL

**Best costume also wins a purse!**

Tickets are \$50.00 - MUST be 18+ to play. 10 games of Bingo for Designer Purses plus Raffle tickets for doorprizes!  
\*Dinner not included with ticket but kitchen will be open

Pre-order your ticket via Venmo: @NevisLionsClub or pay cash at the door!  
\*No refunds\*

**VENMO** 








## 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 [rjacob55@gmail.com](mailto:rjacob55@gmail.com)  
Send me a picture and what was donated. No one should go hungry this Holiday season.

## Pillager Lions Fall Dinner



**Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> 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



## 5M9 Environmental



**“LIONS HAVE A GREEN HEART”**

Winners of District 5M9 Environment/Service Projects Contest are:

1<sup>st</sup> place Hackensack -76 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bluffton – 64 pts,  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Gateway Menahga 56 pts

Total Clubs reporting – 30, Total Project Points from all clubs 393

**GREAT JOB 5M9 LIONS! PDG Rose Puckett**

**Dear Lions Members,**

Are you interested in Fall Cleaning – or not? My Mother always did a Spring and Fall cleaning. Below are top cleaning environmental cleaning products made with everyday ingredients:

**ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER**

½ CUP VINEGAR +1/2 CUP VODKA +10 DROPS LEMON ESSENTIAL OIL + 10 DROPS LAVENDER OIL +1 &1/2 CUPS WATER

**GLASS CLEANER**

2 CUPS WATER +2 TABLESPOONS WHITE VINEFGAR +2 TABLESPOONS RUBBING ALCOHOL +5 DROPS PEPPERMINT ESSENTIAL OIL

**HEAVY DUTY KITCHEN CLEANER**

1/4 NATURAL DISH SOAP + ¼ CUP BAKING SODA +5 DROPS CLOVE

ESSENTIAL OIL +3 DROPS WATER

**Remember – “Lions Have a Green Heart”,  
PDG Rose Puckett, 5M9 Environment Chair**



# 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**



### **A LOOK TO THE PAST 1987** by 5m9 Historian Lion Zelda Novak

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

Women had been barred from the Lions Club since its formation by a Chicago business group in 1917. Officials said women were kept out because so few were in business when the organization began. Of the 5,100 delegates who voted Saturday, 77% voted in favor of an amendment to the constitution removing the stipulation that members be male. The measure takes effect at once. It grants invited women full membership rights and privileges, including the right to vote and hold office in the club, which has 1.35 million members in 162 countries. The vote came on the last day of the Lions' 70th international convention in Taipei.

It's hard for me to imagine Lions Clubs without women, we have so much to offer. The first woman District Governor I remember meeting was DG Annett Contos back in 2007. I met her at a mid-winter convention at Craguns sponsored by the Verndale Lions Club. PDG Peter Van Erp was the Vice District Governor that year.

Do you have a story from the past that you would like me to share? Email me [zeldanovak530@gmail.com](mailto:zeldanovak530@gmail.com)



## District 5M9 Youth Outreach Scholarship

application 2024-25 is now available!

Our college students are home on their summer breaks and now is the best time to let them know about the District 5M9 Youth Outreach Scholarship. This scholarship is now also available to 2-year and graduate school students who are working towards degrees that will lead to working directly with youth.

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

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](mailto: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 <a href="#">Peace Poster</a> kit and <a href="#">Peace Essay</a> rules.
Build your <a href="#">club committees</a> 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 <a href="#">Your Club, Your Way!</a>

October	November	December
October is World Sight Day. Start on our <a href="#">Vision webpage</a> to find service project ideas and planning tools.	November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit our <a href="#">Diabetes webpage</a> 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? <a href="#">Start one!</a>
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 <a href="#">Club Quality Initiative</a>	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 <a href="#">Women's Symposium</a> or a meeting topic on growing women Lion leaders.
All club events are great opportunities to get your club known. Our <a href="#">Marketing Communications Guide</a> has ideas and resources to help.	Lions are people who care. Make sure your <a href="#">fundraiser</a> 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 <a href="#">Environment webpage</a> .	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 <a href="#">Worldwide Induction Day</a> 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 <a href="#">Club Excellence Award</a> .



# Please join the Vision Foundation for two great events this fall!

Heritage Center – 6155 Earle Brown Drive – Brooklyn Center, MN 55430



## Thanksgiving for Vision

Saturday, October 26, 2024



### Schedule of Events

Registration and Coffee	9:00 a.m.
Silent Auction	9:00-11:30 a.m.
Symposium Featuring Ophthalmology faculty	9:30 a.m.
Lunch and Program Featuring music, food, & speakers	11:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Vision is an invitation-only event. Club presidents (or their designees) and the past fiscal year's Helen Keller recipients are invited to this annual celebration.

### Featuring The Jammers

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb at [liondeb@lionsvision.org](mailto:liondeb@lionsvision.org)

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

*All proceeds to benefit Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation*

The MN Vision Foundation is holding the Lions Eye Ball Gala and Thanksgiving for Vision and is holding a basket silent auction on October 25-26, 2024. Held at Earle Browne Heritage Center Brooklyn Center, both events are a gathering of Lions from all around the state of MN.

We are reaching out to our fellow Lions Clubs and community members to donate an item and/or basket to the silent auction.

Through our support of Lions Gift of Sight (formerly MN Lions Eye Bank), our collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Dept. of Ophthalmology, and our work collecting and distributing used eyeglasses, the Foundation helps countless people every day.

As a Board Member of the MLVF, we are a partner and involved in the Eye Ball gala and planning Thanksgiving for Vision; a wonderful event to provide updates on research and recognize and hear from families of cornea donors and recipients.

**PDGs Jim Arvidson & Dick Stebbins**

# SAVE THE DATE



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

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

**Join Lions from across Minnesota, NW Ontario & Manitoba**

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



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

For more convention information  
[https://sites.google.com/view/  
md5mmultipleconvention/home](https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention/home)

**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.

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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](https://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](http://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](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 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	Years	October	November
DENISE	AITKIN	5/5/1926	99		11/19/24
DENISE	BACKUS	8/4/1986	38	10/3/24	
DENISE	BLUFFTON	9/30/1974	50	10/28/24	
DENISE	BRAINERD	11/26/1921	103		11/11/24
CATHE	CAMPBELL	12/22/1975	49		11/25/24
CATHE	CASS LAKE	10/27/1947	77	10/28/24	
CATHE	DALTON	11/15/1973	51		11/21/24
DENISE	GARRISON BAY LAKE	11/24/1981	43	10/8/24	
DENISE	HACKENSACK	12/13/1974	50	10/17/24	
DENISE	HEWITT	3/31/1978	47		
CATHE	NEVIS	8/23/2002	22		11/14/24
DENISE	NORTHLAND REMER	12/4/1973	51	10/21/24	
DENISE	PARK RAPIDS	4/9/1954	71	10/14/24	
CATHE	PELICAN RAPIDS	6/4/22	2	10/16/24	
DENISE	PILLAGER & AREA	12/11/1984	40	10/10/24	
SHERI	VERGAS	2/19/1968	57	10/8/24	
DENISE	WADENA	1/23/2022	103		11/25/24
	Zone Fairs				
	Zone Fairs				
	Cabinet Mtgs			10/27/24	
	COG Mtg			10/19/24	
				<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>

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](mailto: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](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org)**

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

**MN Lions Hearing Foundation: [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)**

**MN Lions Vision Foundation:  
[www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org](http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org)**

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



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