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# 5M9 Service Journal

## District Governor Denise Laudenbach



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



**Dear Lion,**

Making your mark is easier when you invite others to help you meet the growing needs of your community and our world. That's why we launched *MISSION 1.5* and set a goal of reaching 1.5 million members by 2027.

Everyone has a role to play in growing our service, so be sure growing your club is central to your plans for the year.

It's important to keep in mind *why* growing is so important. When our clubs and districts grow, our service grows. Our visibility grows. Our influence grows. And we grow as Lions. So lead the way by inviting friends and family to join you in making your mark!

At your service,

**Fabrício Oliveira**  
International President

# District Governor Denise Laudenbach



## TURN ON THE LIGHTS

I stumbled across an awesome video of a coach who is with 3 Stripes Select Basketball league, an elite program for boys and girls, ages 12-18. The coach was in the locker room, talking to her team about stepping up their game. Her message sounded, something like this:

“When you walk into a dark room, with no lights on, you do not turn around and tell someone to turn on the lights. You go and turn on the lights. Who is going to turn on the lights for this team? Who is going to be the person, one after another after another, whatever it takes, to turn on the lights - that’s what we need to do. Are you willing to give yourself for this team, to win a championship. If you are, then come in, and be the guy who turns on the lights for everyone else. Don’t always be asking someone else to turn on the lights. Take care of your business and then everyone else will follow your lead. That’s the kind of teammate you must be, if you want to win a championship.”

Looking through this lens, from your club’s perspective, is what we should see for the communities that we serve. We need to stand side by side, with our club members, to work together to create and execute service projects that give back to those in need. We need to be the ones who are turning on the lights for service. We need to be the ones who are bringing energy to our club, to get everyone involved. We need to be the ones to assure that our projects, meetings and interactions with our each other and our communities, are Meaningful, Relevant, Inclusive and FUN! All these actions must start with you. We each need to be the person, who turns on the light to make things happen in our clubs and in our communities.



Our ‘championship game’ are the service projects and fundraising events that we do in the communities. It is all of us, working together as a team, to provide help to others, and expecting nothing in return. As Lion’s, we have all been blessed with the satisfaction of knowing that we made a positive difference in someone’s life.



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



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

The goal has been set, the plan is in place and 5M9 Lions are ready to accomplish *MISSION 1.5* by increasing the number of members in their clubs and by increasing the number of clubs in their district. District 5M 9 has a goal of 191 new members and 2 new clubs this year – and **We Can Do It!**

Take a few minutes to watch this video made by Lions like you. It’s informative, inspiring and generates the enthusiasm of why we became a Lion.

**#Mission to Grow** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDkTBrFfvY8>

**“Make Your Mark”** Invite new members of your community, church, social outlets to join you in a service project, annual fundraising project or club social event.

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!**

Here are some great ways you can help grow the good:

- **Put your plan in place** – Check out the Plan for Your Club’s Success webpage to discover resources to help your club grow and thrive. Does your club have a succession plan to help build your future? Take a look at where you’ve been, where you are and where you want to be in five years.
- **Invite new members** – Discover tips for growing your club and inviting new members in the Lions blog. Find out about new people in your community by talking to the “people in the know” at church, chamber of commerce, city hall or the coffee shop.
- **Get young people involved** – Learn how you can involve youth in your club and service through programs like Leo clubs and the Youth Camps and Exchange Program. Raise awareness in your community about the programs and services that Lions provide.
- **“Make Your Mark”** in whatever you do and wherever you can!  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Cathe

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



Lions of 5M9!

Here it is time again to write the monthly article for the newsletter! I had a meeting with our Global Action Team (GAT) last evening and I had to share that we are almost done with the first two months of the year! Where did the time go? If any of you know, will you please enlighten me! I loved every bit of the first two months!

A big piece of being 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (VDG) is I get the wonderful opportunity to work with all the zone chairs as their advisor. We have an AMAZING group of zone chairs this year! They have worked hard to plan the zone fairs for all of you to attend coming up here in September! The zone chairs will be a great resource for you and your clubs. The zone chairs are as follows:

Zone 1- Lion Eric Johnson	Zone 5- Lions Bob and Erica Keppers
Zone 2- PDG Tom Plagman	Zone 6- Lion Steve Curtis
Zone 3- Lion Jan Peterschick	Zone 7- Lion Diane Kunze
Zone 4- Lion Michelle Nickolauson	Zone 8- Lion Connie Krusemark

This group of Lions will be reaching out to your clubs to do club visits. They will be sharing the same messages with each club about the goals that have been set by Lions International, sharing our International Presidents theme “Make your Mark”, and other pertinent information.

There have been many fun events that have happened this last month within our clubs and at the district level! I highly encourage all of you to follow the newsletter sent to your email if you have an email on file in the Lions Portal, District 5M9 Lions Facebook page and 5m9lions on Instagram! These social media sites and newsletter will have many of our upcoming activities shared. What we as leaders in the district would love from all the clubs is to share your flyers with Lion Sue Stebbins at 5m9newsletter@gmail.com. Please send your flyers of your upcoming events to her by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and she will get them put into the newsletter and on social media. I know that many Lions members love to go to support other Lion club activities!

**There are a couple of other fun events coming up and they are as follows:** Northern Pride Lions Forum- September 20-21<sup>st</sup> in St. Cloud! This is a fantastic opportunity to hear amazing speakers. This event provides educational and networking opportunities for all Lions and Leos in the Mid-west!

Regional Lions Learning Institute (RLLI)- November 14-17, 2024 in Detroit Lakes. I highly recommend this training to all lions! I have participated in this institute and use the skills I learned every day! Plus, this is being held in our district. To get signed up please reach out to District Governor Denise, our Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator Sue Mullen to get the form to you to get registered!

5M9 Midwinter Convention- January 3-4-5 at Craguns! Please get yourself registered; you won't regret attending! Its going to be a jam-packed weekend full of fun and fellowship! There has been information sent out on how to get registered. If you have any questions, please reach out to DG Denise or me and we can help!

I hope you all are having such an amazing year like I am! I am looking forward to meeting with all of you in the next 3 years. Keep being the AMAZING Lions that you all are! I am so proud to be a member of District 5M9!

Lion Sheri Greenwaldt





# ZONE FAIR

## 5M9 Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4

**Join us at your 5M9 Zone Fair!**

Connect with fellow Lions, learn, book speakers for your Club, and help strengthen our communities through collaboration & fun.

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024**  
**5:00 PM | Pine River American Legion**  
400 Front St (HWY 371) Pine River

5:00 pm - Visit with the Projects

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:45- Program

\$15 Dinner: Taco Buffet and dessert.

**Pay at the door**

**RSVP by September 10th to your Zone Chair**

If you RSVP and don't attend, your club will be responsible for your cost!

**Zone 1** Eric Johnson  
evilwalkingstick@gmail.com

**Zone 2** Tom Plagman  
tplagman218@gmail.com

**Zone 3** Jan Peterschick  
jmp21618@gmail.com

**Zone 4** Michelle Nickolauson  
goodman.michelle@rocketmail.com



Meet **new** people.

Do **cool** things.



# ZONE FAIR

## 5M9 Zones 5, 6, 7, & 8

**Join us at your 5M9 Zone Fair!**

Connect with fellow Lions, learn, book speakers for your Club, and help strengthen our communities through collaboration & fun.

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**  
**5:30PM | Rothsay Event Center**  
124 1st st NW, Rothsay

5:30pm - Visit with the Projects

6:45 pm - Dinner

7:15- Program/Raffle/door prize drawings

\$15 Dinner: Scalloped Potatoes and ham, Veggie, Dessert.

**Pay at the door**

**RSVP by September 5th to your Zone Chair**

If you RSVP and don't attend, your club will be responsible for your cost!

**Zone 5** Bob/Erica Keppers  
eriacatl@msn.com

**Zone 6** Steve Curtis  
curtis@readinessresource.net

**Zone 7** Diane Kunze  
dianehansen\_link@hotmail.com

**Zone 8** Connie Krusmark  
krusemarkconnie@gmail.com



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

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

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

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

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

Because who doesn't want to...

Meet **new** people.

Do **cool** things.

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

## District 5M9 Directory Order Form for 2024-2025

Name of person ordering the directory: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# of 5M9 Directories @ \$12.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Gamb. Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Please add the address to where it should go.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks out to: Lions District 5M9

**MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE!**

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Send the order blank & check made out to - Lions District 5M9:

Linda Albrecht-Norby  
1021 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Perham, MN 56573

Deadline to order is September 11, 2024 (The earlier the better). Every club is asked to buy at least one but best to buy three, so you have one for the President, Secretary, & Treasurer. If you have a gambling manager, they should have one also.

**Thank you all for your patience!**

Lion Linda





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

**Hackensack Lions** Julie Cline, Sue Larson, and Vicki Vorel (not pictured) ready for the Kid's Lion Safari at the Northwoods Art and Books Festival on August 10<sup>th</sup>.



Leo the Lion on top of the basketball hoop! Kids were given a safari helmet, binoculars, and clues to go on an adventure to find Leo the Lion!



**Pine River Lions** made a \$750 donation to the MN Broken Wing Connection. This is the programs 35th year taking people with disabilities out pheasant hunting. People have come as far as Sweden to be able to participate in the program. The space is limited and applications are drawn from a lottery. Those who don't win the first time will be placed in the next lottery. For more information go to [www.minnesotabrokenwing.org](http://www.minnesotabrokenwing.org)

Pictured Club President Tom Alterpeter, Keith Gravidahl from the Broken Wing Connection and Lion Art Schmidt



# Here we grow again!



**Central Minnesota Omega LEOS Club**

Congratulations **Central Minnesota Omega LEOS Club** on being chartered. District Governor Denise Laudenbach was the guest speaker. The club was sponsored by **Brainerd Lions**.

Omega LEO officers accepting the charter

Left to right

DG Denise

Treasurer Will Heller.

Secretary Lucas Laflex

President Ivy Matejcek

LEO Advisor Eric Johnson

PDG Jay Norby

From left to right; **Hackensack Lions** club President Joe, inducting new Lion members Lindsay and Jay along with Jay's sponsor Gary and membership chair Dean. Not pictured, Lindsay's sponsor Brenda.



# Park Rapids Lions

## CELEBRATION

Monday, September 23, 2024  
Festivities begin at 6:00 PM ~ Dinner 6:30 PM  
Riverside United Methodist Church  
1005 Park Ave. N (US Hwy. 71)  
Park Rapids, MN



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

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

Meal prepared by Chef Joel London  
Light Hors d'oeuvres, Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley, Beverages & Dessert  
Cost: \$20

The deadline for reservations is September 6!  
Please send RSVP to [parkrapidslions70th@gmail.com](mailto:parkrapidslions70th@gmail.com) or call Mary at 218-256-5509  
Send your check to: Park Rapids Lions Club, PO Box 532, Park Rapids, MN 56470

# Congratulations!



**Parker Prairie** Lion Bruce Stone was awarded a Helen Keller Award with Jim Arvidson 5M9 MN Vision Co-Chair



Helen Keller



Lion Gerald Johnson, Lion Tony Reller owner of Minnesota E-Bike Outlet, Winner Laura Ostrom of Detroit Lakes, and Lion Jason Block.

DL Lions held a raffle on August 10th for an E-Bike valued at \$2,000.

Ostrom was the first place E-Bike winner. Steve Larson and Dan Jorgenson both won \$100 for 2nd and 3rd place.



# Summer Fun!



At Riverfest the **Palisade Lions** had a float and marched in the parade. Next we hosted kids games all afternoon! Prizes were school supplies to help them get ready for the upcoming school year! A very fun, beautiful day to be in Palisade!

In picture: Shirley Pick, Joe Pipp, Steven Ladd, Janet Gullickson, Pamela Nordstrom



**VDG Cathe Picek at the Parkers Prairie Fall Festival.**



**Baxter Lions** served food and free root beer floats at the Baxter Night to Unite. Left to right, Lions Gary Kub, Paul Roth, John Burton, Dylan Tacket, Karlie Ray, Sheryl Crow.



**Laporte Benedict Lions Club** participated in the Carlson Cancer Benefit August 24 @ Benedict Outpost, Benedict, MN. The benefit was hosted by the Benedict Outpost and the Laporte Benedict Lions Club with Lions Keith Lillis and Shelley Jacobson representing the club. Yard sale, 50/50 card drawing, silent auction, \$1 and \$5 raffle, free will brats and burgers, live music and more.

The Carved chicken was presented to Mike Diekman owner of the Benedict Outpost for his humanitarian support of Eric Carlson and family. Large chicken was created by Lion Keith Lillis.





# PUTTING FOR DOGS



**BRAINERD LIONS CLUB**

"WE SERVE"

Sponsored by Pirates Cove

**SEPT. 14TH, 2024**

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW**



**ROTHSAY LIONS PORK FEED**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

**4 TO 7 PM**

**ROTHSAY EVENT CENTER**

FREE WILL DONATION MEAL

PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

BAKED BEANS

CHIPS

COFFEE AND LEMONADE

BARS

SILENT AUCTION

PROCEEDS BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND  
VARIOUS LIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



57th Annual  
MCGREGOR LIONS



# CORN FEED

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



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

**\*Gate Closes  
at 4 p.m.\***

All-You-Can-Eat

**CORN ON THE COB**

**VISIT OUR CANTEN**

Sandwiches • Popcorn  
Ice Cream • Candy • Chips

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

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

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

**NO Coolers or Dogs**

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

# Park Rapids Lions Club Diaper & Wipes Collection Drive

**A cause we can all get BEHIND!**



**Donate NEW diapers and wipes to help our local Families!**

**Cash contributions also accepted!**

**All proceeds donated to  
Pregnancy Resource Center**

**Saturday, September 14**

**10am - 3pm**

**Coborn's parking lot**





# LIONS UNITE BOWLING CHALLENGE



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

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

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

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

Little Ottertail

# 2024 Polka Daze

sponsored by the  
Ottertail Lions



## September 5, 6 & 7

Thursday, September 5	Friday, September 6	Saturday, September 7
<i>Eric's Dance Band</i> 5:30-9:30 pm	<i>Leon Olsen</i> 12-1 pm 2-3 pm 4-5 pm 6-7 pm	<i>Julie Lee &amp; her White Rose Band</i> 12-1 pm 2-3 pm 4-5 pm 6-7 pm
<b>\$10 Admission</b>	<i>Nate Fredickson Band</i> 1-2 pm 3-4 pm 5-6 pm 7-8 pm	<i>Jerry B. &amp; Joyce</i> 1-2 pm 3-4 pm 5-6 pm 7-8 pm
<i>All Bands Play</i> Waltz Two Step Polka Country & Variety	<b>\$20 Admission</b>	<b>\$20 Admission</b>



**Free Camper Space • No Hookups**  
Food, Beer & Set-ups served by the Ottertail Lions  
12 Noon - 8 pm • BYOB

Young, old or in between... come and join us!



### Area Restaurants/Lodges

- Betty's Pantry 218-367-3088
- Otter Supper Club & Lodge 218-367-2525
- Wood Shed Bar & Restaurant 218-367-2810
- Thumper Pond Lodge & Willy T's Restaurant 218-367-2000
- Super 8 218-346-7888
- Battle Lake Inn & Suites 218-864-5208
- GrandStay Hotel & Suites, Perham 218-346-2033
- Williams Store, Ottertail (food) 218-367-3340

Directions: Ottertail, MN is located 12 miles south of Perham, MN on Hwy 78, then 1 mile east on Hwy 108. Look for BIG tent across from the water tower. For more information call 218-639-2260 or e-mail [mamonsen@harvig.net](mailto:mamonsen@harvig.net)

# BLUFFTON LIONS

## 50 Anniversary

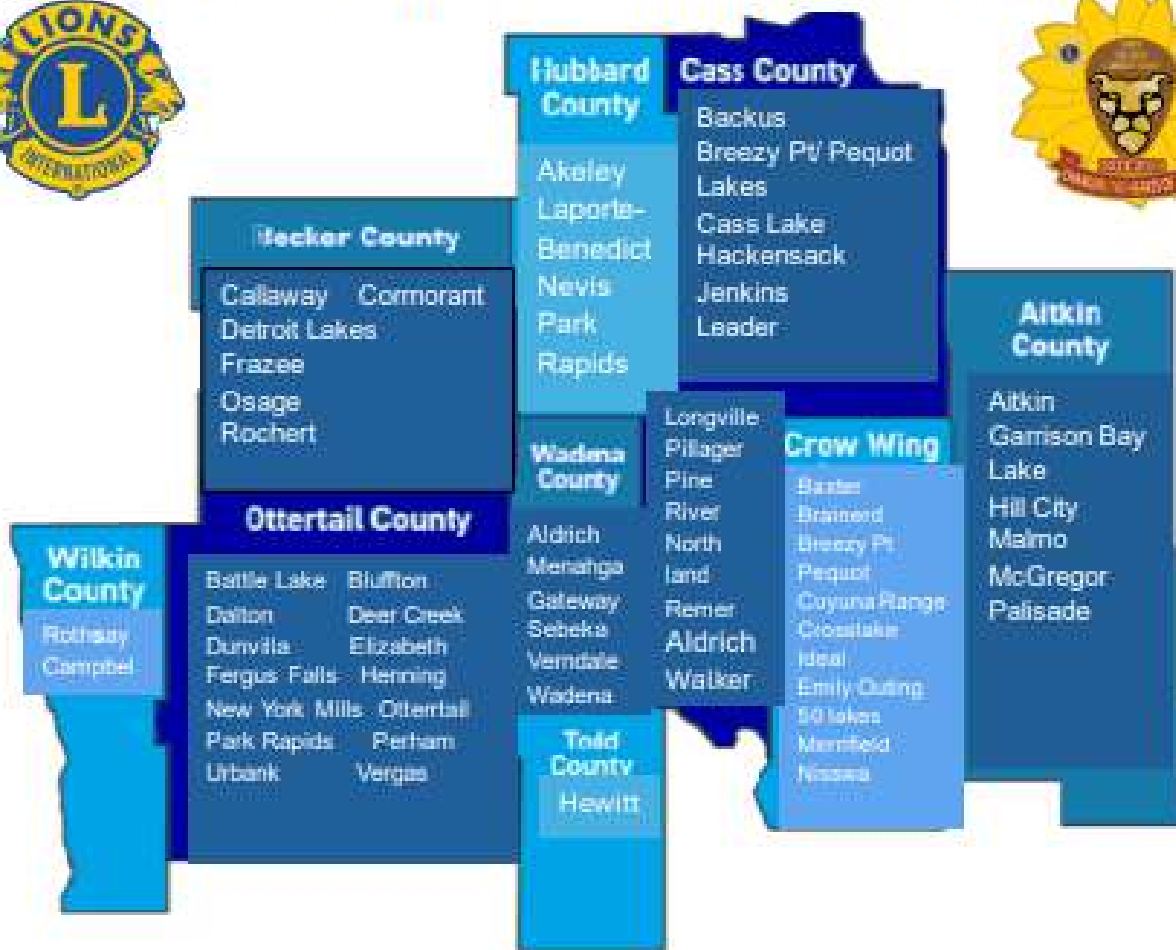


Time: 5:00 Social, Meal:6:00 Program 7:00  
Cost: 20.00 ASAP: By September 18, 2024

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

Guest Speaker: Past International Director Bruce Beck

# PDG Linda's Celebration of 5M9



**Come celebrate the Lions in 5M9**

**October 5, 2024**

Celebration begins at 2:00 PM

**Ottertail Community Center**

93 South Lake Avenue

Ottertail, MN 56571

Meal to follow program

Please RSVP by September 27, 2024

PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby

218-298-4743





# PROJECT NEW HOPE



Military Family Retreats  
at no cost to Veterans



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



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

## **2024-2025 MINNESOTA RETREATS**

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

# 11.17.24

## Save the Date

**NEW CLUB CHARTER CELEBRATION!  
JACOB'S CREW LIONS CLUB**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:  
PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN**



LOCATION AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

### 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.**

# NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM



**FRI. SEP. 20 – SAT. SEP. 21**



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

Learning, Networking, and Inspiration

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

All Lions are invited to attend!

## FORUM REGISTRATION

### **\$105 registration**

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

### **\$139 Hotel Rate**



**13 different topic  
seminars**

**4 Panel  
Discussions**

**Kid Sight  
Certification**

Email: [npllfmd5m@gmail.com](mailto:npllfmd5m@gmail.com)  
<https://forum.northernpridelions.com/>

# Northern Pride Lions Forum



September 20th – 21st, 2024

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

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

## 2024 Registration Form



Your District & Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Membership # : \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration form also available at  
<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

**Special Dietary Needs:**  
Vegetarian, Gluten Free,  
(circle ones that apply)  
Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**SIGN UP ONLINE @**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



This block is called "Northern Pride Lions Forum"



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

For more information Email the Northern Pride Lions Forum at: [nplfmd5m@gmail.com](mailto:nplfmd5m@gmail.com)

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

# NEW PRESIDENTIAL LCIF SUPPORTER PINS

Your generosity changes lives and LCIF wants to recognize your gifts. Donors who make a one-time donation of at least US\$50 are eligible to receive International President Fabrício Oliveira's Presidential LCIF Supporter pin, which is only available this Lion year.

## Gold Pin

US\$200 and above



## Silver Pin

US\$100-\$199



## Bronze Pin

US\$50-\$99



Donate today and receive your pin.  
[lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive)



**Linda Albrecht-Norby**

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Perham, MN. 56573

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**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

**Erin Beck**

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elb\_18@yahoo.com

On July 15-18 we traveled to San Antonio, Texas for the annual LCIF CA1 Strategy Session & Workshop. We met many Lions from all over Constitutional Area1 and gained volumes of information and fundraising ideas. We both look forward to coming to the clubs in 5M9 and discussing LCIF donations (both club and individual), grants available to help projects you may have for your community and of course sharing with you how you can receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

We want to thank you all for the generous donations you gave last year and to let you know that 5M9 raised \$75,319.00. These funds help support Grants for Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Vision, Diabetes, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Efforts and Environment. District Grants range from \$10,000 to \$ 150,000 and we can help you with questions you may have regarding grants.

There are also Club and District Community Impact Grants available, supported by the donations that clubs and the district donate funds to annually. The District Community Impact Grant helped make the food packing event possible last fall and fed families within District 5M9. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped pack food for that event. Check with us to see if you have a balance for your club for a District Community Impact Grant.

Join us this year and support LCIF with a club donation or individual donation. You can donate easily each month and have a dollar amount wire transferred from your account directly to LCIF and it is tax deductible at the end of the year. A \$100.00 gift can provide vision screening for 50 at risk, offer immediate relief to 39 victims of a natural disaster, house a family during their child's cancer treatment, screen 98 individuals at risk for diabetes, improve access to food for 98 hungry people and fund Lions Quest curriculum for one year for an entire classroom.

You can even start by putting your change in a jar at the end of each day and then donate to LCIF when it's full, maybe even several time a year!

**Remember 100% of your donation supports LCIF grants and programs.**

**Please support LCIF!**

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

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



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 [liondebballke@gmail.com](mailto:liondebballke@gmail.com)

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

*All proceeds to benefit Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation*

## 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.

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





**The Nisswa Lions** Invite you to join us for the

*2025 Mid-Winter*  
**CONVENTION**

**JANUARY**  
**3-5, 2025**

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

The Nisswa Lions Registration Portal is NOW open:  
[signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter](https://signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter)



[nisswalions.org](https://nisswalions.org)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

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

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



Contact Lion Joan Kane  
[Joan@BYOBookkeeper.org](mailto:Joan@BYOBookkeeper.org)  
for further information





## Governor Club Visit Request Form Follow Link

**Press Ctrl and click the link**

<https://forms.gle/ESzCHJZNV5C5p6Ah7>

	Clubs	Chartered	Years	September	October
DENISE	BACKUS	8/4/1986	38		10/3/24
DENISE	BAXTER	6/20/1977	47	9/9/24	
DENISE	BLUFFTON	9/30/1974	50	9/28/24	10/28/24
DENISE	GARRISON BAY LAKE	11/24/1981	43		10/8/24
DENISE	HACKENSACK	12/13/1974	50	9/19/24	10/17/24
CATHE	LAPORTE-BENEDICT	8/28/1978	46	9/24/24	
DENISE	NORTHLAND REMER	12/4/1973	51		10/21/24
CATHE	OSAGE	11/21/1983	41	9/9/24	
DENISE	PALISADE AREA	3/27/1989	36	9/10/24	
DENISE	PARK RAPIDS	4/9/1954	71	9/23/24	10/14/24
DENISE	PILLAGER & AREA	12/11/1984	40		10/10/24
	Zone Fairs				
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	Cabinet Mtgs				10/27/24
	COG Mtg				10/19/24

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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