



We Serve

District Governor Scott Rolfe



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan

Like so many of you, I'm proud to carry on my family's legacy as a Lion. But today, we're doing things a whole lot differently than my grandfather did. That's because innovation is such a huge part of our tradition, and it's how we've met the changing needs of our communities for generations.

Innovation is about embracing new ideas, new service and new ways of connecting with our communities—and it begins with each of us. So let's keep thinking about new ways to innovate. Because when we ensure that our tradition of service is as vital today as it ever was, we not only honor our past, we create a brighter future for our communities and our world.

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President

As Lions, we don't just adapt—we innovate to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities. Here are three ways that your club can keep innovating every day.

- Welcome change – Every new member brings new skills and new ideas that can help your club serve even better. So invite friends and family to your next innovative project, and Just Ask! them to serve with you as a Lion.
- Stay connected – Connect with your community by sharing your service stories on social media. Get tips, blogs and how-to videos on our Social Media for Lions Clubs page, or go even bigger with our social media kits to make your pages really stand out.
- Serve big – Be ambitious about your service, and explore the LCIF Grants Toolkit to learn more about our grants that can help you serve even bigger than before.

And don't be afraid to try something new. Watch this [special video message](#) from President Sheehan to see how Lions are making a big difference in their communities by thinking outside the box.

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District Governor Scott Rolfe



"We Can Do More Together!"

"Celebrate Success"

"Together We Can"

"Come Together"



**"COME TOGETHER"
IN
2022 – 2023**

My Goals

For Our Year Together

- Member Orientation Fall and Spring
- Continued Officer Training to 90%
- Reduce Dropped Members by 25%
- Build a New District Service Project
- Promote LCIF to achieve its goals
- Start 2 New Clubs in our District
- Provide support to our struggling Clubs
- Send 10+ to RLLI Training in October
- Promote Bring One! More attendance at Zone Meetings and Conventions

Cabinet Meeting Dates

May 21, 2023, 3:00pm

Celebration of Service

Club Celebrations

District Picnic

September 9th, 2023

Welcome April! This is the time of year to get your clubs ready to serve. It's time to elect new officers in your clubs. Nothing rejuvenates a club like new officers!

Get your new and future officers signed up for our District Training in Wadena on April 30th.

Come one come all to the District Orientation in Pillager April 22nd. Bring new and prospective members and learn what Lions is all about.

Finalize your service projects and fundraising for the summer, don't forget to engage all your members, make it available for all to participate. A good motto may be "No one gets left behind" This is why we are lions, we love to serve!

Zone meetings have already started. Presidents and secretaries are needed at these meetings share your information about your clubs' activities and success stories with all. Bring others from your club and enjoy the time with like minded Lions. You just might have fun!

I want to Thank all the clubs that have welcomed me into their meetings, and I look forward to many more club visits coming up. I have enjoyed every moment of my journey as District Governor and want to finish strong but I wouldn't be able to do any of this without the great team I am blessed with. Thank You All! And we will see you soon!

Lion Scott Bia

Lion Since 2013

RLJ 2015

Club President / Zone Chair

Melvin Jones Fellow



bigskipper61@yahoo.com

218-232-7241 Call or Text



Happy Spring everyone. I hope you are all enjoying this wonderful weather. I sure hope it breaks soon and we can get rid of all this snow. I am presently working on filling the Cabinet for next year. I really appreciate the willingness of last year's cabinet for staying on board and continuing the work in these important positions. There is satisfaction in holding those offices and I am grateful for your enthusiasm and efforts. There are still a couple of positions to fill, one being on the Vision Foundation Board and Zone Chairs in Zone 3 and Zone 6. If anyone out there is interested in one of these positions or if you know of someone who has expressed interest, please give me a call. I would be happy to explain further the responsibilities and commitment.

Just to keep you informed, I have now completed all of my treatments and I am just waiting for everything to heal. I see the doctor at the end of May for a PET scan and I have no doubt the results will be good and I will be cancer free. Thanks for the cards of encouragement and your thoughts and prayers during this trying time. Lions is a wonderful family!

DGE Richard Hanson

District Historian PDG Judy Bragalla

1935-36

In spite of continual devastating natural conditions that hampered the economic status of a large section of the 5th District in 1935-36, Lionism continued functioning with great strength, unhandicapped by slight losses of membership in all sections except South Dakota. In the North Dakota/ Saskatchewan section, under District Governor A. M. Kuhfeld of Beach, there were 53 Lions Clubs with 1,155 members on June 30, 1936, a decrease of three clubs and 59 members from the previous year. Minnesota and Manitoba, under District Governor, Dr. B. W. Kelly of Aitkin, maintained its clubs at 59 but suffered a loss of 56 members on the total, dropping from 1,215 to 1,159. South Dakota, under District Governor R. E. Huffman of Aberdeen, while dropping eight clubs from its roster, reducing the total to 32, showed a net increase in membership of 14, the June 30, 1936 figure standing at 405.

In the same period, considerable increases were registered in the rolls of Key and Master Key members in all three sections of the District. 5M had 146 Key members and 4 Master Key Members; 5N had 238 Key Members and 13 Master Key members, and 5S had 62 Key Members and 1 Master Key member at the close of the fiscal year.

District officers who served with the governors in 1935-36 were: Rev. Newton L. Haney, Sioux Falls, S. D., secretary of entire 5th District; P.C. Packer, Mott, N. D., treasurer for 5th District. District Governor Huffman of Aberdeen was chairman of the District Board of Governors.

In 5M, the following served as group chairmen: Dr. D. S. Fleischhauer of Wabasha, Rev. F. F. Kramer of Faribault, S. R. Nelson of Little Falls, Ralph J. Stewart of New Ulm, O. E. Frederick of Hibbing.

1st Vice District Governor Elect

LEADERSHIP

April brings a time for change. The winter snow starts to melt, and the beautiful flowers and plants begin to emerge from the ground, bringing us bright, vibrant colors and wonderful fragrances in the air. The birds return and are busy building nests and are preparing to welcome new life with the hatching of their nested eggs.

As for Lions, April is also a time for change. This is the month that our Clubs vote to bring in new leaders to be members of the board. It is our responsibility as club members, to provide positive support to those who have stepped up to help lead our clubs, to continue to serve our communities.



There are several resources available to assist board members to learn the role and responsibilities of their soon to be seated position.

- **College of Leadership – April 30th, 2023, Wadena High School**
 - Prepare lions for Club Leadership positions
 - Training Sessions
 - ✦ Responsibilities of each cabinet position
 - ✦ Lions' International e-book resources
 - ✦ Collaboration for success
 - ✦ **District Orientation – Saturday, April 22, 2023, Pillager Community Center**
 - Encourage ALL Lions to attend to learn more about:
 - ✦ Our Clubs
 - ✦ District 5M9
 - ✦ The Multiple District MD5M
 - ✦ **Lions International**
 - MyLion
 - E-books for each board position
 - **5M9 Cabinet Members**
 - All members of the cabinet are a resource to assist your board members and are available to guide and help wherever needed
 - **USA/Canada Forum – September 14-16, 2023, Reno, NV**
 - Available for ALL Lions to attend
 - Training sessions filled with valuable learnings
 - Collaboration opportunities abound
- Fun and Fellowship

April is a time for us to bring bright and vibrant energy to our clubs with the election of new board members. A time to bring new life and excitement to our clubs. Leading is not a stand-alone position. Leading is truly an opportunity for someone to assist in the collaboration and communication within your club. Each one of us are leaders. As members of Lions International, we have all stepped up to lead in service and are committed to making our communities and world a better place.



2nd Vice District Governor Elect Cathe Picek



There is still time for Spring projects and programs to be planned and executed. We've got 3 months to complete our club goals, prepare for our 2034-2034 fiscal year with elections, inductions, orientations, leadership training and more!

I began spring visits in Zone 5 this week and am looking forward to the opportunities Lions will complete this year and begin a new year. My visit with the Deer Creek Lions began with a conversation of things that pertained to each letter of OPPORTUNITIES and ended with a slight revision to LIONS UNITED as given to me by a member of the club. Each includes ideas, information, and areas to work on by every club. Take advantage of these opportunities for a better you & club.

LIONS UNITED OPPORTUNITIES

L LIONS THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX IDEAS/WHAT CAN WE DO DIFFERENT

**I PREPARE/PLAN – 5M9 District Orientation 4/22 in PILLAGER
DISTRICT WIDE 5M9 Picnic & Service Project 9/9 in NISSWA**

**O ORGANIZE/LEADERSHIP – COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP 4/30 in
WADENA 2023-24 Club Board of Directors**

N NOTICE AND RESPECT OUR MEMBERS/COMMUNITIES

S STANDING TOGETHER WE CAN/WE CAN DO MORE & HAVE MORE FUN

U UNIQUE SERVICE PROJECTS/FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

N NEW MEMBERS/BRANCH CLUBS/JUST ASK

I IMAGINATION/POSSIBILITIES – SPRING ZONE MEETINGS

T TRUST THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING HAS BENEFITS FOR ALL

**E EDUCATION/LION PORTAL *INDIVIDUAL EMAIL ADDRESSES BY 6/15, e-
learning/<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/>**

**D DECLARE SUCCESS/CELEBRATE/PROMOTE – CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD
TOGETHER WE CAN!**

The 5M9 Global Action Team

INVITES YOU TO THE

5M9 DISTRICT WIDE Picnic & Service Project

PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
PICNIC

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

9AM-12PM

Nisswa Community Center
25628 Main St
Nisswa, MN 56468

HUNGER
RELIEF
SERVICE
PROJECT

- Enjoy breakfast together (free will donation)
- Hands-on service project
- Pack meals for hunger relief
- Participating clubs will take meals back to their local food shelf



Lions Club International
FOUNDATION

This event is made possible through a LCIF grant for District 5M9 and the Clubs of 5M9. All Clubs are encouraged to donate to further the reach!

We are excited to be participating in a District Wide 5M9 Service Project on Saturday, September 9, 2023: **HUNGER**

We would LOVE for you to be involved. In answer to the questions above:

1. **How do I get more information about the HUNGER project?**
 - a. Contact Lion Shawn Hansen with the Nisswa Lions Club (she is also the Executive Director of The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes).
 - i. Cell phone: 218-232-3528 (call or text)
 - ii. Email: shawn@outreachprogramBLA.org
 1. OutreachBLA is the partner we are working with on the project. They will be facilitating the event.
 2. Check out the Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes Facebook page and see what types of work they are doing every day to end hunger.
 - b. Contact Lion Denise Laudenbach with the Nisswa Lions Club (she is also a board member for Outreach BLA). Denise is your 2nd Vice District Governor.
 - i. Cell phone: 218-851-8884 (call or text)
 - ii. Email: deniselaudenbach@yahoo.com
2. **How do I get my club involved financially?**
 - a. The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes is a registered 501c3.
 - i. Tax ID # 45-4530236
 - ii. You can make a donation by mail:
 1. Outreach Program BLA, 24489 Hazelwood Drive, Nisswa Mn 56468
 - iii. You can make a donation online: www.outreachprogramBLA.org
3. **How can I get my club involved with volunteering?**
 - a. Start gathering a list of club members that will attend the Celebration of Service Picnic and Packing event.
 - i. We will need over 250 volunteers to get all of the meals packed that day!
 - b. Follow 5M9 newsletter and future communications about the event. **BLOCK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**
4. **How can I get involved personally?**
 - a. Come to the Celebration of Service Picnic and Packing Event
 - i. Watch for sign up details in the 5M9 newsletter and future communications about the event.
 - ii. Make a personal donation (information is above in #2)

TOGETHER – we can help lessen the burden of food insecurity for our neighbors. We look forward to SERVING with you at the DISTRICT 5M9 HUNGER EVENT.

5M9 District Orientation

Saturday, April 22nd

Sponsored by the Pillager Lions Club

Pillager Community Center

On the fairgrounds, Pillager

12:30 pm Registration and social

1:00 - Welcome by Scott Rolfe, 5M9 District Governor

1:15 to 2:00 – District by Lion Shawn Hanson

2:15 to 3:00 – Multiple District by 1st VDGE Denise Laudenbach

3:15 to 4:00 – International by GLT Bert Nelson

4:00 to 5:00 – Meal by Pillager Lions

(Free will offering to help offset the costs)

All Lions that have not had a formal orientation are invited to attend this informational seminar.

We encourage all new members and their sponsors to attend these seminars together.

And, whether you have been a Lion for one month or 50 years you should attend to find out about all of the new things that Lions on all levels are doing.

Call or email Jean Driscoll to reserve your spot.

651-331-9575 or jejo4706@gmail.com



DISTRICT 5M 9

College of Leadership

Sunday, April 30, 2023

12:30 – 5:00 pm

Wadena Deer Creek School

600 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena, MN 56482

Training Seminars for the following positions:

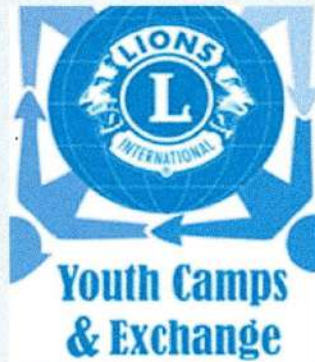
Orientation Leader

President / Vice President GST – Service Projects

Secretary GMT – Membership Ideas

Treasurer Zone Chair

Coffee and cookies will be served.



WANTED:

HOST FAMILIES (Lions or non-Lions) who would like to:

- 1) Host a foreign youth (ages 15-19) in their family for the month of July.**
- 2) Share the American experience with youths from abroad.**
- 3) Deepen their own understanding of cultures from around the world.**

If interested, please contact Jean Driscoll (651-331-9575 or jejo4706@gmail.com) for further info. Hope to hear from you!

Note: Single persons may also host, and financial assistance is available through the Lions.

Busy Lions!



Lakers Lions Club worked the children's games and grilled up lunch for the 21st annual Reddings Sports & Spirits of Emily kid's ice fishing event on Saturday, March 4th, 2023 on Lake Mary in Emily.

Lakers Lion Kathy Harvet assists at the wheel spin game.

Lakers Lions Jim Fraser and Barry Pederson grill up lunch for hungry fisher-kids and their families.



Nevis Lions Club participated in the 13th Annual Chili Challenge to benefit the Hubbard County Food shelf.

President Jesse Forbes along with his daughters Nevis Lion Cubs Kamber and Aveyah served up a delicious white chicken chili called "Snow White and the 7 ingredients" a family favorite, taking 3rd place (Bronze) in the People's Choice award.

Proud Lions



Detroit Lakes Lion
Howard Mooney
presented the
Dream Catcher
award by Lion Jim
Granger



The **Parkers Prairie**
Pride of Lions
Club awarded their
first Melvin Jones
Fellowship to Ash-
ley Iverson, Linda
Arvidson.

Lion Linda also
received the Dream
Catcher Award.





Special shout-out to **Pillager Lions** Cathy Tripp for bringing a great project idea to the Club. She noticed that the Lakewood Infusion Center was running low on zippered shirts that patients can wear to make access to their ports easier for infusion staff. Pillager Lion Holly Thiers (seamstress extraordinaire) quickly made up thirty zippered shirts and on March 21st those shirts were presented to both the Lakewood Infusion Center and the St. Joseph's Oncology Center. The staff at both facilities were extremely grateful to get these specially designed shirts, and plan to pass them out to patients as needed.



Photo #1: Lakewood Infusion Nurses on left and Lions Holly & Cathy on the right.

Photo#2: St. Joseph's Infusion Nurses and Cancer Center Manager are shown with Pillager Lion President John Driscoll, who was just finishing up with his infusion.



Pillager Lions donate \$5000 to local food shelf. Pictured left to right: Lion Holly Thiers, Food Shelf Coordinator Michele Spar, Lion John Driscoll

The Lakers Lions donated \$2,200 to the City of Fifty Lakes at their council meeting on Tuesday, March 14th. The funds will go toward the city's new splash pad. (Photo attached is, L-R:

Mayor Steve Dahlke, council member Toni Buchite, Lion Kathy Harvet, Lion Patty Miller, Lion Ann Raph.)



Bluffton Lions filled Easter Eggs last night after our general meeting for the Easter Egg hunt in Bluffton.



**Happy
Easter!**



LET'S THINK SPRING!

April is my favorite month as it brings hope for new beginnings and growth. This could be applied in our own lives as well as our Lions Clubs.

April 22nd is Earth Day. More than 193 countries hold events supporting Environmental Projects such as; recycling,

clean water, highway, river and lakeshore clean up to name a few.

April 28th is Arbor Day which celebrates trees. Can we get our 5M9 clubs involved in a tree planting project? Contact your local county Soil and Water department if you need assistance in purchasing and installing trees.

“INVEST IN OUR PLANET”

PDG Rose Puckett, 5M9 Environment Chair



OTTERTAIL LIONS CLUB



We are ready to take your orders



- Price: \$ 25.00 per flat (8 -1 lb containers)
- **All flats must be pre-ordered and paid before pick-up of strawberries!**
- Orders must be placed by May 15, please contact Lions Linda Albrecht-Norby 218-346-3200 or Jerry Smith at 218-535-5267.

Please leave your email or phone number in order to confirm your order. Thank You!

- Pick up orders at the Otter Supper Club, Ottertail, MN on May 19, between 5-7pm

All proceeds will go to Kamp K.A.C.E (Kids Against Cancer Everywhere) Campers have fun and adventure with recreational activities such as swimming, canoeing, crafts, games and much more.

Help the Ottertail Lions help Kamp K.A.C.E. Kids

Make Cks out to: Ottertail Lions

Mail to: Linda Albrecht-Norby, 1021 5th Ave. NW, Perham, 56573

Proud Lions



McGregor Lions are happy to announce 4 new Lions. They are pictured left to right sponsors Tom and Shirley Scollard with new members Jackie and Pat Scollard. Lion Dale Carter with sponsor Terry Carter and Sara Karr with Sponsor Robert Swedeen. Welcome new McGregor Lions!



New Member Lion Karen Fundine (left) inducted into the **Pillager Lions** by President John Driscoll (right).



Lion Ginny Paulson and Lion Diane Kunze in front of weekly plastic collection. Of **Rivers Fergus Falls Lions**

Events

You are invited!

ANNUAL NYM LIONS AUCTION

BACK TO THE SPRING!



SATURDAY APRIL 1ST 2023

SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

LIGHT MEAL PROVIDED AND LIONS BAR OPEN

LIVE AUCTION 7:00 PM

AUCTIONEER SERVICES PROVIDED BY PERALA BROS. AUCTIONEERS

LIONS MEMBERS: BRING YOUR AUCTION ITEMS, AND FRIENDS!

**Cass Lake Lions
75th Anniversary**

April 15, 2023

5:30 to ?

Come and help us Celebrate at:

Cedar Lake Casino

Cass Lake, MN

Dinner is \$22.00

Please RSVP by April 1st

Menu: Pork tenderloin and Fried Chicken

Potatoes, wild rice, salad, rolls, & beverage

_____ number of people at \$22.00

List club name on back of this stub

Send Reservation and check to:

Cass Lake Lions

Box 607



**SMELT/FISH FRY
APRIL 15TH, 2023**





SATURDAY | APRIL 8th | 8:00-11am

**VERNDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
FREE WILL DONATION**

COLORING CONTEST | EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK-10AM
IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL

**FRENCH TOAST, SCRAMBLED EGGS, HAM, FRUIT,
DONUTS & MUFFINS, MILK, JUICE, COFFEE**



Bluffton Lions

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 16, 2023

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

Bluffton Community Center

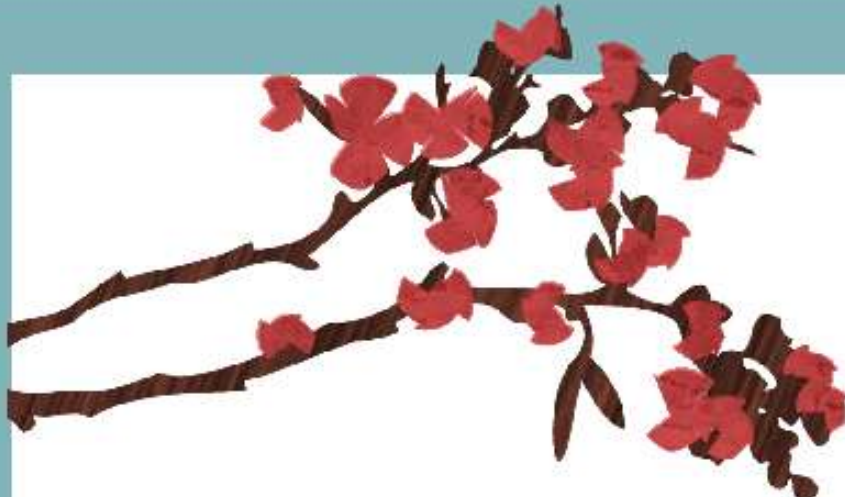
Bluffton Lions will be serving an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, French toast, sausage, juice, and coffee. Gluten free options will be available.



Freewill Offering!

Breakfast proceeds go toward Bluffton Lions projects.

5M9 Zone Meetings



SAVE THE DATE

5M 9 SPRING ZONE 2 MEETING

HOSTED BY THE MALMO AREA LIONS

Thursday, April 20TH 2023

at the: "AMERICAN LEGION" in AITKIN

20 – 1st Ave. N.E. Aitkin MN.

Social hour at 5 pm. Dinner served at 6pm

\$15.00 (tax/tip Inc.)

Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies and salad.

Bar will be open

RSVP TO SHARON WHIPPLE

Please RSVP no later than April 10th

mean.gene@frontiernet.net

218-390-0526

Clubs are responsible for unpaid meals that are rsvp for.

5M9 Zone Meetings

Zone 1 meeting



April 3

**Chicken Alfredo,
Salad, Garlic Toast,
Dessert \$15.00**

**Hosted by
Baxter Lions**

5:30 Social
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Meeting

Place:

Northland Arboretum
4250 Conservation Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

Bring an item for the food shelf
and you're in for a drawing!

RSVP by March 24th to
Sue Stebbins rsteb2@gmail.com or
218-851-2510



**You Are Invited
 Zone 7 Meeting
 Hosted by the Frazee Lions
 Social 5:00 P.M.
 Call to Order 5:45 P.M.
 Dinner 6:00 P.M.
 Meeting 6:30P.M.
 May 10, 2023
 Frazee Event Center**



114 N. Lake St., Frazee, MN 56544

Please rsvp by April 28thto

Lion Debra Jacoby Call or text 763-438-1883 or email rpjacoby@comcast.net

Lion Jake Jacoby 612-747-9894



5M9 Zone Chairs



Zone 1 Chair	Joe Laudenbach	Zone 6 Chair	VACANT
Zone 2 Chair	Sharon Whipple	Zone 7 Chair	Robert & Debra Jacoby
Zone 3 Chair	Sue Larson	Zone 8 Chair	Ginny Paulson
Zone 4 Chair	Laurine Kommer	Zone 9 Chair	Connie Krusemark
Zone 5 Chair	Cathe Picek	Zone Chair Advisor	PCC Bert Nelson

4th ANNUAL AMBULANCE FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by: Parkers Prairie Lions, Parkers Pride of Lions and Parkers Prairie Sportsman's



SUNDAY - April 23, 2023

12:00 - 5:00 P.M.

PRAIRIE EVENT CENTER

**FUN FOR
ALL
AGES!**

PULLED PORK & BBQ'S
(Free Will Offering, Serving from 12-2)

**FREE
BLOOD
PRESSURE
CHECKS!**

BINGO - 1 P.M.

RAFFLE - CASH PRIZES

Tickets available through any sponsor member or at area businesses

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

BAR DRINKS AVAILABLE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE EQUIPMENT FUND

If unable to attend, but would like to donate to The Parkers Prairie Community Ambulance

Please remit donation to: PO Box 115 - 102 N. Otter Ave. Parkers Prairie, MN 56361

For additional info contact: melissa.s.abernathy@gmail.com or phone (763)458-3168

Lions

The **Parkers Prairie LIONS** and the **Wadena LIONS** have teamed up to Distribute "BE KIND" Signs in their Communities. Our Act of Kindness to Mankind. If Your Club would like to Order Signs, check with PDG Jim Arvidson.



After being away from one of our favorite fundraisers for three years due to Covid and weather, the **Detroit Lakes Lions** were able to hold the Bowling Blast tournament again this year. We welcomed 15 teams to a fun afternoon of Midnight Bowling, Scotch Doubles and 8-Pin No Tap games. We gave our many door priz-



Detroit Lakes Lions



Registration - Lion Connie and Lion Araba

Back row: Howard Mooney, Pete Granger, Tom Mack
Middle row: Connie Klopka, President Gary Brekken,
Brenda Beebe Wieland



Vergas Lions team!





Could you be the one?



Lions Gift of Sight,
speaker Sean Poppoff
and cornea recipient, Kailee Vigen
Tuesday, April 18th, 6:30pm
St Luke's Episcopal Church
1400 Corbett Rd, Detroit Lakes MN
RSVPs requested



Sean Poppoff is the Executive Director of Lions Gift of Sight. In this role, Sean is charged with leading the eye bank as it seeks to fulfill its mission to restore sight by providing tissue for research and transplant, conducting independent research and development, and educating the next generation of ophthalmologists and eye bank professionals.

Kailee Vigen, was injured before she was two years old, and by six she underwent a cornea transplant. Today she is a vibrant student at Concordia, majoring in chemistry as a pre-med student. She hopes to study ophthalmology in the future.

Help prevent blindness

RSVPs are requested: Open to the Public

Facebook: DL Lions

Email: lionsclub.detroitlakes.mn@gmail.com

Phone: 218-841-0277, Jim Granger

Please recycle your old glasses with the Lions who give them to others who cannot afford glasses. The DL Lions will collect them at the meeting. Come learn about vision restoration and donations.
<https://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org/minnesota-lions-eye-bank/>

Lions

Screenings are starting to ramp up again, especially for preschool screenings. Great time to make new contacts and introduce preschool and daycare facilities to our program.

Thank you for the donations that have enabled us to replace some rundown printers with new, reliable ones, keep our supplies in stock and purchase rolling cases for all of our units.

We now have all of the cameras updated with new software and new batteries.

We are still looking for a camera keeper in Zones 6/7, to keep a camera and printer with supplies and get them to requesting clubs in these 2 Zones when requested. If interested, or if you know someone who maybe, please contact us.

We are currently sending club donations to LIONS MD5M KID SIGHT FOUNDATION, so we can keep a record of those donations by club name, so that we may know how many awards the club and district are eligible to present. This has only been happening for the past two years.

Last quarter we mentioned a new form for reporting that takes the place of 3 older forms. At this time, all of our forms have been updated and are on our website for use. That website is Lions MD5M KidSight Foundation. On the home page, the first item is the Resource page. This is where you will find the forms you will need.

The second item is the application and explanation for the KidSight Award.

We are, once again, going to be working at the State Fair. Our date is September 2nd. There are 4 positions available on 2 cameras. These are greeters, escorts, screeners and recorders. Something for everyone, even if you have not been trained on the camera. You only need to work one shift, will get a free ticket for the day and will have the rest of the day to enjoy the fair. Get your names in now and we will get you scheduled with your choice schedule time and position. There is free parking and you can get bussed to the gates.

We will be having an in-person board meeting in May. More information coming in June.



Ella and Her Pink Glasses

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

I'm sure the familiar saying; "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" resonates as you look at this photo of a baby named, Ella, sporting her new pink glasses. In fact, some of the words you might come up with are, "precious", "cute", and "sweet". Aside from those most adoring words, after knowing Ella's story, you might want to use words such as "Lions", "Vision Screening", and "Plusoptix". Obviously, not as appealing, but Ella and her pink glasses represent the fact that she was in need of glasses and her need was founded on a vision screening conducted by the local Lions Club.

<https://www.lionskidsightusa.org/post/ella-and-her-pink-glasses>

2024 Mid-Winter Convention Update



Summer Fun in the Winter Sun



Friday Night

Corn Hole Tournament – 2 person teams @ \$20.00/Team

Trophies for the top 4 teams and the Champions will receive a corn hole board set.

1ST Place

Auction Item #1

Auction Item #2

Auction Item #3



We are asking each Person attending the convention to bring non-perishable food items to be given to the local food shelf on Saturday.

On Friday night we will have a contest between zones to see who can come up with the most creative design using the product brought by their zone members. A special prize will be awarded to the zone with the best design, our visiting International Director and his spouse will be the judges.

2024 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

Friday Tentative Schedule:

Registration	Noon – 9:00 pm	Credentials	Noon – 9:00 pm
Displays	Noon – 10:00 pm	Raffle Room	Noon – 10:00 pm
Cabinet Meeting	2:15 pm – 4:15 pm	PDG Meeting	4:15 pm – 5:15 pm
Candidates Hospitality	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Games for Families/Kids	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
1 st Timers Meeting	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Leo Fundraiser	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Food design contest	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Corn Hole Tourney	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

2024 5M9 CONVENTION



5M9 Mid-Winter Convention



Hosted by the Vergas Lions

January 5, 6 & 7 2024

Shooting Star Convention Center, Mahnomon, MN

First Timer Registration Form

Each First Timer must fill out this form completely and return with payment made out to the 2024 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention for registration or Individual Meal Ticket(s) request.

Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Lion or Leo Club: _____

Check Box That Applies: New Member in 2023 Member Before 2023

Sponsor Name: _____
Club: _____

FIRST TIMER & NEW MEMBER IN 2023 \$70.00 \$ _____

FIRST TIMER & MEMBER BEFORE 2023 \$75.00 \$ _____

Individual Meal(s):	Cost:	Attending:	
Saturday Pride Breakfast	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

HANDICAP SEATING NEEDED _____ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS _____ (Explain on back)

Please mail Hospitality Book Order Form with Check to:

5M9 Mid-Winter Convention
Lion Jake Jacoby
1030 E. Scharf Ave.
Vergas, MN, 56587

Please make duplicate copies of this form for all your members.

“Catch the Dream”

...Life Without Diabetes!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness

February, March & April 2023

Commit to 15 Miles of Physical Activity a Month

2000 steps = 1 mile

You Choose Your Activity

Be active on your own

Be a part of a team

Register at: MNLionsDiabetes.org

Registration opens February 1, 2023

\$30 Registration Fee

T-Shirts available



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



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103rd Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

May 5-7, 2023
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

HIGHLIGHTS

IP Brian & Lion Lori Sheehan
Live, in-person and not flat!

Mark Lindquist
Motivational Speaker

Ukraine Service Project

Sheehan Foundation Penguin
Sock Walk

Starkey Hearing Session

John Harrington
1980 Olympic Miracle on Ice



REGISTER ONLINE
If you plan to pay by check, it is kindly
requested you fill registration out
online. Details for mailing the check
are included there.



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Complete 1 form per attendee

May 5-7, 2023
Holiday Inn & Suites
St. Cloud, MN
 www.lionsmd5m.org
 Registration Questions? contact Dennis Heinen
 320-491-3996
 heinende@centracare.com
 OR
 Nikki Fisher, Visit Greater St. Cloud
 320-202-6712
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 ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK

The 2023 MD5M Host Committee is excited to share with you the registration and hotel information for the upcoming convention held May 5-7, 2023 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Cloud.

Online registration link: [MD5M 2023 Online Registration](#)

Hotel registration link: [Visit Greater St Cloud MD5M Hotels](#)

For Holiday Inn Registration you need to select front desk to get the Lions Convention Block.

Name _____
 Title _____
 Your District Club & Name _____
 Phone Number _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____
 Email _____
 Are You A... Lion Leo First Timer
 Will you require Braille Documents at the Convention? YES NO

PRICE INCREASES TO \$160.00 MARCH 1, 2023 **\$AMOUNT**

Full Hospitality Book	\$150.00 USD	includes all meals and registration fee	<input type="text"/>
Registration is included in any meal chosen below:			
Friday Night Social	\$25.00 USD		<input type="text"/>
Saturday Breakfast	\$30.00 USD		<input type="text"/>
Saturday Lunch	\$35.00 USD		<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$55.00 USD		<input type="text"/>
Sunday Brunch	\$30.00 USD		<input type="text"/>

CIRCLE Saturday Banquet Option
 Stuffed Chicken Roasted Pork Shoulder Wild Mushroom Fettuccine
 Special Dietary Needs: _____

★ Make Checks payable to Lions MD5M Convention
 PCC Dennis Heinen 12069 Bluegill Drive
 Sauk Centre, MN 56378

→ Cancellation fees apply - NO cancellations accepted after April 1, 2023

REGISTER ONLINE
 If you plan to pay by check, it is kindly requested you fill registration out online. Details for mailing the check are included there.



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Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation Annual Walk

TO D-FEET HEARING LOSS



JUNE 3, 2023
9:30 AM
DIAMOND POINT PARK - BEMIDJI, MN

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2023mlhfwalk/>
- Text DFET2023 to 50155 to register or donate!

Sign up Today!



D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Contact Person (please print) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Donation Amount: \$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$35 _____ \$25 _____

Club Sponsorship at \$1000 level gets Club's name on the back of the t-shirt.

If donation is more \$35 or more, participant earns a walk t-shirt. Please indicate size below.

Adult sizes: small _____ medium _____ large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____

Youth sizes: small _____ medium _____ large _____

Youth under the age of 12 will receive a free shirt.

Please send check and registration form to:

Lion Rose Thies, Foundation Treasurer
21515 371st Avenue, Green Isle, MN 55338

Please make check payable: Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



5M9 District Governor

Scott Rolfe

Club Visit Form



Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Address: _____

Dates for Club Visits: 1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

What time does your club meeting begin? _____

What time does your social hour start? _____

Do you have a Board Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like the DG to attend the Board Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

Are there other Lions Clubs or Leo Clubs involved for the DG Visit? Yes _____ No _____

Please List other Clubs: _____

Will you have a meal? Yes _____ No _____

Lion, or Leo requesting the Governor's visit: _____

Contact telephone # _____ Email address _____

Will the Governor be expected to install officers? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please send names of new officers. If inducting new members, please have the LCI New Member Kit with Pin and signed Certificate.

Will the Governor be expected to give out awards to club members? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please send information stating the awards and the names of those receiving the awards. Please have awards, certificates, pins, or changes in installation or inductee ceremony available when I arrive for the Governor's visit. I am looking forward to coming to visit with your club!!

Please Mail To: District Governor Scott Rolfe, 18026 Bullfrog Trail, Brainerd, MN 56401

Email: bigskipper61@yahoo.com Phone: 218-232-7241

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 pdf is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions
Submit to: 5m9newsletter@gmail.com
Sue Stebbins editor

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR SCOTT'S CALENDAR

April 3rd	Zone 1 Mtg	Brainerd
April 6th	Club Visit	Pillager Lions
April 10th	Club Visit	Baxter Lions
April 11th	Club Visit	Palisade Area Lions
April 12th	Club Visit	Crosslake Lions
April 15th	75th Anniversary	Cass Lake Lions
April 17th	Zone Chair Meeting	Zoom
April 19th	Club Visit	Deer Creek Lions
April 20th	Zone 8 Meeting	
April 22nd	District Orientation	Pillager
April 24	Club Visit	Ottertail Lions
April 26th	GAT Meeting	Zoom

May 3rd	Club Visit	Perham Area Lions
May 4 th -7th	MD5M Convention	St. Cloud



USA/CANADA Forum

September 14-16, 2023 Reno, Nevada

Emerging Lions

April 13-16, 2023 Shakopee MN

Lions International Convention

July 7-11, 2023: Boston, Massachusetts

MD5M Multiple Convention

May 5- May 7, 2023 St Cloud MN

BOSTON 2023

**Register for
LCIcon now and
save!**

The Lions Clubs International Convention is happening in Boston, Massachusetts July 7 through the 11, and you don't want to miss it.