



5M8 News

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Save the Date!
Thanksgiving for Vision
Saving and Restoring
people's sight
OCTOBER 24, 2026
Holiday Inn & Suites
ST. CLOUD, MN
More Details Coming Soon!
ChatGPT

LIONS SPEAK MADE SIMPLE

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS IN LIONS CLUBS,
THE DISTRICT & MULTIPLE DISTRICT

Different letters. One mission. ❤️ We Serve.

IN THE CLUB	IN THE DISTRICT	IN THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT
CL Chartered Lion	DG District Governor	CC Council Chairperson
IP Immediate Past President	VDG Vice District Governor	VC Vice Council Chairperson
PP Past President	PID Past International Director	GAT Global Action Team
VP Vice President	PDG Past District Governor	GMT Global Membership Team
Sec. Secretary	CS Cabinet Secretary	GLT Global Leadership Team
Treas. Treasurer	CT Cabinet Treasurer	GST Global Service Team
Tail Tw. Tail Twister	Zone Chair Zone Chairperson	GET Global Extension Team
Lion Tamer Membership Chair	Region Chair Region Chairperson	LCIF MD Coordinator LCIF Multiple District Coordinator
Dir. Director	GET Global Extension Team Coordinator	MD Multiple District
GET Global Extension Team	GMT Coordinator Global Membership Team Coordinator	Con. Convention
LCIF Lions Clubs International Foundation	GLT Coordinator Global Leadership Team Coordinator	DGE District Governor Elect
RC Resource Center	GST Coordinator Global Service Team Coordinator	1VDG First Vice District Governor
GMT Global Membership Team	LCIF Coordinator LCIF District Coordinator	2VDG Second Vice District Governor
GLT Global Leadership Team	RC Resource Center	IPDG Immediate Past District Governor
GST Global Service Team		RC Resource Center
GET Global Extension Team		

WHY IT MATTERS
Understanding our abbreviations helps us communicate better, lead stronger, and serve together.

Many Roles. One Purpose.
❤️ We Serve.

SHARE & INSPIRE!
Help new Lions learn the lingo and feel right at home in our incredible organization!

TOGETHER, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE CHANGE LIVES. #WeServe

PDG Frank J. Leidenfrost

May 20, 1935 — Sep 11, 2026



Frank J. Leidenfrost, 91, passed away on Friday September 11, 2026 in Staples.

Frank J. Leidenfrost was born to Frank W. and Cecilia Bolster Leidenfrost on May 20, 1935, in Little Falls, Minnesota. He and his brother, Kenneth, grew up on the family dairy farm east of Little Falls.

He attended Rural Country School through the fourth grade. He transferred to St. Mary's Catholic School through the eighth grade. While in high school, Frank enjoyed playing baseball with his high school friends with the Little Falls Westside Cowboys. Frank loved playing and coaching football. He began playing football at St. Mary's and continued to play at Little Falls High School, where he was a tri-captain during his senior year.

Upon graduation from high school, he attended Moorhead State University and continued to play football. He served as co-captain of the 1957 team. While at Moorhead State, Frank served on the Student Commission and as president his senior year.

Frank enlisted in the Fargo Air National Guard in 1957. He later transferred to the Fargo Army National Guard, where he became the Battalion Supply Sergeant. While teaching in Waubun, he transferred to the Detroit Lakes Army National Guard unit. He was the unit Supply Sergeant and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. He was a member of the Motley American Legion. He was very proud of America and the U.S. military.

He graduated from college in 1957. He began his teaching and coaching career at Waubun High School, where he taught Driver Education and Physical Education and coached football. While at Waubun, his football teams were undefeated for three consecutive years.

While at Waubun, he met the love of his life, Amy. Frank and Amy were married in Menahga, Minnesota, on August 3, 1963, at the Assumption of Our Lady Catholic Church. They moved to Staples in 1966, where they both taught Physical Education, and Frank coached football. Frank also taught Driver Education and was very proud of the passing percentage of his students.

Frank and Amy both retired from teaching in 1995. However, Frank continued to teach Driver Education for several more years.

Frank was very involved with the Staples Host Lions Club. He served in most positions of the Staples club and began serving at the district level as a zone chairman and vice district governor. He was District Governor from 1998–1999. He was very involved in the MN Hearing Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation. He received many Lions awards, including being a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Frank was also a member of the Staples Hi-Rise Board of Commissioners, where he served as board chairman. He truly enjoyed working with the board and employees.

He and Amy were involved with the Staples Area Food Shelf since 1985. They helped unload the monthly Second Harvest delivery truck and stocked shelves weekly. The food shelf involvement was one way of giving back to their Staples community.

Frank also ushered at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for many years. He enjoyed meeting and visiting with people, and ushering provided many opportunities to do so.

Frank was so blessed to have had a work career that he enjoyed, a loving wife, Amy, and many opportunities to enjoy life, which he did to the max.



Frank's parents and brother Kenneth preceded him to the Lord's calling. He is survived by his wife, Amy; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and many friends.

Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN at a later date.

Oh how we will miss you Frank....well done good and faithful servant,
rest in Peace Frank...



On behalf of the Lions of District 5M8, please accept
our deepest sympathy and our heartfelt
appreciation for you both.



Registration Form

Lions 5M8 Mini Forum and Awards Banquet

All Lions, Lionesses, and Leos are invited to attend the 5M8 Mini Forum

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Place: Jack & Jims Duelm

Time: Social Hour 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM Program to Follow

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, with sides, coffee, water, and milk

Special Dietary Requirements _____

Registration: \$29 Per Person if registered before September 29, 2026.

\$31 after cutoff with October 6, 2026 the deadline

Make checks payable to **District 5M8.**

Mail registration form with payment to:

1VDG Marty Breuer 2454 Rainbow St. Brook Park , MN 55007

For additional information:

Please contact me at mjbreuer@msn.com or call 320-336-8600

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Molde from Kidsight

Lions/Leos and Guests Title/Name

_____	Club _____
_____	Club _____
_____	Club _____
_____	Club _____
_____	Club _____
_____	Club _____

Please use the back to add more registrant names.



News from 5M8



Porch Notes from District Governor Diann

Lions of District 5M8

Giving Thanks, Honoring Service, and Looking Toward Our Future

Dear Lions of District 5M8,

First, I want to begin by saying thank you for the rain we received this past week! After the dry conditions many of our communities have experienced, the rain was certainly welcomed. It is a wonderful reminder of how much we depend upon our communities, our environment, and one another.

As I travel throughout District 5M8, I continue to be reminded of the incredible commitment our Lions have to serving others and strengthening our communities.

Remembering PDG Frank Leidenfrost

This past month has also brought a time of sadness as we remember and honor PDG Frank Leidenfrost. Frank served the District 5M8 Cabinet for many years, including as our Hearing Foundation Coordinator and LCIF Coordinator. His commitment to Lions and to helping clubs make a difference was truly remarkable. As LCIF Coordinator, Frank worked with clubs to assist them in understanding the grant process, applying for grants, and celebrating when those grants were obtained. He took great pride in helping clubs complete the necessary steps and submit the proper documentation and administration. Frank understood that LCIF grants were not simply about paperwork—they were about turning Lions' ideas into meaningful service for their communities. His knowledge, encouragement, friendship, and dedication will be deeply missed.

Honoring Frank's Legacy

If your Lions Club would like to honor PDG Frank's memory, I encourage you to consider making a donation to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in his name. A gift to LCIF would be a meaningful way to remember Frank and continue supporting the humanitarian work that meant so much to him.

Remembering His Partner in Service We also cannot forget Frank's partner and the love of his life, PDG Amy. Amy continues to serve District 5M8 as our GST, and she continues to make a difference through her dedication to Lions and to our communities. She has also been instrumental in assisting with the Lion Quest grant obtained for the Staples area schools. This is an exciting opportunity for Lions to support young people through the Lion Quest program and to strengthen our relationship with our local schools.

I encourage Lions throughout District 5M8 to reach out to your school administrators and ask whether the district would be interested in having an informational meeting about Lion Quest and the possibility of incorporating Lion Quest into the curriculum. This is a wonderful example of how Lions can work together with educators to support students and build stronger communities.

Congratulations to Princeton and Duelm Lions!

I would also like to extend a very special congratulations to the Princeton Lions and Duelm Lions on receiving an LCIF grant to assist with the construction of an inclusive playground in Princeton! What a wonderful example of Lions working together to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families. An inclusive playground creates an opportunity for children of different abilities to play, participate, connect, and have fun together. This project demonstrates exactly what can happen when Lions see a community need and work together to find a solution. Congratulations to both clubs on this outstanding accomplishment!

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MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission to grow.

And I encourage other clubs in District 5M8 to look at the needs in your own communities and consider how an LCIF grant might help turn a great Lions idea into a meaningful community project.

Growing Lions in Collegeville

There are also exciting things happening as we look toward the future of Lions in District 5M8. We are reaching out to the Collegeville area, including St. John's University and the College of Saint Benedict. We are beginning conversations with university staff, professors, and students about the possibility of forming a new Lions club. What an exciting opportunity this could be! Our colleges and universities are filled with young people who have ideas, energy, talents, and a desire to make a difference. I encourage Lions to support this effort as we explore ways to introduce these students and university communities to the Lions mission. New relationships create new possibilities. And perhaps among those students and faculty are future Lions leaders who will carry our mission forward for many years to come.

District 5M8 Mini Forum Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our:

District 5M8 Mini Forum, Date: October 13, 2026 Place: Jack & Jim's, Duellm, Minnesota. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Lions from throughout the district to come together, learn, share ideas, and celebrate one another. We will also be recognizing club awards and honors. Please make plans to join us. Your participation helps make our district stronger, and it gives us an opportunity to celebrate the great work being done by Lions throughout District 5M8.

Midwinter Convention 2027

Planning is also underway for the District 5M8 MidWinter Convention!

February 5–7, 2027 Place: Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, Minnesota We are looking forward to bringing Lions together for a great weekend of fellowship, learning, recognition, and Lions service. ***There is one important reminder regarding lodging: The St. Cloud Youth Basketball Tournament will be held the same weekend, and the Kelly Inn staff has advised us that rooms are expected to fill quickly with families attending the tournament. Please consider registering for your hotel room early. The hotel has indicated that there is no charge if a room needs to be canceled, so reserving early can help ensure that you have a room for the convention. Don't wait until the last minute!***

Looking Ahead Together

As your District Governor, I am encouraged by what I see happening throughout District 5M8. We are remembering the Lions who built our district. We are supporting the Lions who are serving today .And we are creating opportunities for the Lions who will serve tomorrow. From supporting our schools and communities, to expanding Lion Quest, to exploring new clubs at our colleges and universities, there are so many opportunities before us. Our challenge is to continue asking:

Who can we serve?

Who can we invite?

Who can we develop as a leader?

What can we accomplish together?

Every Lion has a role .Every club has something valuable to contribute .And every community has people who can benefit from the work of Lions. Thank you for everything you do for Lions, for your communities, and for the people we serve .I look forward to seeing you throughout the district and especially at our upcoming Mini Forum and MidWinter Convention. Together, let's continue to grow Lions, develop leaders, strengthen our communities, and serve with purpose. With appreciation and in Lions service,

DG Diann Bellmont
District Governor
Lions District 5M8
We Serve!





2026-2027 District Governor Club Visit Request Form

Date Requested: _____

Club Requesting: _____

Preferred Date: _____

Alternate Date: _____

Address of Meeting: _____

Social: _____ Meal: _____ Meeting Time: _____

DG Attire (Circle) : DG Suit or Lions Business Casual

Point of Contact for Visit: _____

Preferred Phone #: _____ Email: _____

List if more than one Club is attending:

Club Name:

Pres/Sec/Treasurer Names:

Special Requests/Inductions: _____

My Chosen Charities:

LCIF

MN LIONS VISION FOUNDATION

MN LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION

Diann Bellmont

15433 - 241ST Street

Cold Spring, MN 56320

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Cell: (320)492-1974

1st Vice District Governor Marty Breuer



From the desk of Marty Breuer 1VDG 5M8/KidSight Director 5M8

September was an exciting month with The KidSight screenings at the State Fair, an invite to Lion Teddi Thompson's zone meeting and a trip to Michigan to tour the Leader Dog facility.



I want to thank all of those who volunteered to screen kids at the State Fair Sept 4th. The number of kids screened was down from last year and I feel that could have been that school started before Labor Day. The important thing to remember is that if we screen 350 or 300 kids the ones, we find needing eye care is a win.



I know it is a long way away but remember the Friday before Labor Day is 5M8's day to shine. Other activities with KidSight is it is strong and we have dedicated team of Lions to do what they do best and serve. As always, I am looking to do refresher training and first timer training. I do hope that individuals took advantage of the Zoom training that our MD5M KidSight Director Dr. Molde presented this past month.

NOW changing gears to 1VDG side of the fence, I was invited to Zone 1 meeting. Lion Teddi does a fantastic job getting her clubs together. There were 7 clubs in attendance with 71 members present. All of the clubs are extremely active in a variety of service projects that support their local communities. Besides bringing her clubs up to date on what is happening at the district level all clubs share their story. They also conduct raffles to raise funds for other projects. PDG Todd talked about being rooted in service and with that the positive effect that can have on gaining and retaining members.

The Leader Dog facility is something every Lion should experience. Our group took the 34th tour of the year. In addition to training guide dogs, Leader Dog offers three programs that help people who are blind or have low vision live without barriers. Through the Guide Dog program, individuals are matched with highly trained dogs, and each pair trains together in varied situations based on the individual's current and future needs. The Orientation and Mobility program teaches people to use a white cane to understand where they are, choose where they want to go, and travel safely to their destination. We experienced part of this training by wearing blindfolds and navigating a short course with white canes. Teen Summer Camp gives participants opportunities to enjoy activities, explore mobility options, develop leadership skills, and build friendships with peers who face similar challenges. About 20% of people who use Leader Dogs are totally blind. Five guest speakers shared their experiences. One has 20/25 vision when looking straight ahead, but their usable field of vision was like looking through a paper towel tube. We ended the day with dinner in the dark, wearing blindfolds to experience eating without sight.

October 1 – 8 clubs are encouraged to support the Leader Dog program. Individuals receiving the services of the program do not pay for anything. All of the cost is taken care of by the generous donations of Lions. Lifetime giving from MD5M has been \$6,853,855.62.

Remember our motto "We Serve"

Marty Breuer,
1st District Vice Governor, 5M8





2nd Vice District Governor Kimberly Stommes

WHY I SAID YES

After more than 20 years as a Lion, I have learned that leadership does not begin when someone hands you a title. It begins the first time you recognize a need and decide that you can help. At least that is what my grandparents and parents (also Lions) taught me! I have shared before and I continue to share that my Grandfather Cy Reinert was a PDG and I love that I am able to follow in his footsteps!

Throughout my years in Lions, I have watched ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things. I have seen Lions organize fundraisers, support families facing unimaginable circumstances, provide resources for children, and quietly meet needs that might otherwise have gone unnoticed. Time and again, Lions step forward, not because we have unlimited time or resources, but because we care.

That is why I said yes to serving as your Second Vice District Governor.

I did not accept this role because I have all the answers. I accepted because I believe in what Lions accomplish together. I want to learn from our clubs, celebrate their successes, help them navigate challenges, and encourage more people to discover the purpose and friendships that Lions has given me.

Leadership is not about standing in front of others. It is about standing beside them. It is listening, encouraging, connecting people with resources, and sometimes simply asking, "How can I help?"

During this Lions year, I hope you will share your stories with me. Tell me what makes your club special. Tell me what is working, what is difficult, and what dreams your club has for the future.

Together, we can make an even greater difference.

We Serve!

Lion Kimberly Stommes

Second Vice District Governor

Kimberly.stommes@gmail.com





Registration Questions? Kim Stommes
320-333-2004
kimberly.stommes@gmail.com

ONE FORM PER FAMILY UNIT

Registration deadline: January 20, 2027

Hotel: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, St. Cloud | 320-253-0606
Convention block rate: \$139.00 plus tax and fees

Registrant 1 Name Registrant 2 Name

Title Title

District, Multiple District, or International titles only - do not list club officer titles.

Lions Club Name and District Lions Club Name and District

Phone Email

Address City State ZIP

☐ I registered online but am paying by check; check is enclosed with this form.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: If you registered and paid online, DO NOT mail this form.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

AMOUNT

☐ Full Hospitality Book	\$95.00	\$
Hospitality Book prices increase \$10 beginning December 1, 2026 \$105.00 beginning December 1, 2026		
☐ First Timer Full Hospitality Book	\$65.00	\$
☐ Registration Only - REQUIRED if not purchasing Full Hospitality Package	\$15.00	\$
☐ Saturday Breakfast	\$15.00	\$
☐ Saturday Luncheon	\$20.00	\$
☐ Saturday Banquet	\$45.00	\$

BANQUET MEAL SELECTION - select one meal for each registrant

Registrant 1's Meal ☐ Steak ☐ Stuffed Pork Chop

Registrant 2's Meal ☐ Steak ☐ Stuffed Pork Chop

☐ Sunday Brunch \$20.00 \$

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$

Special Dietary Needs (include attendee name):

Make checks payable to:

5M-8 Convention Committee

Mail to: 5M-8 Committee, 803 W. Saint Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301





A Leader Who

Listens. Serves. Empowers. Delivers.

"I believe every Lion has a gift to share and the power to make a difference."

One invitation.

One act of kindness.

One moment of service.

One Lion can change the world.



MY PROMISE TO YOU

"I will be the voice for our members, a partner in our mission, and a leader who works for a stronger, brighter future for Lions everywhere."

— Denise Marie Laudenbach

WHAT TO EXPECT

- I lead with heart, integrity, and vision.
- I listen first and lead together.
- I turn ideas into action and challenges into opportunities.
- I am committed to every Lion and every community — globally.

WHO I AM

- A Lion leader, trainer, and motivator with a passion for people, growth and service.
- Proven leader at every level — **Past Council Chair, MD5M** and **Past District Governor, 5M9**.
- LCIP Certified Instructor, USA Lions & RLLI Faculty, USA/Canada Forum facilitator, Lions University Doctorate.
- Sponsored 26 new Lions; helped build multiple new clubs.
- A relationship builder who believes in teamwork, mentorship, and celebrating success.

WHAT I STAND FOR

- Growing Lions through innovation, inclusion, and purpose.
- Strengthening clubs with training, resources and support.
- Expanding our impact through meaningful service and LCIF.
- Creating a culture where every Lion feels valued, heard, and inspired.
- Assuring the sustainability of Lions service — at home and around the world.

VOTE

2027

**Cast your vote for Denise Marie Laudenbach for
International Director.**

MD5M Multiple District Convention • Rochester, Minnesota • April 2027

Delegates decide. Be the one who shows up — and bring another Lion with you.

Invite one. Impact many. Together, we can do more.

denisemarieforid@gmail.com
FB: Denise Marie Laudenbach for International Director • IG:
@denise_marieforid

HELP NEEDED !

Step up, get involved, & help
make a difference across
District 5M8!



Looking for- Eyeglass Recycling Chair to take over the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center program. Contact DG Diann @ dibellmont@gmail.com for further information and questions.



IMPORTANT E-Clubhouse information

This is the link to the e-clubhouse information. For those clubs who are using the 1st version, they have first access to this. Great information to make sure your clubs are aware. Please highlight, copy, paste on your home page and hit enter to take you to Lions International for further important information. Highlight and click open link to read this important information

E club house link: <https://app.e.roar.lionsclubs.org/e/es?s=94443966&e=3034011&elqTrackId=320bc4c47118450db330ff5e51511b5f&elq=05fab2130cb9441ea0331e4d6f5fe878&elqaid=51646&elqat=1&elqak=8AF5BD01E6B1E8724795057006948A2BCB49B81330E2B2ECB0418169D2AAB3CBF74B>

District 5M8 is seeking Lions leaders to serve as **Zone Chairpersons for Zone 6**. This is a great opportunity to support clubs, encourage communication, strengthen leadership and help clubs succeed throughout the district. A Zone Chairperson serves as a link between the clubs in the zone and the district leadership. In this role you will:

*Lead Zone meetings (3 annually), Support club health and growth *Encourage service, leadership and membership development, *Help strengthen communication between clubs and district leadership.

If you enjoy working with others. Supporting local clubs and helping Lions make an even greater impact, this may be the perfect opportunity for you.

If you are interested in serving as Zone Chairperson for Zone 5 or Zone 6 or would like to recommend a qualified Lions, please contact District5M8 Leadership Team.

PCC Jack Breitreutz jabre@izoom.net

PCC Todd Neuman deerhilltgn@gmail.com

Cabinet Meeting dates:

Monday
November 30

Monday
March 29

East side VFW

St. Cloud

5 pm social

5:30 Foundation

6 pm meal

6:30 meeting



RAMEY/MORRILL LIONS BREAKFAST AND CRAFT SALE SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2026



ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL
MORRILL, MN 8:30AM - 12PM



****ALL YOU CAN EAT****

STUFFED & UNSTUFFED FRENCH TOAST
THIELEN'S SAUSAGE * HASH BROWNS
SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH FIXINGS
COFFEE * MILK * JUICE



AGES 13 & UP \$14
AGES 5-12 \$7
AGES 4 & UNDER FREE



COLLECTING OLD EYE GLASSES FOR LIONS EYE SIGHT RECYCLING PROGRAM
ALSO COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
AND NEW TOYS FOR OUR ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS



SPONSORED BY RAMEY MORRILL AREA LIONS CLUB
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE



Vaccines available
on site!
by Thrifty White



Lions Family Health Expo

Tuesday
October 27th
1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Pine Healthcare Campus
705 Lundorff Drive
Sandstone MN

Free Children's Hearing
and Vision Screening

Mammogram 3D Screening! Funding
available for uninsured or
underinsured.
Call 218-786-4427 to schedule

Lab testing both days!

Wednesday October 28th (day 2)
7:30 am to 9:30 am
Cholesterol Screening (fasting required),
A1C, Vitamin D & B-12 and PSA testing
Lite Breakfast Available

Funding provided by: Local area Lions Clubs, District 5M8 Lions Foundation,
North Pine Area Hospital District, Thrivent Financial, Casey's and Kwik Trip.



**Free Health
Screenings &
Information**

Blood Pressure
My Chart Assistance
Mental Health
Alzheimer's & Dementia
Behavioral Health
Veterans Services
Foot & Ankle Health
Hospice Care
Lions Childhood Cancer
Free Lab Tests

AHOY, MATEYS!

PIRATE ADVENTURE!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH
2PM - 10PM

THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS
A FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENT
PRESENTED BY FOLEY LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FUN 2PM - 6PM
LITTLE PIRATES OF ALL AGES!

AFTER DARK 6PM - 10PM
THE NIGHT BELONGS TO PIRATES!

PIRATE ACTIVITIES!

- TREASURE HUNTS
- PUMPKIN PAINTING
- GAMES & CRAFTS
- ZOMBIE TAG
- PRIZES & SURPRISES
- AND MORE! ★

AFTER DARK ADVENTURES!

- DEAD MAN'S TRAIL
HAUNTED WOODS
IF YOU DARE...
- DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
5PM - 6PM
TEAMS OF 5
\$25/TEAM
CASH PRIZE TO THE WINNING TEAM!
BRING YOUR CREW.
BRING YOUR GAME.
CLAIM THE GLORY!

FOOD, DRINKS,
MUSIC & MAYHEM
ALL NIGHT LONG!

EXPLORE.
PLAY. LAUGH.
MAKE MEMORIES!
IT'S A PIRATE PARTY
THE WHOLE FAMILY
WILL LOVE!

PIRATES. PRIZES. GOOD TIMES.
NO QUARTER. NO MERCY.
ALL FUN.

TRIANGLE'S END
FOLEY, MN

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
FOR MORE DETAILS
AND UPDATES!

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
THAT'S WHAT
LIONS DO.

Paynesville Lions Chili Supper



We Serve

Paynesville
American Legion
Post 271
770 Diekmann
Drive

Friday

**October 23
4:30-7:30 PM**

Adults \$13.00 presale,
\$15.00 at door.
Under 12 years \$5.00
(door only)



Chili, garlic toast,
coffee, milk,
water, ice cream.

ALL YOU CAN EAT
Take outs available



SAUK RAPIDS RIVERSIDE LIONS

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
PANTOWN BREWING
 408 37TH AVE. N., ST. CLOUD, MN 56303

DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM | **GAMES START AT 1 PM**

\$40 FIRST PACKAGE
\$20 EACH ADDITIONAL PACKAGE

WIN PURSES FROM
KATE SPADE • COACH • MICHAEL KORS

ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Jack Jims Event Center in Duelm

Duelm Lions 8th Annual Purse Bingo

Saturday November 14th 2026

Doors open at 11:00am & Bingo starts at 1:00pm

Presale tickets available at Jack & Jim's from the bartender \$40 CASH ONLY. 1 package per ticket. Tickets are not available online. (Don't get scammed) Must have cash for Bingo- ATM on site.

Get your tickets early! Event has sold out precious years!!
 Packets are \$40 for 20 rounds +1 blackout. You may purchase additional blackout games if desired.

Prizes will include Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade & cash when/if needed. We will also have Tip Boards & a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds help the Duelm Lions Club give back to the community.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you on the 14th!!



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:



2026 MINNESOTA RETREATS

2026 MAY 1-3
 Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN

2026 JUNE 5-7
 Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN

2026 OCTOBER 2-4
 Good Earth Village, Spring Valley, MN

2026 DECEMBER 4-6
 Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN

Lions Clubs International Foundation presents...



ROAR for a CAUSE Vision



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Thursday, April 15, 2027

Kahler Grand Hotel
 20 2nd Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902

SAVE THE DATE!

- Great speakers
- Games and Silent Auctions
- Meet the International President
- More information is coming

Contact Lion Anna Wickenhauser for more information • lionannaw@gmail.com



Lions: Please remember that **all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts** that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the [e-Postcard](#) (also known as 990-N). **If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.**

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2025-2026 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.*

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may [apply](#) for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an [EIN online](#), by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your club's filing. For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the [Lions Tax FAQ](#). Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov. For specific questions please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International



Hearing Foundation Trustees Bev Dolezal and Sheila Worm are working to obtain a current list of all the Audiometers in the District. If your club has an audiometer please let us know and send your contact information to the email address below. Also, there is an upcoming Hearing Screening event to be held on September 29th at the Long Prairie Elementary School where we will be getting some solid training from our mentor Bob Harms while supporting the hearing health of our youth in Long Prairie. You're 5M8 Hearing Trustees:

Sheila Worm
sworm@OldRepublicTitle.com

Bev Dolezal
patrickbevdolezal@gmail.com

Hello Lions of 5M8,

When someone experiences vision loss, the medical diagnosis is only part of the story. What happens next?

In the latest episode of *Taking the Lead*, Alyssa and I sit down with Dr. Joshua Robinson, a Doctor of Optometry specializing in low vision and advocate for comprehensive vision rehabilitation, to explore what it means to adapt and adjust to changes in vision.

Dr. Robinson shares his journey into low vision care and explains how rehabilitation, assistive technology, education and community support can help people continue doing the things that bring meaning to their lives.

The conversation also highlights an important gap in care: someone may be told that nothing more can be done medically, while still having significant challenges with everyday activities. That's where rehabilitation and collaboration with organizations like Leader Dogs for the Blind can help provide a path forward.

At Leader Dog, we believe vision loss doesn't have to mean giving up on independence.

P.S. If you'd like to share this story with others, feel free to forward this email or direct them to our [podcast page](#).

Thank you for listening and for being part of the Leader Dog community.

If you need a speaker for your club, please reach out to me Tracy Voigt [320-630-1264](tel:320-630-1264) mnhomeof4@hotmail.com I also have access to a puppy Shil-hoh to bring to the meeting.



Can Do Canines Open House

Saturday, November 7, from noon to 2 p.m.
9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, MN

Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our organization can join us to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from five of the types of dogs Can Do Canines trains: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at CanDoCanines.org.





A MESSAGE FROM YOUR 5M8 GLOBAL SERVICES TEAM OCTOBER IS ALL ABOUT VISION!

Fall is in the air, and it's time to turn our attention to one of the most important gifts we can help protect—SIGHT!

MD5M OCTOBER SERVICE FOCUS

Our goal is for every club in Multiple District 5M to complete a service project celebrating Vision this month. The October Service Challenge is also a goal for Lions International this month as well.

Choose one—or get creative!

World Sight Day — October 8, 2026 International White Cane Day — October 18, 2026

Your project doesn't have to be complicated. Every act of service counts! Consider these service projects:

- Collecting used eyeglasses
- Hosting a KidSight vision screening
- Supporting individuals who are blind or visually impaired
- Partnering with another organization on a vision-related project
- Creating your own project that brings the gift of sight into focus

Whatever you choose, SERVE IT, REPORT IT, and SHARE IT!

SHOW US YOUR SERVICE!

September's MD5M service focus was Childhood Cancer.

Did your club make a difference? Your 5M8 Global Services Team wants to hear about it!

Did you complete a project? Did you report it in the Lions Portal? Did you take pictures? Do you have a great story to share? We want to celebrate YOU!

SAVE THE DATES-SERVICE WITH PURPOSE

Start planning now for each month's MD5M monthly service focus:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Service Focus</u>
November	Diabetes
December	Humanitarian
January	LCIF
February	youth-International & MD5M Service Focus
March	Hunger
April	Vision/Hearing Screenings
May	Humanitarian/Mental Health
June	Environment-International & MD5M Service Focus

LET'S MAKE OCTOBER COUNT! Serve. Report. Share. Celebrate.

Together, we can make a difference—one project, one club, and one community at a time!

Remember: If you don't report it, we can't count it—and if you don't share it, we can't celebrate it!

We can't wait to see—and celebrate—what YOU do for Vision this October!

PCC Debbi Harms

5M8 Global Services Team

PDG Amy Leidenfrost

5M8 Global Services Team Leader



As Thanksgiving for Vision approaches, the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation encourages all Lions clubs to participate in this special day celebrating the gift of sight. Please remember that the RSVP deadline is October 7th. We hope each club will send two members, along with its Helen Keller Award recipients, to be part of this meaningful event. Thanksgiving for Vision is an opportunity to learn how the generosity of Minnesota Lions has made a difference in the lives of people affected by vision loss. Throughout the day, you will hear from physicians who work in vision care and research, a corneal transplant recipient who has experienced restored sight, and families who have chosen to donate a loved one's eyes so that someone else could see. Along with these inspiring stories, attendees will enjoy a delicious meal and have the opportunity to participate in our Silent Auction. A variety of baskets will be available, with proceeds helping the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation continue supporting vision-related programs, services, research, education, and patient care. The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation also has an exciting project on the horizon — the new Lions Eye Institute. This is a significant opportunity to invest in the future of vision care in Minnesota. We would be happy to visit your club or Zone meeting to share more about this exciting project and answer your questions.

We are also seeking donations for the Silent Auction. Clubs and individuals can donate a completed basket or monetary donation. Monetary donations will be used by MLVF to create additional baskets for the auction. Monetary Donations for the Silent Auction (TFV in the memo) can be sent to:

Director Lion Sherri Schmitz by October 5th.
[27846 Sundance Lane, Cold Spring, MN 56320](#)

Both Lion Sherri and IPDG Zach will be accepting baskets - preferably by October 5th. Your support makes it possible for the Minnesota Lions to continue giving the gift of sight. We hope you will join us for Thanksgiving for Vision!

District 5M8 Clubs — DG Visit Scheduling

Congratulations to the 37 clubs that have already scheduled their Club Visit with the District Governor! Thank you for getting your visit on the calendar.

For those clubs that have not yet selected a date, please take a moment to request and schedule your DG Club Visit. Setting the date early helps ensure a successful and meaningful visit for your club and members.

Let's get all District 5M8 clubs on the calendar! Thank you for your continued service and commitment to Lions. Together, we Serve!-

Diann Bellmont
 DGE of District 5M8

[\(320\) 492-1974](tel:(320)492-1974)

LionprideCS@gmail.com



The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.

Diabetes touches families in every one of our communities. Lions International recognizes diabetes as one of our global causes, encouraging Lions to raise awareness, promote prevention, support screening, and improve the quality of life for people living with diabetes.

Remember November 14

As we approach World Diabetes Day on November 14, let's use this opportunity to bring greater awareness to diabetes in our communities.

--Perhaps your club can host an educational program, participate in a diabetes awareness activity, support a local diabetes project, or simply make a donation.

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Richmond President Heath Burg presented membership chevrons to Lion Gary Haberman for 40 years of Service, and along with Vice President Kurt Schackman presented membership chevron To Lion Dennis Dingmann for 15 years of Service to the Richmond community. President Heath Burg also presented a Hearing Research Fellowship to Lion Leroy Ludwig,



Avon Hills Lions helped screen students at the Long Prairie High School. Lions Mike & Cheri along with LP Lion Brian

screened 141 students in 3 hours!

Staples '93 & Staples Lions made blankets for Fairview MN children's cancer hospital. Great joint club venture.



The Donor Recognition Sign is finally completed for the 2023 Sartell area -Lions Inclusive Playground project. The project includes an ADA Restroom with Adult Changing Table and a Shelter for (2) wheel-



chair-accessible picnic tables. The Donor Recognition chair was Dennis Molitor of the Sartell Club. The three Lions Clubs: Sartell LeSauk St. Stephen They are excited to announce that construction has begun on the installation on the new bathroom facility.





Thank you to those Lions
that worked the Kidsight
and Diabetes, Vision, &
Hearing booths
at the MN state
fair!



1st Vice District Governor Marty and part of his VDG group
visited Leader Dog recently.





2029 Lions International Convention Fundraiser

Brought to you by the Host Committee for the 2029 Minneapolis International Convention

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms



Charms are approximately:
1" x 1"; 1" x 3/4"; 1" x 3/4"; 1" x 1/2"

Pin- \$100

Charms \$25 or

all 4 for \$75



davecarrieshofner@gmail.com

Lions International Convention support available:

Contact Lion Carrie Shofner@

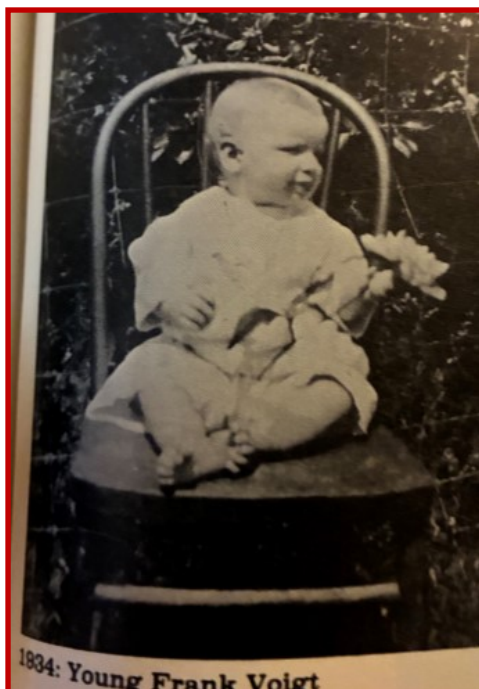
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Frank Voigt is turning 94

October 5, 2026,

Happy Birthday Frank!



Dear District 5M8,

As promised is the information about some of the data we are collecting and analyzing from the entire KidSight Program.

District 5M8 has historically screened the most children among all districts and has some of the lowest referral rates (8-9%) which is great! We have more detailed information to present but will collate it all with Dennis and distribute it to each district.

Thank you again for all that you do for vision screening! It was wonderful seeing all of the folks from 5M8 volunteering and I look forward to seeing you at Honoring Sight and Thanksgiving for Vision.--

Best,

Evan Chen, MD

Haven Professorship in Glaucoma

Director of Clinical Research, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Minnesota



\$30 ea

Contact Lion Carrie Shofner to Get yours Today!

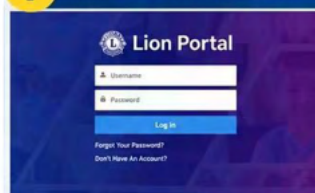


HOW TO PAY YOUR LCI BILL ONLINE

Follow these simple steps in the Lion Portal to view and pay your bill.

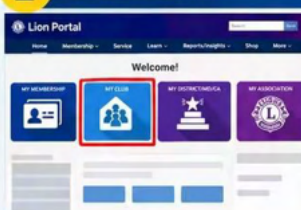


1 Sign in to the Lion Portal



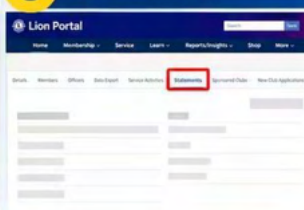
Go to <http://lionsinternational.my.site.com> and sign in with your username and password.

2 Choose My Club



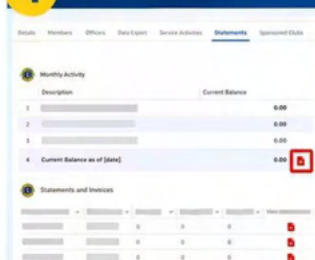
After signing in, click the **My Club** button.

3 Click Statements



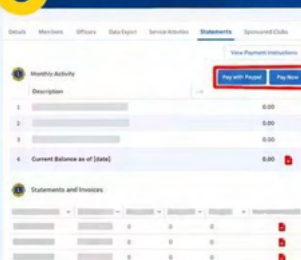
On your club page, click the **Statements** tab.

4 Open Your Statement



Find the statement you want to view and click the red document icon on the right.

5 Pay Online or View Instructions



To pay online, click **Pay with Paypal** or **Pay Now**. You can also click **View Payment Instructions** for more details.

6 Print or Save Your Statement



Once your statement opens, click the **download** or **print** icon at the top right to save or print your statement.



Need Help? If you have questions or need assistance, contact Member Support at lionsupport@lionsclubs.org or call +1 (630) 468-6900.





DG Diann visited Pierz Lions and accepted a check for LCIF in honor of PDG Frank Leidenfrost and presented a 15 year membership chevron to Lion Jeanie Flicker.



Dg Diann and Council Chair Susan Krumery attended a joint Wine tasting event sponsored by the Melrose and Sauk Centre Lions clubs as well as supported fellow DG Jason Kerfeld from 5M4. two clubs, two districts for one cause!

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR LION PORTAL?

Follow these simple steps to create your account!

1 Go to www.lionsclubs.org

2 Select **LION PORTAL** from the top menu options

3 On the Lion Portal login page, select **Don't Have An Account?**

4 Enter your **First Name, Last Name and Email**
If you are not sure how your data is stored in our system, contact an officer of your club to get the exact name and email address as shown in your record.

5 Click **Sign Up**

An email will be sent with a verification code.

6 Enter the **Verification Code** that was emailed to you from Lions International

7 Click **Verify**

8 Enter a **Password**

Your password should contain 8 characters, 1 letter and 1 number.

9 Click **Change Password**

STILL NOT ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR LION PORTAL ACCOUNT?
Get in touch with the Member Service Center.

Member Service Center phone number:
+1 630-468-6900

Member Service Center email:
lionssupport@lionsclubs.org

Together, We Serve. Together, We Make a Difference.



Email update for treasurer/
Diabetes chair
PDG Dave Thompson:
dthompson7053@yahoo.com

Lions Zone 9 Christmas Social & Zone Meeting

The **Lions of Zone 9**, hosted by the **Greenwald Lions Club**, warmly invite all Lions of **District 5M8** to join us for an evening of Christmas fellowship, food, and fun!



Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Woody's Bar & Grill — Greenwald, MN



6:30 PM — Social Time



7:00 PM — Meal & Fellowship



Meal: To be announced

RSVP by November 30, 2026

Come celebrate the Christmas season with fellow Lions and enjoy some great fellowship as we gather for the **Lions Zone 9 Meeting**.

We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP by November 30 to:

Lion Jack Kaschmitter—kaschjt@gmail.com



2026-2027 Excellence Awards

**New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

Club Excellence Award criteria

Membership:

- Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members, **whichever is greater**. (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)
OR
- Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch

Service:

- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities.
(Three (3) must align with our [Global Causes](#) around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)

Leadership & Organizational Excellence:

- Clubs in Good Standing: not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.
- Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the [Lion Portal](#) by May 15, 2027, of the current Lions year.
- Club officers (**President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer**) to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person or virtual), organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator, between March 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026.
- The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
- 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.

LCIF:

Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026-2027 Lion year multiplied by US\$20.

District, Region and Zone criteria

For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, 50% of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.

5/13/2026



PDG Frank Leidenfrost
Lion Edward Jordahl
Lion Paul Oman
Lion Joe Wollak
Lion Debra Koltes

Staples Lions Club
Motley Lions Club
Paynesville Lions Club
Rice Lions Club
Luxemburg Lions Club



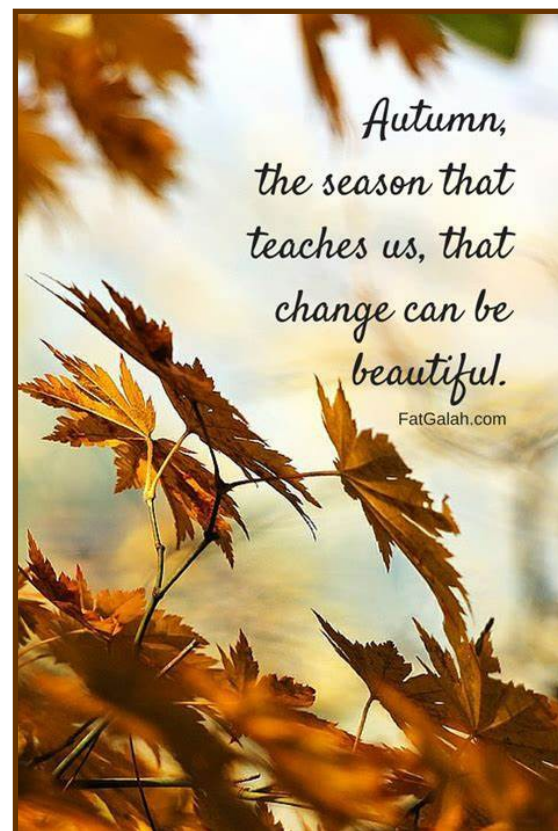
5M8 is very excited to welcome these new Lions to help us "SERVE" our communities and world. We look forward to working with you, side by side and striving to make a difference while having fun doing so. The list of new members is taken from the Lions International reports. If a new member is not listed yet, it is due to when Lions International receives the new member information from the club.

WELCOME NEW 5M8 LIONS MEMBERS



Tyler Birr
Lindsay Bearce
Ross Wilke
Courtney Wilke
Jeremy Glieden
Zack Roelike
Clay Sandmeyer
Chad Stenson
Melissa Stenson
William Philippi
Robert Larson
Don Kline
Steve Meyer
David Zaun
Katie Anderson
Gina Forcier
Haley Rilea

Albany Lions Club
Avon Hills Lions Club
Avon Hills Lions Club
Avon Hills Lions Club
Belgrade Lions Club
Belgrade Lions Club
Eagle Bend Lions Club
Kimball Lions Club
Kimball Lions Club
Luxemburg Lions Club
Mora Lions Club
Pine City Lions Club
Rockville Lions Club
Rock Creek Lions Club
Sauk Rapids Tinville Lions Club
Sauk Rapids Tineville Lions Club
Sturgeon Lake Lions Club



5M8 Service update

September 2026

595 overall activity count

221,198 overall people served in
Fiscal Year

17,555 overall volunteer hours In
Fiscal Year

75% clubs reporting



5M8 Membership update as of **September 2026**

2735 Lions Members & 73 clubs

60 members added in FY

39 members dropped

21 Net growth in FY

-0.77 % net Growth in FY



Hall of Fame Award

Purpose

To honor those Lion and Lioness members of character and substance who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and dedication to the efforts of their club, district or multiple district and the motto of our association, "We Serve."

Award

There shall be a maximum of one (1) recipient of the MD5M Hall of Fame Award per district, inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame each year. The award may be presented posthumously. The MD5M Hall of Fame award recipients are to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention during the Saturday noon luncheon. MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall receive a MD5M Hall of Fame award plaque and a Hall of Fame lapel pin in recognition of their induction in the MD5M Hall of Fame. In addition, a complete listing of all MD5M Hall of Fame recipients shall appear in the annual MD5M

directory and a perpetual plaque, with the names of all inductees and the year of their induction inscribed thereon, shall be kept in a prominent place in the MD5M office, when available. The presentation of the MD5M Hall of Fame inductees shall be the responsibility of the current International Director from MD5M, if there is one and he/she is in attendance at the MD5M

Multiple District Convention. If not, then the most recent Past International Director having served from MD5M in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

Criteria

A candidate may be a Lion or Lioness, must have been a member in good standing for at least 15 years, be at least two (2) years removed from the Council of Governors if a PDG, should have qualifications above and beyond the call of duty including social and human endeavors, and he/she should be of good moral character and have a good reputation in his/her community. A nominee must be a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club, or must have been a member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club at the time of their death.

Process

A candidate may be sponsored by any Lion, Lioness, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Zone, or District. There shall be a nomination fee of \$150.00 per each candidate nominated. The nomination fee shall be returned to those sponsors whose candidates are not elected for induction into the MD5M Hall of Fame. The nomination fee for those selected for induction shall be sent to

MD5M and shall be used to offset the cost of the award process, plaques and pin. Nominations, including the nomination fee, must be received by the District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District's Midwinter Convention.

Each individual District shall annually hold an election at their Midwinter Convention to determine the candidate(s), if any, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for that Lion Year. Each sponsor shall have an opportunity to give a brief presentation on the merits and biographical information of their nominee prior to the election. Those elected to be inducted into the MD5M

Hall of Fame shall not be publicly announced until their induction at the MD5M Multiple District Convention.

All nominations shall use the standard form, no others shall be accepted. The nomination fee must be received at the time the application is received, otherwise the nomination shall not be considered. All successful candidates shall be inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame at the next MD5M Multiple District Convention. The sponsor(s) and the respective District Governor shall ensure that the honoree or a suitable representative shall be in attendance at the MD5M Multiple District Convention Saturday Luncheon when the honorees are inducted. A brief biography of each inductee shall be announced to those in attendance during the induction ceremony at the annual MD5M Multiple District Convention.

District _____ Date _____

Nominee: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

Sponsor: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club _____

Nominee's Biographical Information (Lions, Community Service, Family, Work – length of service, positions/ offices held, committees, service projects, and awards. (Attach an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed. _____

Why is this person being nominated for the MD5M Hall of Fame?

Nominations must be received by the respective District Governor at **least 30 days prior** to the District's annual Midwinter Convention. A nomination fee of \$150.00 must accompany this form. Only this official form shall be accepted and the nomination shall only be accepted if accompanied by the nomination fee. The cost of attendance at the MD5M Convention and Saturday Luncheon shall be at the expense of the sponsor or the individual, not MD5M or the MD5M Convention Host Committee

DATES TO REMEMBER



5M8 Midwinter Convention

February 5-7, 2027 Kelly Inn St Cloud

MD5M Multiple Convention

April 16-18, 2027 Kahler Hotel Rochester MN

April 28-30, 2028 Kelly Inn St Cloud

Lions International Convention

July 2-6, 2027	Washington DC USA
June 23-27, 2028	Singapore
June 29-July 3, 2029	Minneapolis MN
June 28- July 2, 2030	San Antonio TX
July 4-8, 2031	Helsinki, Finland

USA/CANADA Forum

September 16-18, 2027	Huntsville Alabama
September 21-23, 2028	Grand Rapids Michigan
September 21-23, 2029	Shreveport Louisiana

District Governor Diann events

September 28 Freeport Lions
 September 29 AM-Cold Spring Elementary KID-SIGHT PM -Zone 3 Little Falls, MN
 September 30 Collegeville
 October 1 Cold Spring Home Pride Lions
 October 3 MN Lions Vision Foundation- Sauk Rapids
 October 5 CS Home Pride ARC Blood Drive and Pine Area Lions
 October 8 Rock Creek Lions in Pine City
 October 10 GRANDDAUGHTER WEDDING
 October 12 Isle Lions
 October 13 District 5M8 Mini Forum in Duelm
 October 19 Staples Host & Staples 93 Lions
 October 21 Greenwald, Melrose & New Munich Lions
 October 24 Thanksgiving for Vision St. Cloud
 October 26 Convention planning meeting in Cold Spring
 October 30-31 COG MEETING in ALEXANDRIA, MN



Our Vision To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Our Mission

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

2026-2027 Lions International Officers

International Lion President Mark Lyon

Brookfield Connecticut USA

Immediate Past President Arvinder Pal Singh

Kolkata India

1st V.P. Dr Manoj Shah

Nairobi Kenya

2nd V.P. Tony Benbow South

Vermont Australia

3Rd V.P. C. Robert Rettby

Neuchatel, Switzerland

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Please send your events, announcements, and photos to: 5M8 Newsletter Editor

5M8Newsletter@gmail.com

“The deadline to submit Articles, and notices for the District 5M8 Newsletter is the **20th** of each month “

Opportunities to grow!

Lions University: Provided by the Forum since 2014, you can take all the courses you want for free, however graduation requirement do include attendance at events

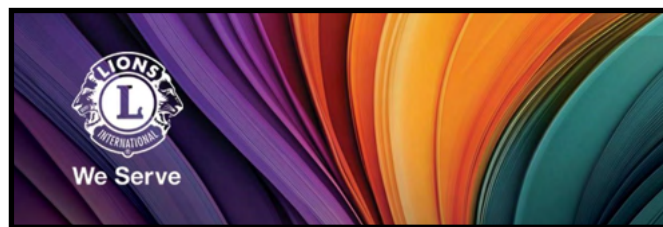
@ lionsuniversity.org

Lions Learning Institute: LCI's online learning portal.

@lionsclubs.org

Lions Virtual: Ongoing Zoom educational and social activities, and a mobile app that incorporates social sharing and other resources.

Global Lions Forum: Facebook Group with great discussions on topics of interests to Lions.



Websites to know

Lions Club International: [www: lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Multiple District 5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)

District 5M8: [www: lions5M8.org](http://www.lions5M8.org)

Lions Program Sites

Can Do Canines: [www: candocanines.org](http://www.candocanines.org)

Childhood Cancer: [www: MNlionschildhoodcancer.org](http://www.MNlionschildhoodcancer.org)

KidsSight MD5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html](http://www.lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html)

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): [www: lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)

Leader Dog for the Blind: [www: leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

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

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: www.5mhf.org

MN Lions Vision Foundation: www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org

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

Sheehan Foundation www.teamsheehan.foundation



LCIF

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5M8 DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONTEST 2026-2027

<u>Club Activities:</u>	PTS	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Submitted Service report on the LCI Portal	20													0
Submitted held a Club Meeting report on the LCI Portal	20													0
Club Newsletter or Minutes sent to the DG, VDG & Zone	20													0
Post Club Updates to Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or Twitter	50													0
New Members added or Reinstated (per member)	30													0
Total Membership at year end is at plus 1 - 7/1/26 -6/30	20													0
5 members reported reading the District 5M8 Newsletter	50													0
Members reported or watched a Podcast or Webinar (each)	20													0
Members reported participated in Learning Activity on Facebook	30													0
2 or more Clubs do an fun activity together (Fundraiser- if)	30													0
Governor Visit scheduled by 12/20/2026	30													0
1st half of LCI Dues paid by 7/28/2026	50													0
2nd half of LCI Dues paid by 1/28/2027	50													0
Attend other Clubs Fundraiser (10 pts per limit @ 50 pts)	10													0
Total														0

<u>District Committee Club Presentations</u>	PTS	Date of Visit	Donation Made	PTS	Total
LCIF	30			50	
Leader Dog	30			50	
Leos	30			50	
Diabetes	30			50	
Hearing Foundation	30			50	
Vision Foundation	30			50	
KidSight	30			50	
Can Do Canines	30			50	
Project New Hope	30			50	
MN Childhood Cancer	30			50	
Global Membership Team	30				
Global Leadership Team	30				
Global Service Team	30				
Global Extension Team	30				
Orientation	30				
Total				0	



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PTS

Additional Pts

Bring Eyeglasses to MidWinter Convention Collection	50
Club Officers attend Zone Meeting (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas)	30
General Member attend Zone Meeting (5 Members)	20
Club Officers attend Convention (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas) EA	40
General Member attend Convention (5 Members)	20
Host Exchange Student pts per	50
Club host an Service Project Mental Health Cause	40
Club held an Membership Drive Event with a gain of 2 n	50

Total 0

Activities Total

Presentation Total

Donations Total

Additional Pts Total

Total Of All

Secretary/President

Club

Contact #

Zone Chair

Date

Club Presidents or Secretaries prepare and send to
your Zone Chair by August 15, 2027

If you wish to participate in the contest

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