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# 5M9 Service Journal

## *District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby*

### "Summer Fun in Winter Sun"

**5M-9 Mid-Winter Convention,  
January 5-7, 2024  
DG Linda Albrecht-Norby and the Vergas Lions  
Club would like to invite you to the  
5m9 Mid-Winter convention.**

#### LEE VRIEZE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Lee Vrieze from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 through June 28, 2022.

Director Vrieze works professionally as an information technology infrastructure manager and has obtained multiple computer certifications, including CISSP, VCP, CCNA and CMNA. His over 40 years of information technology experience has included over 11 years of information technology consulting, technical designs and implementations, project management, and personnel management.

He has been an active member of the Jim Falls Lions Club since 2001 and has held multiple offices within the association including district governor, vice council chairperson, multiple district global membership champion, multiple district resolutions constitution and bylaws chairperson, and multiple district technology chairperson.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the International President's Award, the International President's Leadership Award, multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and the GAT Chairperson's Award. Director Vrieze is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Vrieze has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Information Systems Security Association, Moose International and Knights of Columbus. He is an active member of his church and serves as cantor and parish council member.

Director Vrieze and his wife, Mary, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for over 43 years and have two children, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Both Director Vrieze and Lion Mary been recognized at the multiple district level as Progressive Birch-Sturm Fellows and have served as Presidents of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.





## Changing the Hearts of Lion's 5M9 District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby



December is a time when families and friends gather to share joy and happiness. Are you doing this with your Lion's family? The holiday season is for giving to those who need help and that is what the Lions do.

We donate to local food shelves so the hungry can eat and nourish their bodies, we clothe those who can't afford a coat to stay warm in the winter and we help families with children going through cancer. We can make a huge list of many things that the Lions do for others, but what about the Lions?

We Serve is our motto, but when do we serve ourselves? I'm not talking about having a banquet of thanks, I'm talking about looking within our clubs and fixing our clubs, so we are working as a team and are healthy to serve our communities and the world better.

As your District Governor, I came into office a month after our Lions year began, not an excuse, but a huge awakening and playing catch up to get up to speed with the rest of the district officers. I didn't feel a part of the team, but I am the leader that you all look to for help. Yes, I'm a PDG, but so much has changed in twelve years. With that said, we look ahead and keep going!

**Global Action Team Priorities**-Service, membership growth and leadership development are crucial to the success of any Leo and Lions club. To help clubs continue their growth, the GAT has prioritized the following initiatives and opportunities to help districts and clubs reach their goals and find greater success.

**Mission 1.5**- is the drive to reach 1.5 billion members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

**Global Membership Approach**- provides a process and resources to districts to achieve strong membership growth.

**District Goals**- explore helpful information about developing and executing your district goals.

**Membership Focused**- Mission 1.5 is a dedicated effort. We have committed the next 4 years to reaching this historic Lions Club Membership Goal.

### 5M9 GMT Goals:

1. New Members 145 for 2023-2024
2. Retention – 118 members dropped.
3. Total Goal new membership with two new club – 185
4. Total Membership Goal +67
- 5.

To date: New Members – 75 Actual- 25% Goal- 33.3%  
Dropped members – 59 Actual 50% Goal- 33.3%

The duties of the GMT Coordinator Scott Rolfe and the team is to promote membership growth. To help clubs promote membership drives and to help clubs attract new members by training them on how to recruit new members.

The primary duties of 5M9 GMA Champion Joe Laudenbach are membership satisfaction which leads to and promotes retention and growth.

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## Changing the Hearts of Lion's 5M9 District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby



I found a couple of surveys about Member that might interest you all.

### **Survey of Members in a social or civic organizations:**

- 64% Attend meeting
- 58% Volunteer their time.
- 55% Contribute money.
- 28% Take a Leadership role.

### **Survey on how members feel about their social or civic organizations:**

- 58% Proud of a group's achievements/positive difference made.
- 43% Group accomplished something an individual could not.
- 19% Disappointed because it failed to achieve goals or lacked purpose.

### **What compels someone to leave a group?**

Among all adults, one in ten (10%) had left a social or civic group or organization in the 12 months prior to the survey. Asked why they had left, the most cited reason was lack of group leadership, followed closely by having simply lost interest in the goals or purposes of the group. The least cited reason of those asked about was having too much responsibility.

1. 54% - Lack of Leadership (Long boring meetings, No agenda, cliques)
2. 47% - Lost interest in the goals or purpose of the group (Not clearly defined, did not fill their passion)
3. 42% - Group could not accomplish its goals.
4. 32% - The group contacted you too often and sent out too much information.
5. 25% - Felt like you had too much responsibility.

The end of December is fast approaching and let's all take a good look at retention and hanging onto our members. Think before you drop, talk to that member one on one. There may be a reason for not being able to pay dues. Don't break up your Lions family and think about doing a membership drive to add to it also. We can't do anything about a death of a fellow Lion, but we can be there to support his or her family at this time of grieving. We will all continue to serve our communities, district, multiple and the world if we all continue to support each other. WE SERVE!

Jay and I wish you all a very joyous holiday season and we look forward to the New Year ahead. Remember, Mid-Winter is just around the corner.... January 5-7, 2024, at the Shooting Star Convention Center. More information in the November newsletter and send in your reservations ASAP.

District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby

# 1st Vice District Governor

## Denise Laudenbach



I would like to share a true story with you about a young man named Fred Barley.

Fred Barley had been sleeping in a tent on the campus of Gordon University in Georgia for 3 days. Hungry and homeless, he had been unsuccessful in finding work, which he needed to survive. As two police officers approached Fred, they questioned him why he was sleeping on campus. And what they then learned affected them profoundly. Fred had traveled six hours on a bicycle in 100-degree weather so that he could attend his second year in college. With no support, his plan was to camp until school began a few weeks later. And during that time, Fred had hoped to find work.

Touched by this 19-year old's desire to succeed, the two officers spent their own money for a motel room for Fred. Word then traveled throughout the community about Fred's situation and their acts of generosity. The owner of the motel allowed Fred to stay there until school reopened. A local pizzeria gave Fred a job as a dishwasher. And most importantly, the community started a GoFundMe donation page for Fred that raised over \$180,000. What began as acts of generosity by two officers blossomed into an entire community of giving back. Today, the community of Conyers continues in these efforts by launching several charity events to help low-income families. This story, of a true act of kindness, reminds me so much of who we are, as members of Lions International. We each have our own 'profound' moments as to when we truly became a Lion. It only takes one person to make a positive change. We, together, can do so much!

There certainly is something very special about acts of generosity and the effect on us as Lions. Our mission as Lions, is 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. If you are reading this article, I have a special request for you. Joe, my spouse in service, told me that if I get at least 100 of our 5M9 members to respond to me via text message or email by December 15th, 2023, he will take me out for a steak dinner. For all of you that respond by the deadline, I will have a special gift for you at our upcoming mid-winter convention, being held January 5-7, 2024. I hope to hear from all of you and that I will have several hundred gifts to hand out in Mahanomen. Let us continue to ask members of our communities to join us in serving those in need. To ask others to stand shoulder to shoulder with us, in making a positive difference in the lives not only in our back yard, but also around the world.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas.





## *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Cathe Picek*



**"Changing the World"**  
by being a  
**Lion!**



Take a few minutes and think about why you became a Lion....

You had a family member or friend who is or was a Lion,

You had an interest in what the Lions were doing in your community,

You helped at a service event relevant to your passions,

You helped with a fundraising event relevant to your passions,

You have an overwhelming desire to help people less fortunate than yourself,

Someone asked you if you were a Lion,

Someone asked you to join Lions,

These are only a few of the reasons we join LIONS>

Enter your own reason:

Lions are remarkable people! Though we each have different answers for being a Lion, we each give of ourselves to make sure that "We Serve", help others through donations to LCIF, community events, special events, fundraising projects, and joint efforts in our Clubs, Zones and District in every way we can.

**Thank you for being a Lion!**

**We CAN Change the World!**



District 5M9  
Lions  
Mid-Winter  
Convention.



January 5 – 7, 2024  
at the Shooting Star  
Event Center,  
Mahnomen, MN

## Mid-Winter Convention Checklist

- Are you registered? If not, please fill out a registration form and mail it to the address on the form. If you have any questions, call Jake Jacoby (612-747-9894) or Jay Norby (218-298-10311) for more information and how to get registered.
- We have worked out a deal with the Shooting Star Convention Center for the Convention book cost and room costs to remain as stated on the application up to December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- **Call the Hotel for room reservations. 1-800-453-7827 and use code # 13658. Room rates for Friday & Saturday night is \$85.00 + Tax.**
- Friday Night is Hawaiian Night, Wear your best Hawaiian outfit. After all, the theme for the convention is *"Summer Fun in the Winter Sun."*
- Get ready to have a fun and educational weekend. Meet up with old friends and make new ones.
- Practice your Corn Hole Toss before you arrive. Corn Hole tournament is Friday Night and it is only \$20.00/Team. Prizes for the top 4 teams entered with the top prize being a Lions Club International Corn Hole Board Set.
- Bring several non-perishable food items to help your zone win the prize for the best display at the convention on Friday Night. Judging will be done by our visiting International Director Lee Vrieze from Wisconsin.
- 3 Great seminars to help you and your club. Seminar #1 – "Working with other Community Groups", Seminar #2 – "What makes a Good Lion" and seminar #3 – Getting Young People involved in Service".
- Bring your used glasses to the convention. We will be doing a Service Project neutralizing glasses for the "Eyes for Mexico" Mission Trips.
- We have some great prizes for you to have a chance to win. Also, the Adult Beverage wagon has something for everyone.
- We will have a limited amount of Raffle tickets available at the convention for the four-wheeler we will be giving away Saturday night after the Governors Banquet.
- Ask a fellow Lion or guest to attend the convention with you. The more the Merrier.

The convention is just around the corner. Please consider attending and learning about all the great things that we as Lions do for our communities and the world. We hope to see you there!

**Bring the entire Family!**

## 5M9 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

Registration	Noon – 9:00 pm	Main Hall
Credentials	Noon – 9:00 pm	Main Hall
Displays	Noon – 10:00 pm	Main Hall
Raffle/Silent Auction	Noon – 10:00 pm	Callaway/Pine Point
Cabinet Meeting	2:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Ogema/Waubun
PDG Meeting	4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Rice Lake/Roy Lake
Candidates Hospitality	5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Event Center
1 <sup>st</sup> Timers Meeting	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Richwood
Food Stacking Contest	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Event Center
Corn Hole Tournament	8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Event Center

### SATURDAY JANUARY 6, 2024

Registration	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Main Hall
Pride Breakfast	7:00 am – 8:15 am	Event Center

#### (UP, UP & AWAY with ID Lee & 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise)

Credentials	7:30 am – 8:15 am	Main Hall
Displays	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Main Hall
Prize/Silent Auction	8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Callaway/Pine Point
Business Meeting	8:30 am- 10:30 am	Ogema/Waubun
Voting	10:30 am – 10:45 am	Ogema/ Waubun
Service Project	9:00 am – 11:45 am	Richwood

Seminar #1	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Rice Lake/Roy Lake
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#### (Working with other Community Groups – ID Lee Vrieze)

Noon Lunch	Noon – 2:00 pm	Event Center
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#### (Katie Damm – MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation)

Seminar #2	2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Rice Lake/Roy Lake
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#### (What Makes a Good Lion – PID Pat Vannett)

Snack Break W/LCIF	3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Rice Lake/Roy Lake
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#### (Snacks Provided by the 5M9 LCIF Team)

Seminar #3	3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Rice Lake/Roy Lake
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#### (Getting Young People Involved in Service – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise Laudenbach)

Service of Remembrance	4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	Richwood/Ebro Pine Bend
ID Reception	5:45 pm – 6:30 pm	Ogema/Waubun
Governors Banquet	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Event Center
4-Wheeler Drawing	9:00 pm – 9:15 pm	Event Center
Entertainment	9:15 pm – 10:30 pm	Event Center

#### (White Earth Drum & Dance Group)

Prize Pick-up	10:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Callaway/Pine Point
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### SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024

Registration	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Main Hall
Club Presidents W/ID	7:30 am – 8:00 am	Rice Lake/Roy Lake
Church Service	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Richwood

#### (Non-Denominational)

Prize Pick-up	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Callaway/Pine Point
Brunch/Business Meeting	9:00 am – Noon	Event Center

## SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



## **Bert Nelson for International Director**

Pam and I are hopeful that everyone is considering going to the MD5M Convention in Winnipeg, Canada April 19-21, 2024. It is a beautiful city with wonderful attractions. We especially enjoyed visiting the Assiniboine Zoo the last time we were there. The convention is a good place to visit with other Lions outside our own districts and learn what other clubs are doing. It is also the place to be when voting to endorse our next International Director from our great multiple.

I want to be an International Director for Lions Clubs as I want to be involved in keeping our association moving forward to help each other become better stewards of our motto "We serve". There is such a need in our world for Lions to step forward and help wherever we can.

I feel I have the right qualifications to run for International Director which include:

Zone 6 Chairman  
District 5M9 Public Relations Chairman  
District 5M9 Newsletter Editor  
Chairman of three 5M9 Mid-Winter Conventions  
District Governor 2005-06  
Council Chairman 2006-07  
MD5M Long Range Planning Committee Chairman  
MD5M Public Relations Chairman  
MD5M Newsletter Editor  
MD5M LCIF Chairman for past 11 years  
Certified Guiding Lion  
Global Extension Team  
Global Leadership Team  
Global Service Team  
Training Instructor for six groups of incoming governors  
Facilitator for 8 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institutes  
Facilitator for 1 MD5M Emerging Lions Leadership Institute  
Assisted on 5 International Director Campaigns for candidates from MD5M.  
Campaign Chairman for IP Brian Sheehan  
Planning Committee member of 2 USA/Canada Forums  
Presenter at 5 USA/Canada Forums



Pam and I want to thank you for your consideration and continued support with my campaign for International Director. We plan to visit your Mid-Winter Conventions and we hope to see you in Winnipeg.

PCC Bert Nelson

[lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com)

218-298-0932



## IPDG Scott Rolfe Awards!



Sharon Whipple of **Malmo Lions** received a Catch the Dream award from the MN Vision Foundation.

*As the legend goes, the Dream Catcher used by Woodland Indians was hung in the lodge (near the bed), Its use was to catch dreams good or bad. The bad dreams would get caught in the webbing and would be held there till the first morning light, then burn off. Now the good dreams caught, through the center hole would filter down into the feathers and be held there, only to return another night.*

*Our Dream Catcher Award Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. has adopted the Dream Catcher as a sign of hope that a cure for diabetes*



100% secretaries were Lions Evie Ladd, Sue Stebbins, not shown Diane Brietling and Margaret Van Erp

Zone chair Governor awards went to:

- Zone 1 Pillager & Are Lions
- Zone 2-Palisade Area Lions
- Zone 3 Hackensack Lions
- Zone 4 Nevis Lions
- Zone 5 Bluffton Lions
- Zone 6 Osage Lions
- Zone 7 Vergas Lions
- Zone 8 Underwood Lions

*Congratulations!*



**Rothsay Lions Club**

# Christmas Giving Tree



The **Giving Tree** will be located in the Rothsay Public School on the bulletin board by the office door.

If you would like to be one of our Helpful Elves, please take a *Gift Tag* off the tree.

After purchasing the gifts, please label every one with the *Gift Tag* number.

Gifts may be dropped off at either the Rothsay Public School or Rothsay Farmers State bank.

If you would like the gifts wrapped, drop them off by Friday, 12/8/2023. If you are going to wrap them, they are due by Friday, 12/12/2023.

Happy Holidays  
Rothsay Lions Club Members







**JENKINS AREA LIONS  
CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH WITH SANTA**

**LUNCH WILL BE A FREE WILL OFFERING.**

**{Hot dog on a bun, chips, baked beans and a drink}**

**Santa Bobbin into Town Parade in Pequot Lake also on December  
9th 6pm "Light Up the Night Parade**

**AT THE UFW POST 3839 IN JENKINS  
December 9 | 11-3 PM |**

The Parkers Prairie Pride  
of Lions brings you the  
annual fundraiser for the youth!



# PRAIRIE CHRISTMAS



*Craft & Gift Show, Entertainment, Food & Holiday fun for all ages!*



**SATURDAY DEC 2<sup>ND</sup> 8AM-2PM**  
**PRAIRIE EVENT CENTER**

Entry is \$1 w/ Food Shelf Donation or \$2 for Adults, \$1 for Students

*All proceeds benefit the youth in our community.*

Warm Lunch, Fancy Drinks, Gift Wrapping, Lions Lefsa, Photos with Santa, Bring a letter for Santa's mailbox!

Interested in participating? Email: [ParkersPrairiePrideOfLions@gmail.com](mailto:ParkersPrairiePrideOfLions@gmail.com)





# LIONS BINGO

PILLAGER COMMUNITY CENTER

SUNDAYS\* 12/3/23 THRU 03/24/24 -- 1:00 PM



\*No Bingo on 12/24, 12/31

## LCIF Melvin Jones Photo Contest

In honor of Melvin Jones' 145th birthday, be part of the Lions Clubs International Foundation's Melvin Jones Photo Contest and show us your pride! Snap a picture of what it means to be a Lion or Leo.



### Prizes & Dates to Remember:

Winners, one from each constitutional area, will receive one complimentary individual registration and luncheon ticket to the 106th Lions Clubs International Convention in Melbourne.

The contest is open between October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. The deadline for voting and submission is December 31, 2023, at midnight Central Time Zone. Winners will be announced the week of January 15, 2024.

## Underwood Area Lions Club



The **Underwood Area Lions Club** donated proceeds of their Pork Chop event at the Harvest Festival this year to the Underwood Music Department (above). The \$2,933.15 will be used to support their program's activities.



Also donated \$500 to purchase uniforms for the JH basketball program. Maggie Clauson is accepted the donation.



Another donation was \$2,500 to support the Underwood boys basketball program for this coming year. Head Coach Kellen Shebeck accepted the check for the team.







### **Zone 8 Lions donate to Battle Lake Area Fire Department**

During a crucial accident call, the Battle Lake Area Fire Department, found that their extrication equipment, or “Jaws of Life” worked but due to the cold weather and severity of the damage to the vehicle, the equipment had issues. Since the fire department budget could not stretch to cover the \$50,000 cost of a new “Jaws of Life”, Zone 8 Lions Clubs stepped up to donate enough funds to replace the old “Jaws of Life” with a new Holmatro unit. The new unit has 4 parts and all with a battery charger: a cutter, spreader, telescoping ram and combination tool.

The Battle Lake Area fire Department thanks the Battle Lake Lions, Henning Lions, Otter Tail Lions, Underwood Lions and Urbank Lions for coming together with this donation for a lifesaving piece of equipment.

Pictured: Back row from left: Donna & Jack Galvin and Jerry Smith of Ottertail Lions; John Peterson & Dean Nelson of Battle Lake Lions; Lowell Hoekstra & Doug Hansen of Underwood Lions. Kneeling: Fireman Tyler Akermam and Chief Tom Minten displaying the four pieces to the Jaws of Life unit.

Not pictured: Urbank Lions and Henning Lions.

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***Bring your used glasses to the convention.  
We will be doing a Service Project  
neutralizing glasses for the  
“Eyes for Mexico” Mission Trips.***



# Proud Lions



"LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson greeting volunteers during 5M9's district service project which was possible in part by a grant from LCIF."



Six **Palisade Lions** attended our zone meeting in Aitkin and found out what area clubs are doing for their communities. Lion Dick Stebbins gave an update on the Lions Vision Foundation. Thank you Aitkin Lions for hosting!







PDG Dale Johansen giving a presentation about Project New Hope  
during the **Zone 7 Meeting** November 11.



## 5M9 Zone Chairs



<b>Zone 1 Chair</b>	<b>Terry Hansen</b>	<b>Zone 6 Chair</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Debra Jacoby</b>
<b>Zone 2 Chair</b>	<b>Sharon Whipple</b>	<b>Zone 7 Chair</b>	<b>Diane Kunze</b>
<b>Zone 3 Chair</b>	<b>Marna Lohse</b>	<b>Zone 8 Chair</b>	<b>Connie Krusemark</b>
<b>Zone 4 Chair</b>	<b>Laurine Kommer</b>	<b>Zone Chair Advisor</b>	<b>2VDG Cathe Picek</b>
<b>Zone 5 Chair</b>			

## Camp Confidence Lions had a busy October!

We had a roadside cleanup, hosted a Halloween Dance, a Halloween Hayride & Carnival, a Bowling Fundraiser Lions Unite and, Bingo & Treat!





# Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

It is almost the end of 2023 and time to consider making your end of the year tax exempt donations. We hope you will consider donating to your/our Lions International Foundation. Here are some ways you can donate.

## Maximize Your Humanitarian Donation

Below are ways to make your donation grow without additional cost to you.

### *Planned Giving Options*

LCIF is honored when thoughtful Lions include us in their planned giving. There are many planned giving options; we can help you find the one that works for you:

- Gifts that pay you income: Donate to LCIF and receive payments through charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.
- Gifts you make today: Start a charitable lead trust or make a memorial or honorary gift.
- Gifts that benefit us after your lifetime: Extend your commitment to LCIF with a bequest, beneficiary designation or endowed gift.

Discover ways to give, use an interactive gift builder and find resources at <http://lcif.myplannedgift.org/>.

### *Matching Gifts*

Thousands of U.S. companies match employees' charitable contributions. If yours is one of them, follow these easy steps:

- 1) Obtain a matching gift form from your Human Resources or Payroll department.
- 2) Complete the donor section of the form.
- 3) Mail the completed form with credit card information or check\* for your portion of the donation, made payable to LCIF, (or copy of cancelled check if donation already has been made) to: LCIF 300 W. 22nd St. Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

Attn.: LCIF Donor Services

\* Please indicate the desired designation in the memo section of the check. (Note: Melvin Jones Fellow recognition is available for donations made to one of the listed Areas of Giving only.)

### *Stocks*

Donating stocks or securities is a special way to give to LCIF. There are many benefits for both the donor and LCIF when contributing in this way. Advantages may include: No capital gains federal and state tax

- Receiving an income tax deduction for the full market value of the gift if you itemize deductions on your tax return and have held the assets one year or longer

Gifts of securities can easily be transferred to LCIF. Simply download the Gifts of Securities Donation Form and follow the instructions. To transfer stock or other securities, download instructions and the required form at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79861867>

### *In-Kind Donations*

LCIF is not able to accept in-kind donations, such as emergency relief supplies.

The foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible, as allowed under the Internal Revenue Service code. LCIF will not sell, trade, or distribute any personal information to third parties. See our privacy policy. All donations accepted on [lionsclubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org) support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable organization. Lions Clubs International (LCI) is a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt social welfare organization and is not eligible to accept or solicit charitable donations. LCI and LCIF are EEO providers

***You can also send your donations so they can be recorded in our district records and sent on to LCIF.***

Send donations to: Lion Zelda Novak 212 Henrietta Ave. So. Park Rapids MN. 56470. Phone # is 218-255-7247



# Lions Save Lives

Show your pride. Register to be a donor.

**Where there's a need,  
there's a Lion.**

Right now, **more than 100,000 people** in the United States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Lions club members have a unique opportunity to make an impact by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor through the Lions Save Lives campaign, brought to you by Lions Gift of Sight and Donate Life Minnesota.

**Show your pride and register today!**



## Did you know?

**100K**

Right now, more than 100,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving transplant.

**75**

One organ, eye and tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 lives. It's a simple decision with a big impact!

**10%**

While men are more likely to need a transplant, they're about 10% less likely to register as a donor.



## Be in the know and get the facts:

While donation affects many people, few people know how the organ, eye and tissue donation process works.



### Who can register to donate?

Every individual has the right to sign up to donate their organs, eyes and tissues at the time of their death. While becoming a donor is rare, we need everyone to register to help increase the odds that people in need will receive a transplant.



### Will age or health prevent me?

Your age or health does not prevent you from registering. Most health conditions do not prevent donation and age is not a factor. Medical advances now allow people with many chronic conditions to donate. Don't rule yourself out – register!



### What does my religion say about donation?

All major religions in the U.S. support donation and consider it to be a generous and compassionate act of caring. Donation organizations coordinate with families and hospitals to make sure the donor's beliefs, practices and ceremonies are respected.



### Is my life the priority?

Yes. If you are taken to the hospital after an accident or injury, it's the hospital's number one priority to save YOUR life. Your status as a donor is not even considered until every effort has been made to try to save your life.



### How does the waiting list work?

The waiting list is actually a pool of people. Factors such as blood type, body size, location, severity of illness and length of time on the waiting list are used to determine the best candidate for an organ.



### How do corneal transplants help people?

While the cornea (the clear tissue in the front of the eye) is the only part of the eye regularly transplanted, the sclera (white of the eye) can also be used in some surgeries. Corneal transplants are one of the most frequently performed transplants. They restore sight and improve quality of life so that people can reclaim their lives – benefiting patients from newborn to 103 years old!

**Build your legacy as an organ, eye and tissue donor and help heal and save lives!**

For more information about donation, visit [DonateLifeMN.org](http://DonateLifeMN.org)



## District 5M9 Youth Outreach Poster Contest 2023-2024

Your Youth Outreach chairpersons are asking that each club sponsor this contest in their school by awarding some prizes at the local level and to bring your winning poster to the Mid-Winter Convention.

### Contest Rules:

Eligibility: Contest open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in all schools in District 5M9.

Dates: Contest runs from now to January 6, 2024.

*The clubs will have to set up a date to pick up the posters at the schools so that you may do your voting and pick the local winners and the overall winning poster that you will bring to the convention*

Size: **18"x24"** poster quality material. We recommend Pacon Tagboard; Item #5220; available at office supply stores and online. (@\$30 per 100) All others sizes will be disqualified.

Medium: Any paint, crayon, marker, pencil, etc. **No embellishments.**

Suggested Subject: Drug/Alcohol abuse, Awareness, Violence, Volunteering, Citizenship, Peer Pressure, Healthy and Positive aspect of life growing up. **NO COPYRIGHT SUBJECTS! NO LICENSED IMAGES!** (Cartoon characters).

Large lettering on the poster is encouraged, because it will show up better.

**Keep the message simple.** Posters should be similar to a highway billboard sign.

Have students put their name on the **back** of the poster, along with their school, grade, and sponsoring club. One student per poster; no partnering.

Judging: Each Lion and Lioness club is to submit their winning poster to the District Youth Outreach Chairperson on or before 10:30 a.m. on Saturday of the Mid-Winter Convention in January. Everyone attending the convention will have a chance to vote for his or her favorite.

District winners will be announced prior to the close of the convention.

Prizes to be awarded by 5M9 Youth Outreach: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$50. All other participants will receive a \$25 gift card.

Poster images become the property of District 5M9 and may be used for display, etc.

13. Posters and prizes will be released to the sponsoring clubs at the end of the convention.

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## LITPC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) has announced for the 2023 – 2024 school year that there will be 4 US \$2,500 scholarships awarded. Graduating Leos OR graduating sons/daughters, grandsons/granddaughters of Lions are eligible to apply for the LITPC Youth Scholarship. The LITPC goal is to help our future leaders and give students a financial helping hand. This program started in 2012. Recipients have been from Connecticut (2), Delaware (2), Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota (4), New York (3), Ohio (4), Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania (2) and Virginia (6). The 2024 recipients will be announced at the LITPC Annual Meeting in 2024.

To obtain the current LITPC Youth Scholarship information:

1. Go to the **LITPC website**: [www.litpc.org](http://www.litpc.org)
2. In the left column, click on **LITPC Scholarship Forms**.
3. Then click on **LITPC Scholarship Information**.
4. When that page comes up, click on **Scholarship Application Form**. Read and follow **ALL** directions. Be sure to fill out **ALL** the forms neatly and correctly which includes the 4 essay questions (in 350 words or less) and the question about scholarships that you have been offered along with submitting a **certified** copy of your high school transcript including activities. Plus you also need to attach recommendations from 2 persons (i.e. teacher, coach, clergy, employer, etc.) **AND** attach a recommendation letter from a Lions Club member indicating the name of the Club and state/province and country in which the Club is located.

**ALL** forms and letters are to be submitted by **MARCH 1, 2024** to:

**Lions Bill & Marcia Guthrie, Scholarship Chairman    763-786-8072**

9 101<sup>st</sup> Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448    [bmguthrie9@q.com](mailto:bmguthrie9@q.com)

**You can either mail us your application OR email it to us.**

**THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!**

**The LITPC fulfills the motto of Lions Clubs International – “WE SERVE”**



## 2024 Mid -Winter Convention Update

**Friday Night** – Fun Night at the Convention. Wear your best Hawaiian Garb to kick off the convention theme, “Summer Fun in the Winter Sun’. We will be having a corn hole tournament with prizes and the winning team will be taking home the LCI Corn Hole Board.

We are asking that all Lions please bring a non-perishable food item to the convention, and we will be having a contest to see which zone can build the best display with prizes to the winning zone.

Take a minute or two and visit with our visiting International Director Lee Vrieze, from Jim Falls, Wisconsin and his lovely wife, Lion Mary. He and his wife will be judging the food stacking contest.

**Friday night** will be fun and also give you time to catch up with your fellow Lions from all over the district and give you the chance to meet the First timers to the Convention.

**Saturday morning**, we will have the Pride Breakfast and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise and ID Lee will have some surprises for all in attendance. For those of you who do not wish to attend the Business meeting we will be having a service project to neutralize glasses sponsored by the Detroit Lakes Lions.

Katie Damm from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation will be our guest speaker talking about how her daughter Caleigh battled brain cancer for almost 7 years.

We will have seminars for all Lions to attend with topics talking about, “Working with other Community Groups”, “Getting Young People involved with Service”, “What Makes a Good Lion” and “Membership and Retention”.

**Saturday Night** The Service of Remembrance will begin at 4:30. Then we will hear from our visiting ID Lee Vrieze as he shares our International Presidents message. We will top off the night with the drawing for the four wheeler and be entertained by a native American drum group and dancers.

There is still plenty of time to register and the applications along with calling for room reservations are in this newsletter.

If you have questions or need help in registering for the convention or making a room reservation please call Lion Jay Norby, 218-298-1031 or Lion Jake Jacoby, 612-747-9894.





## 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

Hosted by the Vergas Lions

January 5, 6 & 7, 2024

Shooting Star Convention Center



Each Lion, Leo and Guest must fill out this form completely and return it with a check, made to 2024 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention for Registration or individual Meal Ticket(s) Request

Please Print Clearly:

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lion or Leo Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitality Books Purchased before December 1st, 2023 will be \$85.00 after \$100.00**

Complete Hospitality Book @ \$85.00 After December 1st \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Saturday Pride Breakfast, Saturday Luncheon, Governor's Banquet, Sunday Brunch)

Meal	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.

# 2024 5M9 Mid-Winter



## SHOOTING STAR HOTEL FOR RESERVATIONS

CALL: 1-800-453-7827

Group #: 13658

### ROOM RATES:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 - \$70.00 + Tax

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 - \$85.00 + Tax

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024 - \$85.00 + Tax

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 - \$70.00 + Tax





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## First Timer Registration Form

Each First Timer must fill out this form completely, and return it with the payment, made out to the 2024 Mid-Winter Convention for registration or individual meal requests.

### Please Print Clearly:

Year Joined Lions \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF LION CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK BOX THAT APPLIES: NEW MEMBER 2023 ☐ BEFORE 2023 ☐

**FIRST TIMER & NEW MEMBER 2023 \$70.00**

FIRST TIMER & LION BEFORE 2023 \$75.00

MEAL	COST	
Saturday Pride Breakfast	\$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	\$20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$25.00	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch	\$20.00	\$ _____
TOTAL REMITTED		\$ _____

HANDICAP SEATING NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPLAIN ON BACK)

Please Mail this form with payment to:

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1030 E. Scharf Ave.  
Vergas, MN 56587

**Please make duplicate copies of this form for all of your first timers.**





**5M9 District Governor  
Linda Albrecht-Norby  
Club Visit Form**



We will be splitting the District Governor visits between District Governor Linda- Zones 1, 2 3 & 5, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise Laudenbach- Zones 4 & 7 and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cathe Picek – Zones 6 & 8. This is so that the clubs will become familiar with the upcoming officers. If you are having a special awards night and wish District Governor Linda to attend, please let us know and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

**Please use this form and not an email!**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dates for club visits: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

What time social hour begins? \_\_\_\_\_ What time does club meeting begin? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Board meeting? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ DG team attend the Board meeting? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are there other Lions clubs or Leo clubs involved for the visit? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please list other Clubs or Leos \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a meal? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Will the DG team be expected to install officers? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please send names of new officers. If inducting new members, please have the LI New Member kit for IP Dr. Patty Hill. Please send a list of new member names & sponsor names, so I can prepare the certificates.

Will the DG team 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 we arrive for the Governor's visit. We are looking forward to coming to visit your club!

**Mail to: District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby, 1021 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Perham, Mn. 56573**

**Email: [pdglinda@gmail.com](mailto:pdglinda@gmail.com) Phone: Cell: 218-298-4743 Home: 218-346-3200**

## 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 pdf. Use of word document is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions

Submit to: [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)

Sue Stebbins editor

## District Governor Team Travels

### December

- 4 Osage-1st VDG Denise
- 6 Perham Area Community-2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cathe
- 10 Hill City-DG Linda
- 11 Hewitt-DG Linda
- 12 Garrison Bay Lake-DG Linda
- 13 Walker-DG Linda
- 19 Callaway-2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cathe
- 25 Merry Christmas!

### January

Happy New Year!

- 5 – 7 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention  
Shooting Star Conv. Center,  
Mahnomon, Mn.
- 10 New York Mills-DG Linda
- 16 Dunn Township Dunvilla-1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise
- 18 Aldrich & Verndale-DG Linda
- 25 Pillager-DG Linda

### February

- 6 Menahga/Gateway-1<sup>st</sup> VDG Denise
- 12 Parkers Prairie Pride-2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cathe
- 12 P quot Lakes Breezy Pt-DG Linda
- 14 Pine River-DG Linda
- 15 East Gull Lake Camp Confidence-DG Linda



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