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5M9 Service Journal

District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby



2024 Service of Remembrance

Past District Governors from District 5M9, along with the invaluable assistance of Lion Jim Johansen, once again hosted a beautifully, heartfelt Service of Remembrance at the Mid-Winter Convention. Which included a Wreath Laying, Lighting of Memorial Candles and Roll Call of Deceased Members.

Participating PDG's Back Row Les Swift, Peter Van Erp, Bert Nelson, Don Hendrickx, Dick Stebbins, Jim Arvidson, Rose Marie Puckett, Jamie Huttunen, Scott Rolfe, Dale Johansen

Front Row L-R Linda Albrecht-Norby, Jay Norby, Sandy Remington, Margaret Van Erp, Bruce Beck, Dick Labraaten,



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



District 5M9 is a district that I have called home since I became a Lion in 2001 and the Vergas Lions was my first Lions club. This group of Lions goes above and beyond, and I want to personally thank every one of them for their help in making the 2024 Mid-Winter Convention a great success!

A convention doesn't just happen, it takes many hours of planning and hard work to make each piece of the puzzle fit correctly. From the time you commit to the date and on to packing the final items into the vehicles to go home, it is a group effort! The many hands that made this convention happen were awesome! The committee wanted to make it fun, affordable and worth your time to take information back to your clubs and based on the comments we have heard, we did just that.

A special thank you to all the Lions who attended the convention this year! We are all a Lions family and together we will make great things happen in District 5M9! I also understand that a few of you decided to miss this year's convention d/t the icy roads and snow and I understand, safety first.

Moving into the second half of our Lion's year brings new service projects, new members, retaining our current members and looking at the future of 5M9. Dr. Patti Hill has asked us all to 'Change the World' this year, so what have we done so far? Have you 'Just Ask' ed (New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs) someone in your community? This GMA process works if you 'Just Ask'!

As a club you need to:

- A. **Build A Team** - Preparing your club.
- B. **Build A Vision** - Creating your club's vision.
- C. **Build A Plan** - Implementing your club's growth plan.
- D. **Build Success** - Welcoming your new members.

This guide is available on the Lions Club website under resources, download it or print it to get your club started on recruiting new members. Remember to keep your members active no matter what their age, there is a job for everyone!

Together we can do remarkable things, show our communities who we are and raise the Lions Organization to greater heights with new members, more hands, and innovative ideas. So, we 'Can Change the World' with new clubs, new members one step at a time!

Look for those new members and invite them to a project you are doing. Getting their hands involved with existing and new club projects will open the doors for bigger and better things within your club and your Lion's family will grow! **We can do it 5M9!**

District Governor Elect

Denise Laudenbach



Let's Grow Together

When Joe and I got married 37 years ago, we stood at the alter and said to one another, "Let's grow together." Those 3 words of commitment have been filled with family, friends, good times, great memories and of course, challenges but through it all, there has always been a whole lot of laughter and fun! Through our years together, we have learned that the best part of 'growing together' has been meeting new people and doing cool things.

As our Lions family of 5M9, we have all experienced the same ebbs and flows of our relationships with one another and with our communities. The more people we have met along our way, and the more people we have invited into our Lions family, the more fun we have had and the more memories we have made. Which all leads to more people and more hands, serving the communities across our district. It has been fabulous!

Our Mission of 1.5 is about meeting new people and doing cool things. It is up to us, that we continue to ask members of our community to join us on the mission to serve those in need. If fact, how cool would it be, to get younger members of our communities involved in Lions! *We need to assure the legacy of service in 5M9.* Our communities have needed us in the past. Our communities need us today. And our communities are going to need us in the future. It is up to us to build the future of Lions for tomorrow in District 5M9.

A few key areas that may help in getting younger community members involved in Lions are:

- Use social media for engagement.
- Meet Their Energy.
- Give them an opportunity to meet at times that work for them.
- Recognize their efforts.
- Give them responsibility.
- Respect their experiences and education.
- Embrace their awareness of current trends.
- Help define short term goals that are achievable.



It is time for us to grow our Lions footprint in 5M9. It is time to ask people to join us in serving our communities. It is time to build new clubs and do cool things together. Mission 1.5 is the focus of having more hands to serve more people but more importantly, the foundation of Mission 1.5, is about assuring the future of Lions.

Weather you have been a Lion member for 1 year or a Lion member for 50 years, make it a point in your daily life, to meet someone and ask them to join our Pride.



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



What can each Lion in our clubs do to Change the World?

Let's look at some simple ways that each of us, as Lions, can **Change the World** in the next 5 months.

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Your service as a Lion is invaluable and each Member Matters!



Sheri Greenwaldt 2nd Vice District Governor Elect



Lions of 5M9,

Wow! I sincerely thank you all for your support, confidence in me, and votes at the Mid-Winter convention!! Also, thank you to the Verndale Lions for your support and your endorsement allowing me to step up into the 2nd Vice District Governor Elect role.

We all are lions! But I have a question for you, do you remember when you became a lion in your heart? I can tell you I know when I became a lion in my heart! It was at the 5M9 2019 Midwinter convention. I honestly didn't know a ton about Lions due to only being a lion since August of 2017. When I came to the 2019 Midwinter convention and saw all the projects and foundations that had booths set up, listened to all of the project reports during the business meeting, seeing the service of remembrance, and participating the food packing service project, I was in awe of what we do as Lions. I had many tears because of the impact that we not only have on our communities but around the world.

I was so fortunate to meet so many amazing people that weekend that are now family! After the Saturday business meeting, I very nervously approached PDG (at that time DG) Rose Puckett and told her I wanted to become more involved with Lions. She had me attend RLLI and then PDG (At that time 1st VDG) Sandy was sitting right next to her and heard what I had shared. When PDG Sandy was DG, she asked me to be on her cabinet. She gave me a couple projects to choose from and I chose Can Do Canines. I love dogs and I love this organization! I am very fortunate to have PDG Rose and PDG Sandy as 2 of my mentors. Since I have been on the cabinet, I have had many more mentors and my lions family has grown so much! The 2019 Midwinter had a huge impact on my life!

5M9 is very fortunate to have many mentors who are willing to help where needed. I highly encourage any of you who have thought about stepping up in leadership and feel like you want to do more and grow as a Lion please reach out to DG Linda Albrecht-Norby, DGE Denise Laudenbach, 1st VDGE Cathe Picek, or myself. We all will be willing to sit down with you and see what your thoughts and skill sets are.

The leadership team of 5M9 will be working together as a team. I am sure you saw that on Friday night at our hospitality event. DGE Denise, 1st DGE Cathe, and I will work great together along with all of you! I am so excited to see what the next three years will hold!

Remember TEAM stands for Together Everyone Achieves More!

Again, thank you all so much!

Lion Sheri Greenwaldt

2nd Vice District Governor Elect

Mid-Winter Presidential Awards



Evie Ladd-Palisade Lions



Sherri Greenwaldt-Verndale Lions



Jake Jacoby-Vergas Lions

Mid-Winter Awards

Congratulations!



Bruce Beck Presidents Award

Lion Steve Curtis—Cormorant Lions



Photo Credit: Deborah Lyons

Certificates of Appreciation



Diane Kunze-Rothsay Lions



Deb Jacoby - Vergas Lions



Sue Stebbins-Baxter Lions



DG Linda Albrecht-Norby-Ottertail Lions

Mid-Winter Awards

Zone chairperson awards



1st Timer Awards



Zone 1 Joe Laudenbach



Lions. 1st place Eric Johnson
2. Myra Eastman
3. Bob Keepers



Zone 2 Sherry Whipple



Leo first timers
1st Oliver Paulson
2nd Carl Paulson



Zone 5 Cathe Picek



Club with the largest percentage of members attending
Riverside-Fergus Falls Lions

Mid-Winter Awards

Youth Outreach Scholarships

Awards 2024



Attending Saturday Lunch was

Hunter Hills
Karlie Ray
Athina Hjermstad
Emma Bushinger

nd Place

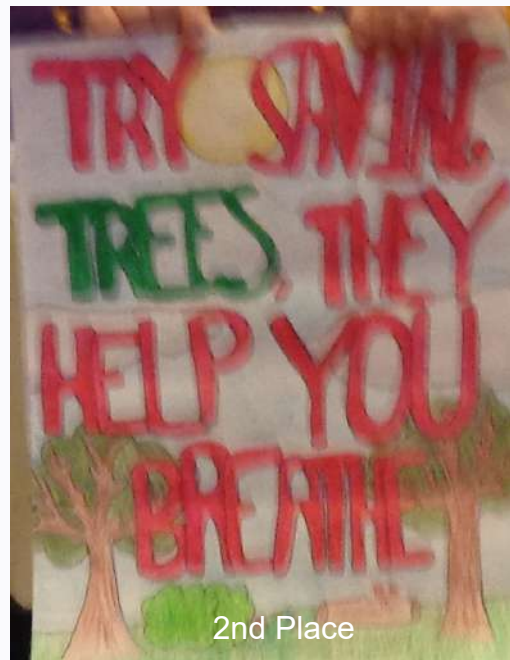
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|------------------|---|
| Emma Bushinger | \$750 from Frazee Lions \$250 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |
| Macie Cichy | \$500 from Underwood Lions \$500 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |
| Allison Ehnstrom | \$1000 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |
| Amy Gaulke | \$1000 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |
| Lily Habighorst | \$1000 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |
| Hunter Hills | \$1000 from McGregor Lions |
| Athina Hjermstad | \$500 from Verndale Lions \$500 from Youth Outreach |
| Owen Miller | \$1000 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |
| Karlie Ray | \$1000 from Baxter Lions |
| Emma True | \$1000 from 5M9 Youth Outreach |

Mid-Winter Awards

We had 12 Youth Outreach poster contest entries .



Claire Mansker Battle Lake Lions \$100



Brooke Halonen Gateway Menahga \$75



Taylor Blunt Malmo Area Lions \$50

2024 LCI Peace Poster Contest Winners

This year's theme: Dare to Dream

1st Place – Hattie Traux Sponsored by Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions \$150

2nd Place – Kendall Koenen Sponsored by Henning Lions \$100

3rd Place- Wyatt Olson Sponsored by Urbank Lions \$75

Participation - \$25 Amazon Gift Cards:

Klaira Carrier – Sponsored by Four Corners Erie Township Lions

Arianna Hamblin – Sponsored by Nevis Lions

Coltyn Pender – Sponsored by Vergas Lions

Whitney Weber – Sponsored by Parkers Prairie Lions

Kyleigh Hardy – Sponsored by Frazee Lions

You're going to Canada in April, eh?



It has been great meeting the Lions in our multiple as Pam and I have been attending the Mid-Winter conventions. We are hoping to make it to each one, weather and work permitting. Come check my table at the convention with this sign. I do have some jokebooks and pins that you may be interested in.

We do have a race for the endorsement of International Director. We need to show Lions Clubs International that the Lions from MD5M strongly support our members in the service they do for Lions.

I appreciate the support that I have been given already and I encourage your clubs to send voting delegates to the MD5M convention in April in Winnipeg, MB.

THE 17TH ANNUAL VERNDALE LIONS PRIME RIB COMEDY **NITE**



LIVE AT THE VERNDALE COMMUNITY CENTER!
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2024
6 PM SOCIAL HOUR 7PM PRIME RIB DINNER 8PM COMEDY SHOW

STARRING

NATHAN HULTS!

HIGH- ENERGY AND BOYISH CHARM,
NATHAN WAS A 2018 FINALIST IN THE
SAN DIEGO COMEDY FESTIVAL WINNER
OF CLUB DAVID'S 2013 COMEDY BATTLE,
THE FOREMAN AWARD, AND NAMED
"SIOUX FALLS FUNNIEST" IN 2016!

WITH HOST...

JERRY IRBY!

Ticket Cost:
\$40.00 each



Purchase tickets from Verndale Lions Members
Or Call 218-445-5109 or 218-640-3725

Made with PosterMyWall.com



LCIF Gala

Paint the Town ~~RED~~ GREEN!



Sat, April 13, 2024
Prairie Event Center
Parkers Prairie, MN
10:30 am to 4:00 pm

If you want to join in on the fun that we will have with PIP Brian and Lori Sheehan with raising money for LCIF, than read below what you need to know and do.

Check with your District LCIF Coordinator to find your personal balance that you have donated to LCIF. If you want to be presented with a MJF plaque or PMJF pin by PIP Brian Sheehan, then you will need to order your plague/pin by Feb 29, 2024. You can contact LCIF Donor Services at 630-203-3836 to have the plaque/pin sent to you and bring it to the LCIF Gala if you are attending.

Tickets are now available through your District LCIF Coordinator for \$45 each or \$500 for a table of 8 (perks included).

The Gala will begin at 10:30 am at the Prairie Event Center with Lion Lori Sheehan leading a Lions in Motion activity at 11:00. There will be a costume contest with a green theme. Dinner will start at 12:30.

If you need a place to stay before or after the gala, a Grandstay Hotel is located next door with rates starting around \$157.00. Their phone # is 1-855-230-2535. There are also hotels available in nearby Alexandria, MN.

Any further questions please contact:
Bert Nelson 218-298-0599 or lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com



LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson telling Melvin Jones all about the LCIF Gala in April.

Tickets are available thru District LCIF Coordinators

Erin Beck 218-851-7267 elb_18@yahoo.com

Zelda Novak 218-732-9295 zeldanovak530@gmail.com

Mid-Winter Awards



Project New Hope



Aitkin- 1 red
Baxter- 1 red
Cuyuna Range- 1 red
Emily Outing 50 Lakes- 1 red
Gateway Menhaga- 1 red
Hackensack- 1 red
Nisswa- 1 red
Ottertail- 2 red
Urbank- 1 red
Walker- 1 red



Project New Hope

Project New Hope exists to provide veteran family retreats.

Including the whole family (even the kids!) is unique to Project New Hope and fosters family togetherness through a wilderness getaway.

It is our goal to provide combat veterans and their families with the education, training, and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service; repair of relationships is a primary goal. And of course, have fun in the process!

NO COST TO PARTICIPANTS. That's right. There is no cost to the families on the retreat.

Mid-Winter

2024 Service of Remembrance



| Deceased Member | Club |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Lion Thomas Bilek | Aldrich |
| Lion Robert Duerr | Battle Lake |
| Lion Robert "Doc" Ellingson | Battle Lake |
| Lion Alton "Al" Johnson | Battle Lake |
| Lion Margaret "Peg" Kruschke | Battle Lake |
| Lion Joseph Dudding | Brainerd |
| Lion Robert Mudek | Crosslake Ideal |
| Lion Norman Jahnke | Deer Creek |
| Lion Richard Hanneman | Elizabeth |
| Lion Rita Beard | Emily Outing 50 Lakes |
| Lion Virginia Johnson | Merrifield |
| Lion John Poston | Nisswa |
| Lion Steve Walsh | Nisswa |
| Lion Richard Cox | Osage |
| Lion Rod Hunt | Osage |
| Lion Donald Stone | Osage |
| Lion Mike Downey | Park Rapids |
| Lion Raylene L. Kimball | Park Rapids |
| Lion Ruth Lane | Pillager |
| Lion Janice Nybakke | Pillager |
| Lion Jan Neigel | Riverside Fergus Falls |
| Lion Phillip Aune | Underwood |
| Lion Orville Furreness | Underwood |
| Lion Greg Dahlgren | Vergas |

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Attention Club Treasurers

The second half MD5M and District 5M9 dues are now payable.

Invoices have been sent via email to the club treasurers.

If you have not received your invoice, please contact the District

Treasurer Lion Robert Jacoby 612-747-9894 or
t5m92021@gmail.com.

Remember, you do not need club or board approval to pay dues!

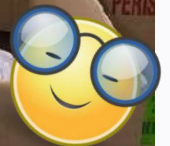
Proud Lions



IPDG Scott Rolfe presented **Lion Cora Hohnstadt** of the Backus Lions with a Friend of Kamp KACE award at the district Lions convention in



Welcome to our newest **Battle Lake Lion, Doug Stave.** Doug is pictured with his sponsor Jon Tamke.



Picture #1 – Left to right Lions Cookie Luallin & Shirley Frederick registering donors at the **Hackensack Lion's Club** blood drive on January 3rd.

Picture #2 – Left to right Hackensack Lions Don Hoppe, Julie Cline, Steve & Vicki Vorel, and Tonia & Dave Kahler getting ready to deliver Christmas Food boxes on De-

Proud Lions



Riverside Fergus Falls Lions are selling 18x24 yard signs for \$15. These signs say "A Lion Lives Here" with the International logo and has a gradient yellow background with a metal stand. Contact Lion Ginny Paulson at 218-639-0921 to place an order.



Congratulations Mark!

**Vergas Lion Jake Jacoby and
Charlie Okeson of Okeson Offtrail**

Presenting the Mid-winter raffle

Grand Prize to Mark Deike.

Save the Date!
College of Leadership-
Officer Training
April 28th
Wadena High School
12:30 to 5:30



Fellow Lions of 5M9,

I received this resignation email from IPDG Scott Rolfe on January 27, 2024. IPDG Scott has take on a new job and feels he cannot devote enough time to the GMT position. I would like to thank him for his time and the work he has done for District 5M9 and the GMT position.

We wish him the best!

DG Linda Albrecht-Norby

DG Linda,

It is with regret that I must resign my position as GMT coordinator for District 5M9. I will finish the commitments I have scheduled but will not be available for any future duties related to the position of GMT.

IPDG Scott Rolfe

Save the Zone Meeting dates!

Zone 1 April 10 Northland Arboretum Baxter Lions

Zone 2 March 28 McGregor Lions



5M9 Zone Chairs



| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Zone 1 Chair | Terry Hansen | Zone 6 Chair | Robert & Debra Jacoby |
| Zone 2 Chair | Sharon Whipple | Zone 7 Chair | Diane Kunze |
| Zone 3 Chair | Marna Lohse | Zone 8 Chair | Connie Krusemark |
| Zone 4 Chair | Laurine Kommer | Zone Chair Advisor | 2VDG Cathe Picek |
| Zone 5 Chair | | | |



2024-2025
Peace poster kits
available Jan 15-Oct 1

"Peace Without Limits"



Mark Your Calendar!

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
Diabetes Research Update
Saturday March 16th, 2024

Attend in person or via Zoom Link
Event details available soon through your
District MLDF Trustees and on
MNLionsDiabetes.org website.



"Catch the Dream"
Life Without Diabetes!

MD5M Multiple Convention

April 19-21, 2024

Winnipeg CA

April 25-27, 2025

place TBD

Lions International Convention

June 21-25, 2024

Melbourne, Australia

July 4-8, 2025

Mexico City, Mexico

Can Do Canines to Host Open House March 9

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, March 9, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend 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 each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: 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.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness Physical Activity Challenge



---Coming Soon ---

February, March & April 2024

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation

Registration / Donation Site will Open on February 1, 2024

We look forward to working with you!
Lion Angie Hauge and Lion Carl Bates

"Catch the Dream"
...Life Without Diabetes!



EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE **ELLI**

This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.



March 15-17, 2024

Shooting Star Casino

777 Casino Dr, Mahanomen, MN



The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: lionsmd5m.org under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at dkellylion@gmail.com with questions.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)

The goal of this institute is to prepare Lions for leadership positions at the club level.

Qualified candidates are:

- Lions in good standing
- Have successfully served on a club committee and have not yet obtained the level of club president.

It is strongly recommended that the club's first vice president attend.

This institute and accommodations will be at Shooting Star Casino ,777 Casino Dr, Mahanomen ,MN. Hotel rooms will cost \$85 USD per night not including tax. Reservations must be made by Friday, March 1st. Lions will be allowed to commute to the Institute providing they can do so from a safe distance and attend all Institute functions.

The cost of the Institute is \$100 USD in addition to lodging and travel expenses. The Multiple District will provide all meals and training materials.

Courses will include:

- Lions, Past, Present and Future
- Change Management
- Supporting Lions' Teams
- LCIF
- Communication
- Conducting Effective Meetings
- Diversity
- Lions Mentoring Program
- Creative Thinking
- Ensuring Club success

The deadline to submit your completed application to your District Governor is February 23rd, 2024.

MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 15-17, 2024, MAHNOMEN MN

PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than February 23, 2024

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ DATE JOINED LIONS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE NO: _____

CLUB NAME & NUMBER: _____ MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: _____

OTHER OFFICES HELD: _____

I WAS REFERRED BY: _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M EMERGING LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

Use the back of this document or add another page if you require more space.

Any food or other allergies? _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

NOTE: The registration fee for the Institute will be \$100 USD. This fee will be payable by check or credit card before you can attend the Institute. You will be notified of your acceptance and provided with the payment information by March 1st 2024.



DISTRICT 5M9 SUPPORT

The Clubs of District 5m9 have been very Generous in their Support of the Vision Foundation. Donations in just the Past Year alone Surpassed \$28,000.

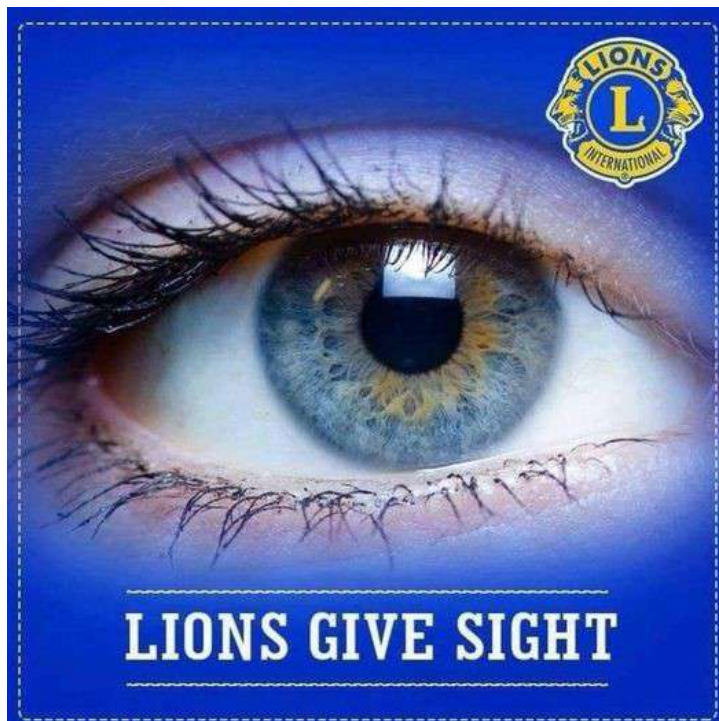
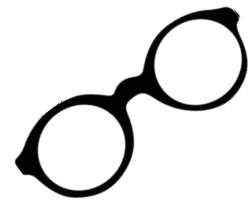
HELEN KELLER AWARD

Through the giving of donations to the Foundation, Clubs earn the right to Award a Helen Keller Award to their Members or an Outstanding Community Leader. It is an Honor and Well deserved to receive such an Award. As of right now, District 5m9 Clubs have amassed a Balance of over \$215,000 that could be used to Earn a Helen Keller Award. Please contact us if You would like to present an Award.

To learn more about the Mn. LIONS Vision Foundation and the Great Help We Provide in research at the U of M Dept. of Ophthalmology, please contact our 5m9 Directors.

PDG James A. Arvidson 218-639-5323 jimarvidson@srperspective.com

PDG Richard Stebbins 218-251-0275 rsteb2@gmail.com





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
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 101st Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 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”

5M9 Membership Update

As we head into the 2nd half of year 1 of **MISSION 1.5**, here are some statistics that we need to look at. As of 1/13/2024 our membership total for the district is 1,928. Every one of us needs to work on finding new and younger members to join our clubs. We also need to look at areas that are underserved or have no Lions club presence and start new clubs.

District 5M 9

| FY | Age Category | Member Count |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 18 to 25 | 33 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 26 to 35 | 64 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 36 to 45 | 169 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 46 to 55 | 226 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 56 to 65 | 415 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 66 to 75 | 502 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Age 76 and Above | 519 |
| Ending 01/13/2024 | Average Age | 64 |

53% of our membership is over the age of 66. The average age of an adult in our district is 45.5. Here is the breakdown by county.

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|------------------|------|---------------|------|
| Wilkin County | 42 | Wadena County | 38 | Aitkin County | 55.8 |
| Becker County | 42.3 | Todd County | 43.4 | | |
| Otter Tail County | 46.3 | Cass County | 49 | | |
| Hubbard County | 48.1 | Crow Wing County | 44.6 | | |

We all need to do our part and find a new member or help start a club. Ideally, are membership should reflect what the median age of our district is. If we continue on the present course we will see a drastic reduction in our membership and the ability to provide service for those in need in our district.

If you need help in finding new members or if you have an ideas for a new club, please contact your district Global Membership Team Coordinator, Global Membership Approach champion or ideas for a new club contact your Global Extension Team Coordinator.

TOGETHER WE CAN, TOGETHER WE WILL.



**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, 1st VDG Denise Laudenbach- Zones 4 & 7 and 2nd 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: 1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd 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 5th Avenue NW, Perham, Mn. 56573

Email: 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

Sue Stebbins editor

District Governor Team Travels

February

- 6 Menahga/Gateway-Denise
- 7 Perham Area Community -Cathe
- 12 Pequot Lakes/Breezy Point-Linda
- 12 Parkers Prairie Pride- Cathe
- 14 Pine River-Linda
- 15 East Gull Lake Camp Confidence-Linda
- 15 Underwood-Cathe
- 16 Detroit Lakes-Cathe
- 21 Pelican Rapids-Linda

March

- 5 Perham-Cathe
- 7 Leader-Linda
- 11 Brainerd-Linda
- 12 Vergas-Cathe
- 13 Merrifield-Linda
- 18 Jenkins-Linda
- 21 Cuyuna Range-Linda



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