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5M9 Service Journal

District Governor

Linda Albrecht-Norby

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF THE FOUNDING FATHER OF LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL



Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," Melvin Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.



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



Our winter so far has been calm and somewhat snow free. The snow will soon be upon us, but have you ever taken the time to look closely at a single snowflake when it lands on your glove? As that tiny bit of water turns to ice, it is turned into a one-of-a-kind creation. None of them are duplicates of one another. The Lions organization is unique, whereas we have lions all over the world, but as individuals we are unique in our own ways. We each have ideas and ways of doing things all over the world. We are all unique and make a difference throughout the world in what we do. After all, **“Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion!”**

So, this brings us to another point. We’re not here forever.... sometimes we lose a member due to death. This is a part of life, but we can do something to fill the void of the members we have lost. We can look for people interested in our community and in the projects, we do to join our Lions clubs. Invite them to a project you’re working on and ask them what their interests are. Lions continue to be an unknown service organization, but we can get the word out with what we do in our communities, district, multiple and beyond.

The Lions Organization has been around for over 106 years, and we want to continue. That is why we are promoting Mission 1.5 for the next 4 years. We want to retain current members and we do that by keeping our members engaged in our clubs’ activities, service projects and working within our communities. We also need to talk to all our members and see if there are issues or problems within the club and work together to solve these issues. Together we can come up with a solution and work together as a team! Let’s build our membership from 1.4 million to 1.5 million worldwide members by 2027.

Fellow Lions the Mid-Winter convention is just a week away, have you registered for a great weekend at Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center on January 5-7, 2023? The Vergas Lions have been working hard preparing the schedules, events, hotel rooms and getting the prizes ready for a fantastic time in Mahanomen. We hope you will consider coming to the convention if you haven’t already registered. You can go to the 5M9 website or the 5M9 newsletter for applications, hotel information and the weekend schedule for you to look over before arriving at the convention. You need to be registered, before coming to the convention!

We are looking forward to meeting International Director Lee Vrieze and his wife Mary, who will be traveling from Wisconsin to spend the weekend with us all. ID Lee has been a member of the Jim Falls Lions Club since 2001 and has held multiple offices within the club, including District Governor, Vice Council Chairperson, Multiple District Global Membership Champion, Resolutions Constitution & By-Laws chairperson & Technology Chairperson. For his recognition of service to the Lions Organization he has received numerous awards, including the International Presidents Award, International President’s Leadership Award, multiple International President Certificates of Appreciation, and the Global Action Team Chairperson’s Award. International Director Frieze is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions services, International Director Frieze works professionally as an information Technology infrastructure manager. He is involved in numerous community organizations such as Moose International and Knights of Columbus. He is also active in his church and serves as a cantor and parish council member. Director Frieze and Mary (also a Lion & Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow) have been married over 43 years and have 2 children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Both Director Lee and Mary have been recognized at the multiple district level as Progressive Birch-Strum Fellows and have served as Presidents of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. Please introduce yourself to our guests this weekend.

There will be great seminars to listen to, wonderful people to meet and visit with, information to bring back to your clubs to discuss the Global Action Team and how they can help your clubs and materials to share with your clubs. Plus, don’t forget to check out the program tables. Plus bring a partner for the Friday night for the cornhole tournament. The first-place team will take home a set of cornhole boards, plus there will be 3 other boards to raffle off.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year and wish your clubs a great Lion’s year. Remember to attend the Zone meetings in the district to learn new and exciting things to bring back to your clubs. If you are interested in any of the cabinet positions, please contact 1st VDG Denise Laudenbach. If there is an opening, she will connect you with something that meets your interest. As Lions we need to look to the future and find our interests to move ahead and keep us engaged.

1st Vice District Governor

Denise Laudenbach



THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

Many times, in our lives, we have heard, “there is nothing you can do about the past.” While this is true, we still need to be able to hit the pause button and look back on the past, to evaluate and realize what we have learned that went well, and what we can do different in the future.

Over the past 12 months, I have shared with you via this newsletter, some insights into being a Lion and the service work that we can do together, in our District of 5M9. I ask you to take a few minutes and reflect on the topics that I had shared with you in 2023. Did you take heed in any of these areas? Did you see success? Did you stumble? Did you share your success with your fellow Lions? Did you collaborate with other clubs to create action plans and make things happen?

- January 2023 – Be A Local Advocate. Be the voice of your club, create awareness and promote your club & your success.
- February 2023 – We serve where we are needed. We keep looking to help those in need. Shout it from the mountain tops that we are Lions.
- March 2023 – Service in our community does not have to be complicated. It can be simple but providing big impact.
- April 2023 – Leadership of new board members bring a time for change. A time for new life & excitement to our clubs.
- May 2023 – Intentional giving. As Lions, we give intentionally. Giving of our time, our talent and our treasure.
- June 2023 – Let’s think outside the box and start 2 new specialty clubs.
- July 2023 – Lions truly are people who share their love for life with everyone.
- August 2023 – Changing the world. Change doesn’t happen at once. It happens through many small choices.
- September 2023 – We need to start the membership drive of retention and growth in District 5M9.
- October 2023 – Assure that our communications and actions are meaningful and fun.
- November 2023 – Because I said I would. Yes, I will serve.
- December 2023 – There is certainly something very special about acts of generosity.

Bottom line, “Did you meet new people and do cool things?”
Here’s to a fabulous 2024 together.





"Changing the World"



What's on your Lions club checklist for the next 6 months?

There are many processes, projects and concepts that have been introduced so far this year that will need our attention to achieve the goals of 5M9.

- "Changing the World" How can our Lions clubs help change the world? Community involvement with service projects that are meaningful and make an impact on those in need.
- "Mission 1.5" How can our Lions clubs increase club membership to achieve the goal by 2027?
Retain the number of members today and increase that number by 10%, and we will be a part of world's largest service organization with 1.5 million members in 2027.
- Support LCIF, Lions Clubs International Foundation is our foundation and the money we donate supports our clubs and our communities.
By making an annual donation from our clubs and our members LCIF can continue to support disaster relief and other kinds of help here in 5M9 and around the world.
- Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation created by IPP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan to give back to our Lions clubs.
Donate and watch it grow and provide grants to our clubs to assist and service our communities.

Make a Difference - Change the World!

Vote for Sheri Greenwaldt 2nd Vice District Governor 2024-2025



I am Sheri Greenwaldt a 3rd generation Lion member and couldn't be prouder! Both of my parents are Lions and my maternal grandfather was a charter member of the New Munich Minnesota Lions. In my professional role I am a RN and have my Public Health Nurse Certification, and love helping others. I feel that is why I love being a lion so much! Service is in my blood and has been my whole life. I have wonderful parents who have always been a positive role model for service. I was a Girl Scout for many years and am a gold award recipient. When I am not busy with Lions or work, I love spending time with family outdoors camping and hunting. I also am a crafter (Scrapbooking, Knitting, card making, and others!) I have been a Lion for 5 years. Currently I am a member of Verndale Lions and reside in Parkers Prairie.

I have been honored to serve 5M9 and my former club, Hewitt Lions, in the following roles: district secretary 2021-Current, Can do Canines Co-Chair 2019-current, Guiding Lion, GMT team member, GST Team member, and Hewitt Club 2nd VP 2019-2020, 1st VP 2020-2021, and President 2021-2022, Club LCIF Chair 2022-2023, Club Service Chair 2022-2023.

Learning is something that I love. I have attended many training opportunities that Lions have offered. I have attended Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI), Regional Lions Learning Institute (RLLI), and Advanced Lions Learning Institute (ALLI). I am a graduate of the Lions University Bachelor and Master program. I have attended 2 USA/Canada Forums, 1 virtual, and Des Moines. I have attended 3 International Conventions, 1 virtual, Montreal, and Boston. Attending conventions close to home has also been a priority. I have attended multiple 5M9 Mid-Winter conventions, MD5M Conventions, and other district Conventions. It has been amazing to bring back information that I have learned back to 5M9!

I am very honored and proud to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship, 2 International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation, the GAT Chairperson's Award, Dream Catcher Award, Friend of Kamp K.A.C.E Award, and the Club Excellence Award.

I love being a lion and its an honor to be considered for the 2nd Vice District Governor for 5M9! I am looking forward to the new challenges within our district and within Lions and I'm ready to step up in 5M9 as your 2nd Vice District Governor!





The Mid-Winter Convention is Here!

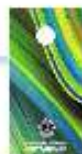
January 5, 6 & 7, 2024

Shooting Star Event Center, Mahanomen, MN

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR CONVENTION

- Bring your Eyeglasses & Hearing aids, Club banner
- Bring non-perishable food items for the Friday Night food stacking contest.
- Friday night is Hawaiian night - Wear your best Hawaiian shirt & Garb.
- Sunday is Plaid Shirt attire. Fines will be levied for non-compliance.

Corn Hole Tournament Friday Night



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 st 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 & 1st 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 – 1st 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

International Director Candidate

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

218-298-0932

International Director Candidate

As some of you already know I am seeking the endorsement of our **Multiple District for the office of International Director of Lions Clubs International**. I have dedicated my Lions' life to service and leadership. A commitment to help make my community and world a better place by working with other Lions to make a difference, to leave things better than the way they were before. To lead by example and inspire and motivate other Lions to do the same. To continuously challenge present day thoughts and actions to make sure that the path we are on is the best for our members, clubs and association. I have spent most of my Lions career and my private sector career in management positions. Leading teams, managing groups of people, giving guidance and motivation to team members and leaders to help them reach their goals and potential. I will continue to do this as a member of the board. Being able to represent our Lions and our association at the International level requires a team approach.



I have an amazing service partner, Lion Cheryl. She is a proven leader and motivator who is dedicated to our motto, "We Serve." We both believe in the concept of servant leadership. This is a leadership approach that puts serving others above all other priorities. Rather than managing for results, a servant leader focuses on creating an environment in which their team can thrive and get their highest- impact work done.

In our district 5M6, I have served as a trustee to the MN Lions Vision Foundation, twice as District Mid-Winter Convention Chair, and as the District Global Leadership Coordinator. In this role I developed the Club President's Happy Hour. A quarterly gathering of club presidents to improve the communication between the clubs and district leadership. In our multiple district I am currently the Global Leadership Team Coordinator, responsible for all leadership development and training, RLLI, ELLI, and FDI as well as District Governor Elect and vice district governor, I have held this position since 2019. I also was instrumental in starting the KidSight program and have held the position of Chair of the Board of Directors of the MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc since 2017. Our Lions have screened over 125,000 kids since this program began.

My experience on the club, district, multiple district and international level has positioned me to be able to fulfill the duties of a member of the International board. Lion Cheryl and I pledge to do our best to represent our Lions and help to make our association the standard to which all other service associations are measured.

To read more about my experience and qualifications please visit my website: teamdennis.net and visit our **Facebook page, DK3 for ID**. You can also email at teamdennislion@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to support my campaign. We hope to meet many of you at the mid-winter convention. Your consideration of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

Lion Dennis

**MD5M GLT Multiple
District Coordinator**

MD5M GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM NEEDS YOU!

The position of Global
Leadership Team Multiple
District Coordinator is open
beginning July 1, 2024.



Attributes of a GLT Coordinator

Passion for Lions

Leads by Example

Motivator

Encourages Diversity

Effective Communicator

Ability to Mentor Others

**Recommended graduate of FDI,
LCIP Certified or a participant of
an ALLI**



**Recruitment Period
January 1 – 31, 2024**



**Send a Resume and Letter of Recommendation to:
executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org**

**For more information please visit the LCI website for the GLT Coordinator roles and
responsibilities at: https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_YL1xSzh4U8n5.jpg.pdf?v=1**

VERNDALE LIONS PRESENTS

THE PRIME RIB COMEDIAN NIGHT!

FEBRUARY

17

6 SOCIAL-
7PM MEAL

COMEDIAN
TO FOLLOW

VERNDALE COMMUNITY CTR

\$40.00 per meal

Get your ticket from a
Verndale Lions member
or call 218-445-5109





LCIF Gala



Paint the Town ~~RED~~ GREEN!

Sat, April 13, 2024

Prairie Event Center

Parkers Prairie, MN



Start planning now to attend and have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to you by LCIF Chairman, IPP Brian Sheehan. This Gala is a fundraising event for LCIF. Our goal is to present 100 MJ Fellowships. If you want to receive this fellowship at the Gala, you will need \$1000 donated to LCIF in your name by February 28, 2024.

This Gala is also a fun event in which we will have a costume contest. Everyone is encouraged to wear GREEN. There will also be a Lions in Motion activity which Lion Lori Sheehan has promoted throughout Brian's year as President of LCI.

More information will become available as to the registration, cost, and time for this event in upcoming newsletter articles. If you have any questions, please contact LCIF Chairman Bert Nelson at lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com or C: 218-298-0932. We look forward to you coming to this event and celebrating with us in supporting our foundation.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



McGregor Lions sponsor a "Holiday Shop" for kids (K-6) at McGregor School each year. Kids have fun Shopping for Mom, Dad, Grandpa, Grandma, Brothers, Sisters, etc., The shoppers help the kids choose their special gifts, and the wrappers help wrap them. It is a great day for all!



The **Park Rapids Lions** celebrated at our Christmas party by collecting hats, gloves and mittens for Northview Bank/ social services and Socks for the Alternative Learning Center.

We also celebrated inducting Tom Blaha into the Park Rapids Lions Club. Pictured Tom Blaha, sponsor Michelle Nickolauson and president Paul Wiebe.



Hackensack Lions Pancake 2023 Breakfasts donations:
After expenses \$1,288 given to each of the following non-profit organizations -
Hackensack Lakes Area Community Foundation, Hackensack Lending Library, Local Bear Hunt for Veterans, Family Safety Network, City of Hackensack Playground



New Member Vicki with
sponsor Sue and Pres. Joe

Model Club
award being pre-
sented to Presi-
dent Joe by Lion
Denny Ganz



Lions had a Busy December!



December the **Pine River Lions** made a \$500 donation to Pine River's LSS for Meals on Wheels. Pictured Evie Fairchild and Lion Cindy Miller



Pine River Lions donated \$500 to Chef Brian Chaffee for the Pine River Free Community Meal Program that runs every Monday. Pictured Brian Chaffee and Lion Cindy Miller



On December 15, the **Backus Lions** provided treats to the developmentally disabled adults with educational, recreational and pre-vocational training programs at the Pine River Area DAC in Pine River. The Lions have done this for several years and the adult attendees and staff really enjoy the special day. The highlight of the afternoon is the visit of Santa and some of his helpers. Santa and one of his helpers handed out presents to the adults attending and everyone got gifts to enjoy.

One photo shows Santa (aka Bob Vaughn) and his helper (aka Lori Roller, from the DAC Staff). The second photo shows Lions Anita Jordan, Diane Vaughn, Santa (Bob Vaughn, Cora Hohnstadt, and LeRoy Jordan

We Serve!

Verndale Lions went to the Verndale school today and gave the Kindergarten kids a book that was purchased for them by the Verndale Lions! I love this project.



Park Rapids Lions Larry and Zelda Novak and Mary Peterson rang bells for the Salvation Army, Not shown are AJ and Paul Wibe.. A good time was had by all.

Ho Ho Ho!



***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

Hackensack: District Governor's Meeting
DG Linda & PDG Jay at
District Governor's meeting



Backus Lions Club presented a \$500 check for the Pine River Backus Community Meal program. This program provides a free meal in Pine River on Mondays and in Backus on Thursdays. Pictured in photo are Lion Club members President, Cora Hohnstadt, Lions Brad Taylor, Bill Taylor, Chef Brian Chaffee,



Proud Lions

Ottertail Lions sponsored a DAC party at the Otter Supper Club, we started the party with dancing with music by "Memories" all kinds of fun music to dance to "The Chicken Dance" dinner was served by students from Perham & Henning High schools. the attendees sat on Santa's lap heard Christmas wishes and each one received a goodie bag. we served 120



McGregor Lion, Pat McGinn, ringing the Salvation Army Bell with a smile, at Ukura's Big Dollar Grocery Store. This has been a service project for the McGregor Lions for many years.



(below) Prairie Christmas 2023 it was a great success!
Parkers Prairie Pride of LIONS Committee Lions
Kaylee Wilke, Lion Ashley Iverson, Lion Kelly Olson



The **Nevis Lions Club** hosted the 2nd Celebration of Lights in downtown Nevis for the community. Santa and Mrs. Clause were on hand to greet the children handing out candy canes and magic reindeer food. With complimentary Christmas cookies, hot apple cider and fresh hot popcorn during the bonfire and Christmas carols, reindeer games before the tree lighting ceremony.



Spreading holiday joy to the kids at Nevis School



5M9 Zone Chairs

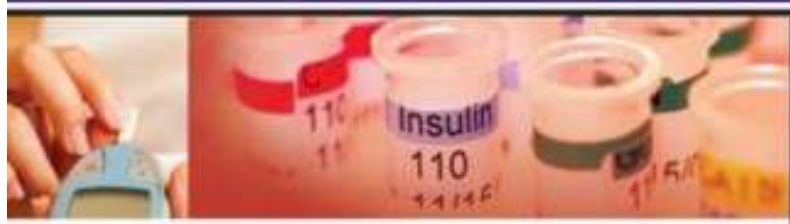


Zone 1 Chair	Terry Hansen	Zone 6 Chair	Robert & Debra Jacoby
Zone 2 Chair	Sharon Whipple	Zone 7 Chair	Diane Kunze
Zone 3 Chair	Marna Lohse	Zone 8 Chair	Connie Krusemark
Zone 4 Chair	Laurine Kommer	Zone Chair Advisor	2VDG Cathe Picek
Zone 5 Chair			



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



Lions Clubs International

District 5m9 Minnesota USA

At the heart of your community area

COMMUNITY
SERVICE REPORT

2023-2024

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Our Lions District has a membership of approximately.

2000 in **62** Clubs across 9 counties in Central

Minnesota. Lions give their time freely to serve their community and beyond through support and aid.

Our Motto is "We Serve"

During 2023-2024 year to date, our members have:

Volunteered **24,726** hours in service to our local and wider communities.

Service Activities **885** Completed in the District

Served **659,551** individuals in the local and wider community.

Donated over **\$157,407.00** to good causes in our local area and beyond.

Clubs that are reporting Service to LCI in 5m9 is at **61%**, imagine if all our clubs reported!
It went up from 59% to 61% from the last time I Reported



Vision



Hunger



Environment



Diabetes



Childhood Cancer

As well as supporting Lions international's Global Causes, we are proud to support many good causes in our local area as well as nationally and internationally. Congratulations to all! Think outside the box and do a new Service Project for your community!



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 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 6th, 7th, & 8th 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: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd 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
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”



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 1st 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 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

January

Happy New Year!

5 – 7 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

Shooting Star Conv. Center, Mahnomen, Mn.

10 New York Mills-DG Linda

16 Dunn Township Dunvilla- 1st VDG Denise

18 Aldrich & Verndale-DG Linda

25 Pillager-DG Linda

February

6 Menahga/Gateway-1st VDG Denise

12 Parkers Prairie Pride-2nd VDG Cathe

12 P quot Lakes Breezy Pt-DG Linda

14 Pine River-DG Linda

15 East Gull Lake Camp Confidence-DG Linda

19 McGregor-DG Linda



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