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5M9 Service Journal

District Governor Richard Hanson

Global Membership Approach

Plan for your club's success

Ready to move your club in a dynamic new direction using the Global Membership Approach? Then start planning for your success with the Global Membership Approach. This process can help you attract new members, overcome challenges, and develop new goals and strategies.

Build a team of leaders

First, you'll want to assemble a team of members who can lead, develop and carry out your strategy for growing and strengthening your club .

Build a vision, assess needs and set goals

To build a vision, assess needs and set goals, there are a handful of considerations your club should take into account. Explore the strategies and resources to help you complete this step.

Rejuvenate your club with new members

Revitalize your club with new service opportunities

Excel in leadership development and club operations

Share your club's achievements with your community

Build a plan to achieve your goals

Put your strategic ideas into action using the action plan worksheet found on page 11 of the Plan for Your Club's Success Guide. Establish goals

Build success and remember to celebrate

In the final step, you'll implement your plan, measure success and celebrate your achievements! You can visit the [Lions Shop](#) to order certificates, plaques and more to celebrate.

Another way you can celebrate is by applying for the [Club Excellence Award](#), which recognizes your achievements in membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. In essence, this award is proof that a Lions club is strong. Review the criteria and consider applying.



Wow, It is already the 1st of July. I can't believe it came so fast. THANK YOU Scott for a great year and your words of encouragement. Now, it's time to get to work.

I believe most of you have seen my goals for the year. They pretty much follow the goals of everyone before me. Growth of membership, retention of existing members and reporting each club's service projects. My #1 goal is, I would like every club in the district to end the fiscal year at a net growth of 2. This takes care of two goals in itself—growth and retention. Use the Global Membership approach to achieve this. Statistics with other Lions clubs proves that the process works. Now let's prove it with our own District 5M9 clubs! My next goal is to ensure that every club reports their service projects. Every club needs to report each month all of the activities for the previous month. Most clubs are reporting each month in My Lion, but for those who have held back, it is such an important step. I want to ensure that the district receives credit for the hard work clubs are doing in the community and the numbers also influence the availability of grant money for our district, multiple and region. Normally, it is the club secretary who does this but a few clubs have designated a separate reporting person to carry out this function as it lightens the tasks of the secretary.

Summer is a great time to be outdoors working along side fellow Lions members in the community whether helping with service projects, fundraisers, or just attending meetings. I'd like to suggest that each club work cooperatively with their local Kiwanis, Rotary or Chamber to co-sponsor one community-building activity this summer and fall. This will be your opportunity to show others why you do what you do...all the while having fun while doing it! One of Scott's 5M9 district visions was to sponsor an event where all our clubs in District 5M9 could come together for a common cause. On September 9th, thanks to the efforts of 1st VDG Denise and the Nisswa Lions, the district secured a grant (\$25,000 from LCIF) to have a picnic and package food for distribution among the hungry in our communities. We will have a pancake breakfast provided by the Nisswa Fire Department and the meal packing will take place at the Nisswa Community Center. I'd like clubs/individuals to consider signing up for the event on the volunteer portal ([https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5M9DistrictWidePackTo EndHunger](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5M9DistrictWidePackToEndHunger)). Every club within 5M9 that attends and helps pack food will be able to bring food back to their communities. Donations are welcome, too! The more money we gather, the more meals we can pack. We are hoping to have all 64 clubs within 5M9 participate...pack...eat pancakes...and have fun!

My first Cabinet meeting is coming soon. It will be July 30 at the Community Center in Vergas, MN. Everyone is welcome, but all cabinet members, project chairs, presidents and secretaries especially should be there to hear about policy changes and district updates. Also remember that there is a wealth of information in My Lion Learning Center for new and existing officers of your club. The Club Officer Training course provides an overview of officer roles, responsibilities and highlights club structure. You simply login with your email address and password (if you haven't logged in before you'll need to set up a password) and then navigate to Learn.

I also would like to start some visits before the snow starts to fall. Please contact me to get on the schedule.

Dist. Gov. Rick Hanson

1st Vice District Governor



A New Year Filled with Love for Others

I would like to kick off our new year of Lion's in 5M9 together, with a true-life scenario shared from our family.

I was having a conversation with our grandson, (who is six years old and loves being a Lion,) about the fact that I needed to write an article for our 5M9 newsletter. I asked him, "what should I write about for my section of the newsletter?" Without hesitation, his reply was, "me." And instantly, my mind went to thoughts about this little old soul, sitting in front of me.... he is kind, gentle, giving, caring and has a love for others. And then it hit me, these words are indicative of what being a Lion truly means. As we all hold the title of, "Lion," we are all leaders in our community. Leaders, with whom our communities need us to be kind, gentle, giving, caring and full of love for others.

Being a Lion, means that we give our time, talent, resources and finances, in order to further the cause of helping our communities at home and around the world. Lions truly are people who share their love for life with everyone.

Leading is giving. Leadership is from your core, a gift of oneself to a common cause, a higher calling. The gift of giving is our gift of 'love' for others and those who need our help.

What does it mean to work for others with 'love?' It is to lead with love from your heart. It is to help build communities with love and affection, as if everyone is a member of your own family. Our work as Lions is to build a world of love and caring for others. Our work as Lions is to work with love, that is visible for the world to see and feel.

I wish for all of us to look at the world in front of us through the eyes of a six-year-old, with being kind, being gentle, being giving, being caring and most of all...sharing our love for others with our words and actions. Let us embark on our new year of Lionism with an open heart and a desire to serve those in need with love and asking others in our communities to stand shoulder to shoulder with us, in serving those who need our help.

Lion Denise Marie Laudenbach



2nd Vice District Governor Cathe Picek



HAPPY NEW YEAR 5M 9 LIONS!

It's time to **CELEBRATE** our achievements of 2022-2023 and INITIATE our plans for 2023-2024 and beyond! THANK YOU (each of you) for your membership of Lions and for being an important part of District 5M 9. I hope that many of you will join us on Saturday, September 9 for the District Wide 5M 9 Picnic & Service Project at the Nisswa Community Center in Nisswa. Sign up and join us for this first time ever project. This year you are **INVITED** to be a part of the growth and development of your club, zone, district and multiple through GMA.

The **Global Membership Approach (GMA)** is now an integral part of our day-to-day life in Lions. GMA is a 4-Step Process, and I would like to share the steps and links and documentation available for each with you.

MAKE A GREAT YEAR!

Step 1

BUILD A TEAM - Build a team to support the Global Membership Approach. [Build a Team Training Support Guide Presentation \(PPT\)](#)

Step 2

BUILD A VISION - Conduct an analysis of your district and develop goals to best serve its needs. [Build a Vision Training Support Guide Presentation \(PPT\)](#) [SWOT Worksheet \(DOC\)](#) [SWOT Worksheet \(PDF\)](#)

Step 3

BUILD A PLAN - Build a plan as a team to achieve the established vision. [Build a Plan Training Support Guide Presentation \(PPT\)](#) [Action Plan Template \(Word\)](#) [Action Plan Template \(PDF\)](#)

Step 4

BUILD SUCCESS - Execute your plan, maintain accountability and adjust as necessary. [Build Success Training Support Guide Presentation \(PPT\)](#)

2nd Vice District Governor Elect Cathe Picek



5M9 Directory Order for 2023-2024

Name of person ordering this directory:_____

Name of Club _____

Phone number _____

E-mail Address _____

Whose name or club name should be put on the Directory so it gets to the right person.(Name) _____

Of 5M9 Directory @ \$10.00 each _____

If you want your directories mailed to you then add \$9.65 to your order. We can get up to three directories in one envelope.

Total amount enclosed _____

Make ALL checks out to 5M9

Send the order blank & check to:

PDG'S Peter & Margaret Van Erp

201 W. Summit St. #8

Battle Lake, MN 56515

Deadline to order is July 10, 2023. Every club is asked to buy at least one but best to buy three, so you have one for the President, Secretary, & Treasurer. If you have a gambling manager, they should have one also.

Must be paid in advance.

This Directory is of our 5M9 District only.

AWARDS



Nisswa Lions one of only four clubs in the US to receive International Award

There are 30 Kindness Matters award recipients across the globe

The Nisswa Lions Club received an award from Lions International: Kindness Matters, which is given annually to only a handful of Lions and Leos clubs from around the world. The award recognizes an outstanding service project in one of the five global causes areas: hunger, diabetes, vision, environment and childhood cancer. Out of 4,900 nominations throughout the world, only 30 were chosen to receive the award. Twenty-six were given to other countries and four were given in the United States, one of which is Nisswa.

Lion Sue Mullen, Baxter Lions received one of the International Top 10 Youth Exchange Chair Award



The success of the Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program can be attributed to the unwavering dedication of Lions members around the world who serve as YCE Chairpersons. They not only serve as travel, activity and safety coordinators, but as mentors and confidants for the youth and families participating in the YCE Program. The annual Top Ten Youth Camps and Exchange Chairperson Award recognizes and honors those Lions who go above and beyond their duties as YCE Chairpersons.

Scholarships



Rothsay Lions Club members Diane Kunze and John Kunze presented \$500 scholarships to Katelyn Reber and Wylie Brenden May 24.



McGregor Lions send Congratulations to the 2023 Lions Scholarship Award winners!! L to R: Xander Neu, Parker Jackson, Isaiah Serfling, Ethan Bohn, Josee Kellerman, Madilyn Macedo, Erin Ford, and Ava Guida. The awards were presented at the Academic and Athletic Awards Banquet held Monday evening, May 8th. We're proud to support you in your continuing education! Way to go!!



5 lucky seniors from Pine River Backus High School received \$500 scholarships this year. **Backus Lions** are proud to support our youth.

Proud Lions



Detroit Lakes Lions sell over 400 flowers to raise funds for traveling doctors and volunteers to take eyeglasses to Mexico and distribute them with needed eye care to some of the poorest regions in the country. Your purchase of these plants helps a child succeed in school, an old lady sees her grandkids clearer, and a grandpa sees the smile of a great grandson. Help make another person's world a little brighter.



Lion Larry Novak doing his part on Memorial Day by playing taps for Taps Across America.





Backus Lions LeRoy and Anita Jordan, Cora Hohnstadt, Brad and Bobbie Taylor and Sandy Remington walked on the Paul Bunyan Trail in Backus. And served refreshments on Saturday, June 10th to support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation.



May activity- **Battle Lake Lions.**
A successful D-feet day. Over \$400 was raised for hearing research.
Connie K. and Shelia S. Enjoyed checking people in before their walk!



The Parkers Prairie " Summer Lent " Fish and Fries Event was a Big Success !!

Our Lion, Connie Klopka of **Detroit Lakes**, has won the prestigious Friend of Kamp Kace award. Her tireless work at the WE Fest raffle table selling concert tickets. The proceeds from the sale go directly to Kamp Kace- a summer camp can be a kid, even if he has cancer. Connie has battled cancer herself, so her efforts are worth a double whammy! Congratulations Lion Connie for leading the way! The award was presented by DL Lions President, Gary Brekken.



Late May ticks did not deter this **Jenkins Area Lions** group from their Roadside Cleanup project. A 2 mile stretch on Highway 64 near Pine River is better because of them and their service.



The **Battle Lake Lions** hosted a Turkey dinner to support the Battle Lake Senior Center. April 28, 2023. We served over 200 people and raised over \$2900 for the Senior Center! Thank you to all the awesome volunteers who made this dinner possible.

New Battle Lake Lions member Becky



THANK
YOU



Parkers Prairie LIONS had a Great Visit from District Governor Scott Rolfe. He also inducted Two New Members..... Garrett Wehking and MikeDaily

ALEX TRINKLE BOWLING BENEFIT

Monday July 17, Northern Aire Bowling Lanes

1419 College Way, Fergus Falls

6-9 PM

Alex is a 16 year old young man recently diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma and will be needing several months of treatment.

\$ 15 per person with unlimited bowling and shoe rental
many raffle prizes will be available, \$1 per ticket

Limited menu items available

Drawing for Raffle Prizes will be 8 PM

This will be a family friendly activity. All ages welcome

Matching funds will be requested from Mn Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Sponsored by
Riverside Lions of Fergus Falls

Donations of Raffle Prizes are welcome.

For more information or to donate items please contact Lion Ginny Paulson
218-639-0921 by phone or text message.



5M9 Zone Chairs



Zone 1 Chair	Terry Hansen	Zone 6 Chair	Robert & Debra Jacoby
Zone 2 Chair	Sharon Whipple	Zone 7 Chair	Dianne Kunze
Zone 3 Chair	Marna Lohse	Zone 8 Chair	Connie Krusemark
Zone 4 Chair	Laurine Kommer	Zone Chair Advisor	IPDG SCOTT ROLFE
Zone 5 Chair	Yvonne Huttunen		



You Are Invited

Zones 4 & 5 Combined Fall Zone Fair

Thursday August 3, 2023

Time- 5:30 to 8:00

Hosted By the Bluffton Lions

Cost 15.00

Spaghetti, Salad with Dessert

There will be gluten free options.

This is your opportunity to visit with the project chairs, learn more about our Lions projects at their displays and schedule club visits for the upcoming year with the project chairs!

Please Register by July 27

Contact RVSP: PDG Margaret Van Erp petemarg@arvig.net

Home Phone: 218-862-8400 Cell 218-693-5040 or any of the Zone Chairs

Zone 4 Laurie Krommer Email: debandnoel@gmail.com 218-251-2012

Zone 5 Yvonne Huttunen Email: yvonn71mh@wcta.net or 218-639-3366

Also, note that your club is responsible financially for no-shows.



MALMO LIONS
5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW
JULY 22nd, 2023

FREE ADMISSION

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
MALMO, MN

NO ENTRY FEE: Cars – Trucks – Motorcycles

Pre-registration APPRECIATED

PEOPLE'S CHOICE TROPHIES

Concessions / Silent Auction / FUN / MUSIC

**** FUNDRAISER ** Proceeds to
Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat
McGregor**

PRE-REGISTER: kasletten@hotmail.com // 218-670-0505

Lions



Palisade Area Lions

14th Annual

5K Run/Walk/Bike

August 12, 2023

Berglund Park

Palisade MN

Registration 8:30-9:15 am

Walk begins at 9:30 am

Registration forms available at the Rustic Trail in Palisade

Adults \$20.00 / 14 & under \$10.00



Palisade Area Lions 2023
5K Run/Walk/Bike
Participant Registration Form
Registration: 8:30 -9:15
Walk begins at 9:30 a.m.
Berglund Park in Palisade, MN
\$20.00 Adult Registration fee
\$10.00 14 & under Registration Fee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Waiver and Release of Liability for Strides Lions Run/Walk/Bike for Diabetes Awareness

1) I wish to participate in the Strides Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness event. I understand that my execution of the Waiver & Release is a prerequisite for participation in the Event. I further understand that there are risks & dangers inherent in participating in the Event.

2) I understand that in order to participate in the Event, I agree to assume all risks & to release & hold harmless Lions Clubs Int'l Inc., & their officers, agents, employees, assigns, successors in interest, contractors, vendors (& their agents), agencies, sponsors, officials & volunteers, including walk leaders, participating communities & clubs & all governmental & public entities including, but not limited to, the State, County, & local municipalities where the events take place (collectively the "Released Parties").

3) I intend by this Waiver & Release to release, in advance, & to waive my rights & discharge all of the persons & entities mentioned above, from any & all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me as a result of my participation in the Event, even though this liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective property or equipment owned, maintained or controlled by them or because of their possible liability without fault. I understand & agree that this Waiver & Release is binding on my heirs, assigns, & legal representatives.

4) I understand that I am solely responsible for my health & safety, & I acknowledge that I am physically capable of participating in & completing the Event.

5) I agree to allow Lions Clubs Int'l, Lions Clubs Int'l Foundation & their contractors, agencies & sponsors, the use of my name & likeness in connection with Strides Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness, for any purpose related to advertising or promotion of the event worldwide in perpetuity in all forms of media now & forever known.

6) Should any portion of this Waiver & Release be judicially determined invalid, voidable or unenforceable, for any reason, such portion of this Waiver & Release shall be severable from the remaining portions herein & the validity, voidability, or unenforceability thereof shall not affect the validity, effect, enforceability, or interpretation of the remaining provisions of this Waiver & Release.

7) I have carefully read this Waiver & Release & fully understand its contents. If I am under 18 years of age at the time of registration, my parent or legal guardian has completely reviewed this Waiver & Release, understands & consents to its terms, & authorizes my participation by his/her signature below. I am aware that this is a RELEASE OF LIABILITY & a contract between me & the persons & entities mentioned above & I sign of my own free will.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

Parent or guardian signature _____ Date _____

ATTENTION LIONS CLUBS OF 5M9

I am proposing an Environment/Service Project Contest beginning 7/1/23 and ending 6/24/24.

Please use your Membership Activities Report to list every month any projects that contain both service and environment.

I will be recording the numbers you report and at the end of the year the winning 5M9 Lions Club will receive a prize.

I am still fine tuning but looking forward to some real competition.

PDG Rose Puckett, 5M9 Environment Chair



Lions

FLY-IN



DRIVE IN



BIKE IN



WALK IN



SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
BACKUS AIRPORT



We Serve

BACKUS LIONS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 TO NOON

\$8.00 ADULT

\$4.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12

CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER FREE

PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, BEVERAGE

Fundraiser for:

Backus Fire Department

Backus First Response

SHOP, STAY + PLAY ALL DAY!

AUGUST 5, 2023

DOWNTOWN PEQUOT LAKES

Partnering Together:

The Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club and Community Action of Pequot Lakes



Coming to Trailside Park....



9-4pm Vendors, Crafters, Artists and food trucks Including the "almost famous"

Shish-Ka-Bobbers

10-2pm Kids Games

11-Noon Chokecherry Culinary Contest

12:30 Culinary Contest Judging

LIVE ART DEMOS~LIVE MUSIC

FREE KIDS CREATION STATION



State Fair



We are, once again, going to be working at the State Fair. Our date is September 2nd. There are 4 positions available on 2 cameras. These are greeters, escorts, screeners and recorders. Something for everyone, even if you have not been trained on the camera. You only need to work one shift, will get a free ticket for the day and will have the rest of the day to enjoy the fair. Mileage is reimbursed as well as up to \$75 towards motel if you go down before or stay the night after. Get your names in now and we will get you scheduled with your choice schedule time and position. There is free parking and you can get bussed to the gates.



Can Do Canines will host an open house on Tuesday, August 8, from 6-8 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minn.). Potential clients, volunteers, 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 puppy raiser, talk with volunteer staff members, 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. The assistance dog demonstrations will be held at 6:15, 6:55, and 7:35, and the puppy raiser will speak at 6:15, 6:35, and 7:15.

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.

Happy 50th Anniversary!



Nisswa Lions 50th Anniversary Party - June 24, 2023



The Nisswa Lions Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 24th. Over 200 people came out to enjoy the celebration.

The event was full of history - games for kids - reading machine - food - fellowship AND fun!

Thank you to all who attended.

We honored 2 of our charter members,
Tom Thurlow and Duane Blanck.

L-R: Tom and Sue Thurlow, Carolyn and Duane Blanck

2023 - 2024

LIONS 5M9 YOUTH OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Youth Outreach Committee of Lions District 5M9 is offering up to \$12,000.00 in college scholarships. The scholarships will be for the 2023-2024 school year.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship a student: 1. Must be in the last year of an accredited 2-year program, final two years of a degreed college program, or final year of obtaining a graduate degree that leads toward a career which involves directly working with youth. 2. Have a major in a program which leads to a career in working with youth. 3. Have graduated from a high school that is within District 5M9 or their home is in District 5M9. The student can only receive this scholarship one time.

The Youth Outreach co-chairpersons of District 5M9 shall do the final selecting and awarding of scholarships.

Required scholarship application enclosures:

1. A transcript of your college grades for all the years you have attended college.
2. Two letters of recommendation. One should be from your college; an instructor or an adviser and the second letter from a member of your community or a Lions Club member.
3. Recent photograph; to be used for the awards ceremony if you are selected.
4. Completed scholarship application including the essay.

Criteria used to select recipients:

1. College GPA
2. Involvement in college and outside activities
3. The two letters of recommendation
4. The essay portion of the application

All letters and submissions must be in print form. No hand-written documents will be accepted.

Any questions: Contact one of the following:

Lion Mike Kern
15545 Big Buck Drive
Menahga, MN 56464
218 849-4577
mjk20030@yahoo.com

Lion Evie Ladd
48372 Great River Road
Palisade, MN. 56469
218-845-2932
evieladd.5@gmail.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS **NOVEMBER 15, 2023. THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED TO: MIKE KERN AT ABOVE ADDRESS.**

The application is also available in a fillable form at www.lionsof5M9.org
Look for the Youth Outreach logo or click on "Forms" on the left side.

Participation in high school and college

- | ACTIVITY | DATES | LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT |
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[illegible]

b. List community activities/organizations in which you have been active, including recognitions, awards, etc. which you have received beginning with high school. A separate page may be attached if needed.

ACTIVITY	DATES	LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Work experiences both out of school and while in school.

Employer	Date of employment	Duties
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Essay: Describe your career goals in a youth related occupation which will utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from your major. (Describe in essay form with a minimum of 250 typed words on an attached page).

The information in this application is true and factual.

Signed _____ Date _____

The 5M9 Global Action Team

INVITES YOU TO THE

5M9 DISTRICT WIDE Picnic & Service Project

PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
PICNIC

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

9AM-12PM

Nisswa Community Center
25628 Main St
Nisswa, MN 56468

HUNGER
RELIEF
SERVICE
PROJECT

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



Lions Club International
FOUNDATION

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



**District Wide 5M9 Hunger Service Project Saturday,
September 9, 2023
SIGN UP PORTAL IS OPEN**



The volunteer SIGN-UP portal is NOW open! Are you ready to sign up? If so, click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5M9DistrictWidePackToEndHunger>

On September 9, 2023, Lions members from District 5M9 will be coming together to pack 130,000+ meals that will ultimately be distributed to communities within 5M9. This is a district wide event. We are hoping to have all 64 clubs within 5M9 participate.

Those clubs that sign up to participate will also be bringing the packed meals BACK TO THEIR communities for distribution.

As Lions, we know that HUNGER is a global cause for our service organization. This meal packing event allows us, as Lions, to have direct impact on food insecurity right in the communities that we live.

We will pack the food – we will distribute the food. Our communities will be receiving the food.

The volunteer SIGN-UP portal is NOW open.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5M9DistrictWidePackToEndHunger>

There are 3 shifts available to choose from: 9 am – 10 am; 10 am – 11 am; 11 am – 12 pm

The event will be held in Nisswa, MN. (~12 miles north of Brainerd).

We need over 300 Lion volunteers to make this event a SUCCESS. Lions and immediate family members are invited to sign up.

The meal packing will take place at the Nisswa Community Center. We will also be having a pancake breakfast that morning, provided by the Nisswa Fire Department. All ages are welcome at the pancake breakfast; but:

Volunteers must be 12 years old+ to participate in the meal packing event.

For those that have kids under 12 years of age, there is a great playground right next to the Community Center in the Nisswa Park.

How can your club support this event?

1. Participate – sign up – gather your volunteers. (follow the link above to sign up)

2. Make a financial contribution.

- a. This event is made possible by a \$25,000 LCIF grant that our district received. To date, we've also received donations from the following clubs: Baxter, Backus, Nisswa, and from our District Governor Scott Rolfe.

We are still accepting financial donations for this event – **the more money we gather, the more meals we can pack.**

Our partner for this event is The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes. Outreach BLA is a humanitarian food aid organization. Donations may be made directly to Outreach BLA.

- i. The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes is a registered 501c3
 1. FED Tax ID # 45-4530238
 2. To make a donation by mail:
 - a. Outreach Program BLA, 24489 Hazelwood Drive, Nisswa Mn 56468
 3. You can make a donation online: www.outreachprogramBLA.org you may also make a personal donation

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

Questions? Contact Tina Foster, Community Coordinator for The Outreach Program of Brainerd Lakes (tina@outreachprogramBLA.org) OR Lion Denise Laudenbach (deniselaudenbach@yahoo.com)



2024 Mid-Winter Convention

"Summer Fun in the Winter Sun"

It's not too early to get your reservations in for this year's convention. Registration for the Convention is only \$85.00/person. \$75.00 if you are a first Timer. Mail or call today to get your spot reserved for a fun-filled, educational weekend with Lions from all over the district and beyond.

To make a room reservation at the Shooting Star Hotel call 1-800-453-7827 and use the confirmation code #13658. Room rates are Thursday night \$70.00+tax, Friday & Saturday Night \$85.00+tax and Sunday Night \$70.00+tax.

Register your team for the "Corn Hole Tournament". \$20.00 a team. 1st place team will win a Corn Hole board set. 2nd place will receive trophies and your entry fee will be reimbursed, 3rd place will get trophies and 4th place will get trophies.

After the tournament is over, we will auction off the boards with the proceeds going to the project that sponsored the board.

1st Place

Auction

Auction

Auction

Trophies



We hope to see you at the Zone Fairs this fall or if you would like to have us come and talk to your club to tell you all about the fun and educational things we are going to do and have for you. Please call us at the numbers below or email us. We would love to come to your club and talk about the 2024 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention.

The convention is an excellent way to reconnect with old friends, make new friends and learn about all of the excellent programs and projects that 5M9 supports.

Next month we will be introducing the International Director who will be our special guest.

We would like to see every club in 5M9 have some sort of ad in the convention book. Pricing starts at \$25.00 for a business size ad, quarter page ad \$35.00, half page ad \$50.00 (Color-\$75.00), full Page ad \$100.00 (Color \$125.00). Please Contact Lions Jay Norby 218-298-1031, jnorbs@arvig.net or Jake Jacoby 612-747-9894, rjacoby@comcast.net for more information.

We hope to see you at the 2024 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention.



Save the Date

Pelican Rapids Area Lions Charter Celebration

Thursday August 24, 2023

@ Cormorant Community Center
10929 Co. Hwy 5, Pelican Rapids, MN

\$25.00/Person

Social 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Silent Auction & Raffle Prizes

Meal 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker PID Bruce Beck 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Induction of officers and installation of members 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

RSVP by August 18th To:

Lion Steve Curtis, 310 Sunset Lane, Lake Park, MN 56554

702-219-6483

curtis@readinessresource.net

Come Celebrate with the newest club in 5M9

If you would like to make a donation to help kick-start the club please mail
to: Lion Jeff Gontarek, 26122 Tonseth Road, Erhard, MN, 56534



5M9 District Governor

Richard Hanson

Club Visit Form



Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Address: _____

Dates for Club Visits: 1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

What time does your club meeting begin? _____

What time does your social hour start? _____

Do you have a Board Meeting? Yes _____ No _____

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

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

Please List other Clubs: _____

Will you have a meal? Yes _____ No _____

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

Contact telephone # _____ Email address _____

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

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

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

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

Please Mail To: District Governor Richard Hanson, 46300 Marin Bay Perham MN 56573

Email: richardhanson@arvig.net

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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 RICHARD'S CALENDAR

July 7-11 105th Lions International Convention
LCICon 2023 Boston

July 22 Council of Governors
Kelly Inn, St. Cloud

July 26 Core Team & GAT
Zoom Meeting, 7 pm

July 27 Core Team & Zone Chairs
Zoom Meeting, 7 pm

July 30 July Cabinet Meeting
Vergas Community Center
2:00 pm, Social
2:30 pm, Meeting
4:30 pm, Light meal



Lions Program Sites

Can Do Canines: [www: can-do-canines.org](http://www.can-do-canines.org)

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

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

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): www: lcif.org

Leader Dog for the Blind: www: leaderdog.org

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: www: MNLERC.org

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: www.5mhf.org

MN Lions Vision Foundation:
www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org

Project New Hope: www: projectnewhope.net

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