



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Making a difference in your community takes time, creativity and a whole lot of hard work. But most importantly, it takes leadership. And for more than a century, Lions have been the leaders that communities all over the world have counted on to get the job done.

Our clubs are so much more than a home for community volunteers. They are a training ground for community leaders. So take advantage of the training available to you as a Lion. Find opportunities to put your leadership in action. And be sure to invite the people around you to serve so they can help lead the change in your community .

We are leading the way forward, every day we serve, every time we give .

We Are Leaders

Every Lion is a leader in their community. Watch a <u>special video message</u> from President Sheehan about how our leadership inspires others to take action and serve—just like us.

Learn more about the leadership training and education resources available to you on our <u>Learn. Lead. Grow.</u> page. You can access online modules and webinars, and take the next step as a leader with our <u>Leadership Development Institutes</u> when you're ready to continue your leadership journey

Celebrate Leadership at LCICon 2023

Let's keep learning, growing and leading the way forward for our clubs and communities.

Just like you, Lions all over the world are leading the way forward in their communities. And our international convention from **July 7-11, 2023** in Boston is your opportunity to celebrate our achievements, build lifelong relationships with Lions from around the world, and experience world-class entertainment and speakers

Visit <u>LCICon Boston 2023</u> to learn more about all the incredible events we have planned for you and <u>register today</u> to be a part of the most exciting Lion event of the year.





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5M9 District Governor Scott Rolfe





Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

This last eleven months has been nothing short of Unbelievably Awesome! The support you have given me has made this journey incredible. I have met so many lions in all the district in our multiple and even schmoozed with the International President on many occasions.

5M9 is above the rest when it comes to training our officers and members. We have had great turn out for all our training from ELLI -RLLI-FDI and our College of leadership and we will keep helping those who wish to get their leaderships skills tuned up online.

Membership has had its ups and downs this year as clubs are clearing the way for new members to join by using the GMA process to make there club the best it can be. We had a very successful Orientation get together this spring with great information about our Lions organization and more. We would love to come to your club and do an orientation for your members at any time so just ask.

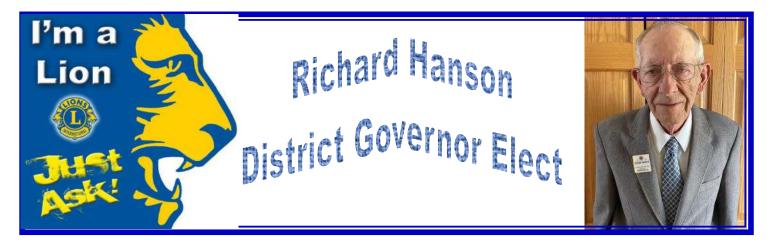
LCIF is always there for our communities in times of need and for helping to revitalize a community with needed projects. I want to commend all those that have contributed individually this year and to those clubs that have sent in donations. We still have about a month left to get those donations in so let's make 5M9 a 100% district in giving!

5M9 is the heartbeat behind "We Serve" you are awesome in the way you serve with new and exciting projects and thinking outside the box. Your communities are better for your clubs being there for them and those that live there. Keep working on reporting so we can do even more for our clubs in our district.

Finally, I want to Thank each one of you for being a part of this district and your clubs. I have had an awesome year with many new friends and getting to see

old friends. I have traveled many miles and eaten way to much food, I have received gifts to help me on my journey and gifts to remember. I have had many laughs, heard many stories and have shed a few tears. I wouldn't trade this part of my life for anything.

So, let's end this year strong and I look forward to many more years serving with you! Lion Scott Rolfe



As we come to the end of May, It means that there is only one month until District 5M9 has a new District Governor. I have also been working to complete my training, a part of which is setting goals for next year. Training has been a little more challenging since I was unable to attend any live courses, so everything must be done online. I am grateful that I am able to keep up my training this way and I encourage zone chairs, presidents and secretaries to keep up-to-date in their positions by using Learn in My Lion. If you haven't checked it out, by all means I encourage you to login and see for yourself what is offered to help your clubs.

One of my concerns is new member growth and retention of existing members. My most important goal is to have each club in the District end the 2004 Lions year with a NET plus 2 for the year. That means if a club loses 2 members they would add 4 new members. The Global Membership Approach is a tried-and-proven successful strategy to help clubs in recruiting new member, retaining their present members, and breathing new life into their clubs. So, don't let clubs stagnate...use the Global Membership Approach to keep your clubs vital and flourishing in your community.

I am really looking forward to July 1. I hope that I can be the Governor you expect of me and with the help of my Cabinet we can have a great year as Lions of 5M9. I look forward to working with you and as always

Remember to JUST ASK! DGE Rick Hanson



www.lionsof5m9.org . You can print the cover letter that instructs the students on how they can access the fillable application form or print the entire scholarship to distribute to potential applicants. Keep a few copies available for your club members to reach out to any eligible college students in your community.

1st Vice District Governor Elect

Specialty Clubs

6 Steps to Chartering



Approach an existing group of people who already share a common connection

- Explain how humanitarian service through Lions Clubs will not only enrich their existing group's relationships, but provides leadership and learning opportunities within a global community
- Assist the group in determining a service focus and outlining an approach
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Utilize LCI's new club development resources for club recruitment and chartering

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Supply the group with ideas and resources for promotion, awareness and training available through Lions Clubs International

Maintain a relationship with the new specialty club to ensure their success and satisfaction



Pitter Patter Let's Get At Er'

Let us kick-off our new Lions year with the goal of asking people to get involved in helping serve our communities. Asking someone to join our club and have fun in serving with us, is always our priority but have you thought lately about creating a new club in your community? Perhaps we need to follow IP Brian's advice and "start thinking outside of the box." **Now** is the time to start new specialty clubs in 5M9.

The Specialty Club program is designed to create clubs whose members share a common interest or passion, allowing them to share a hobby, profession, culture, common service or life experience. There are 6 easy steps to Chartering a new Specialty Club.

If every club in 5M9 starts a new specialty club this year, we will have 64 new clubs and 1280 new members in our amazing district! YOU can be an agent of change and make this happen.

Wishing you a wonderful June! Lion Denise Marie

2nd Vice District Governor Elect Cathe Picek

After spending some time with IP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori and many Lions friends and new friends at the MD5M Convention in St. Cloud earlier this month, it's not difficult to carry on the en-thusiasm experienced there.

I came back with a stronger belief that our work as Lions in our clubs, districts, multiples, the USA, and the world really do make a difference to so many. Working on a service project for relief efforts in Ukraine and to witness the generous donations brought to the convention by our clubs was amazing.

One of the highlights was speaker Mark J. Lindquist, a former Sergeant in the United States Air Force and an Afghanistan War Veteran, a writer, a renowned singer of our National Anthem, a television and movie actor.

Mark's presentation "moved" the people in the audience when he spoke to us about the importance of our Lions service in our communities and the positive outcomes that result from our work. He shared his current experiences raising money and acquiring aid and assistance for the people of eastern Ukraine and was able to obtain immediate supplies from generous Lions attending the seminar. Mark donated his time and presentation to our MD5M convention, sang the National Anthem at dinner and was inducted as a Lion by IP Brian Sheehan.

Take a few minutes to see Mark J. Lindquist in "action" on You Tub - you will be amazed!

As Lions let us all keep working with our clubs, communities and service projects knowing that

Together We Can make a difference in the many ways We Serve!







DG Scott presented Lyle Schmitz, Aldrich Lions Club, a Melvin Jones Award at the M59 Cabinet meeting

on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Lions International Dues Increase



(a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty-three dollars (US\$23.00) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as shown by its membership report of June and December and shall be paid by each club to the international office as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) herein. tor

[Above section effective July 1, 2023]

(a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty-four dollars (US\$24.00) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as shown by its membership report of June and December and shall be paid by each club to the international office as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) herein.

[Above section effective July 1, 2024]

(a) Semi-annual membership dues of twenty-five dollars (US\$25.00) denominated in U.S. dollars shall be levied on each club member based upon the membership of each club as shown by its membership report of June and December and shall be paid by each club to the international office as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) herein.

[Above section effective July 1, 2025]

(b) For family membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply: (1) The first family member shall pay semi-annual membership dues as provided in sub-section (a) above. (2) Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in subsection (b) (1) above.

(c) For student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual membership dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided in sub-section (a) above.

(d) An annual fee shall be paid by each Lions club for each Leo club sponsored by it, in an amount and at such time as shall be determined by the International Board of Directors.

5M9 Directory Order for 2023-2024

Name of person ordering this directory:

Name of Club

Phone number _____

E-mail Address_____

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

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.

Eyes for Mexico

Cabo San Lucas Lions mission

The Cabo club is a well organized club with many ladies involved in the club. They tend to be very helpful and I was seem to find students that will be involved in the medical career to help. Usually the core crew is my son Phillip, who is an ophthalmologist, my wife Maricela who is the mission Director and of course my-self. The mission is usually the third and fourth week of January. We have also gotten initial confirmation that one of the surgical hospitals will allow our group to do Eyecare surgeries. once we have established a clear and legal means to do these surgeries, we will incorporate the University Of, Minnesota Ophthalmology department to come and help.

Mazatlan Eyes for Mexico mission:

As long is a much smaller lions club, which requires us to bring more people from different clubs from United States to help out. The mission is usually done the second and third week of March. There are two different Lions clubs in Mazatlán but unfortunately they do not get along there, they're also is a very difficult social service department in Mazatlan, which makes it almost impossible to establish surgeries there.

The overall cost for the two missions:

Cabo; the airfare is around \$1000 the accommodations if shared would be about \$500 and food as such would be also \$500.

Mazatlan, the airfare is usually a little more and that the only direct flight is Suncountry. Cost is closer to \$1100. However the accommodations is usually \$400 per person and meals for the week also \$400.

Both of the missions, the Detroit Lakes Lions club is fundraising for our Eyes for Mexico project. The funds are used to pay for transportation while in Mexico and some of the food while doing the mission work.

If you have any questions or would like to have our group, come and put on presentation at your club, please call me at 218-234-6556.

Everyone is welcome to come along and help. In the next issue you will be able to find out what it is like to attend for the first time from a 5m9 Lions member.



Our current fundraiser we are selling geraniums for \$30 from the local Bergens greenhouse. They're in a 12 inch pot. Unfortunately we have 120 left to sell that due to decrease numbers of members and competition from Kawana's we have left over. I would be more than glad to deliver a number of plants to your club if you could help our effort to fund raise funds for Eyes for Mexico by purchasing some geraniums.



Scholarships

Gracie Ayer's from Menahga High school received a \$500 Scholarship from the Osage Lions. Art Yliniemi presented the Scholarship



McGregor Lions sponsored the Athletic/Academic Banquet held at McGregor School, May 8, 2023.They awarded \$15,000 in Scholarships along with other achievement awards. The recipients are

L-R: Xander Neu, Parker Jackson, Isaiah Serfling, Ethan Bohn, Josee Kellerman, Madilyn Macedo, Erin Ford, Ava Guida.





Osage Lion Bob Mack presented Seniors Mason Yliniemi, HaleyKimball and Kassidy Ennen with a\$500 scholarship. Not pictured is Chloe Tretbar and Emma Vrieze.



Pillager Lions President John Driscoll awarded seven \$1000 scholarships to outstanding Pillager High School students.



Proud Lions



Riverside Fergus Falls Lions participated in the YMCA Heathy Kids event by doing a KidSight vision screening. Lion Connie Krusemark from Battle Lake Lions brought the equipment and helped. They screened 30 kids and had 4 referrals during the 2 hr event.







Baxter Lions Scholar ships recipients. Gracelyn Dickinson, Lucas Inwards, Kamryn Rausch, Aden Yost. Presented by Kenn Shepherd and Sandy Johnson

Battle Lake Lions Activities





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.

At our April 17 meeting we enjoyed a presentation on the Leader Dog program from Scott Hauge. Scott has received a dog from the Leader Dog program.

We welcomed a new member, Becky Koplin and a transfer member, Terry Scheer







The **Bluffton Lions** and the New York Mills Lions each donated money to the Jason & Lacey Schik family to help with medical travel expenses for their daughter Lucille who is fighting cancer for the 2nd time. Then the family received a Match the Grant check from the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. Those presenting the check were Lions Latham Hetland and Sam Slieter from the New York Mills Lions, and Lions Margaret & Peter Van Erp and Jamie Huttunen from the Bluffton Lions.



Some of the **Lakers Lions** did their bi-annual ditch cleanup along Highway 6 south of Emily on Wednesday, May 17th.

In the photo, L-R: Lakers Lions - Joe Juettner, Cheryl Fraser, Julie Lohse, volunteer Ron Lohse, Barry Pederson, and not pictured, Jim Fraser





Wadena Lions

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Pillager Lions President John Driscoll awarded MN Lions Diabetes Dream Catcher plaques to: Lion Sally Borst, Lion Gregg Stroeing, and Lion Beth Peters.





Pillager Lions pitched in on 5/20/23 to clean up the Crow Wing River bank on the west side of Pillager Dam. Beautiful day to beautify the environment!



Kamp KACE 2023 'KACE goes Wonka' June 25-June 30

Lions of 5M9 your help is needed for working at Kamp KACE!

Sunday, June 25	8:30 PM	Ice Cream Social
Tuesday, June 27	7:00 PM	Fish Cleaning Help
Wednesday, June 28	2:00 PM	Fish Fry

Please call Linda Albrecht-Norby at 218-346-3200 to set up times you can help at Kamp KACE.

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Zone 1 Chair	Joe Laudenbach	Zone 6 Chair	VACANT
Zone 2 Chair	Sharon Whipple	Zone 7 Chair	Robert & Debra Jacoby
Zone 3 Chair	Sue Larson	Zone 8 Chair	Ginny Paulson
Zone 4 Chair	Laurine Kommer	Zone 9 Chair	Connie Krusemark
Zone 5 Chair	Cathe Picek	Zone Chair Advisor	PCC Bert Nelson

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Golf Tournament Fundraiser



Saturday, June 17th 9am-1pm

4-person team - \$120 entry fee Individuals welcomed; we'll make a team for you!

Raffle Prizes Drawing at 12:30

Hole prizes

Closest to the pin Longest putt Longest drive

snacks and bottled water included in fee.

Balhepburn Golf Course



39501 530th Ave New York Mills, MN 56567



Call Bert Nelson at 218-298-0599 or email bertpamnelson@gmail.com to register - RSVP by June 12th

To watch a video about Balhepburn Golf Course: search Youtube.com for sheep golf / adventures in golf season 2





RAIN OR SHINE!

FRIDAY: JUNE 2 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY: JUNE 3 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE THE BEACON COMMUNITY SPACE 618 STATE 371 NW, BACKUS

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JOIN THE BATTLE LAKE LIONS

AT AN INFORMAL "D-FEET" WALK

Supporting the

MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration: Lions Park Shelter - Lions Park

Walk the Battle Lake trail system to Glendalough State Park . . .

Walk any distance you choose . . .

Walk and HEAR the birds sing . . .

Bring a donation to the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation from your club, or a personal donation in support of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. All proceeds will be sent to the Hearing Foundation.

Snacks & Water provided.



Lions



Date: June 3rd, 2023 Place: Trailside Park, corner of Hwy 371 and Co. Rd. 11 Registration: 7:00am, show runs 9:00am - 4:00pm Fee: \$10.00 Host: Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club

Located in Pequot Lakes in beautiful Trailside Park. The Cherry Car Show is entering its 15th year and you want to be part of it! Early registration is recommended to get the best spot — first come, first serve. The City of Pequot Lakes is located in the center of the Brainerd Lakes area where fun is easy to find. A craft fair is happening on the same day so there's something for everyone!

For more information, please call (218) 821-2496 or email info@plbplionsclub.com



We would LOVE to see you ... and your car!



Like us on Facebook to follow our events!

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	Registration Form
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Current Address:	<u> </u>
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Cash:	Check #:
(\$10.00 pre-regist	ration fee and \$15 day of the show)
	10 checks must be received by mail prior to the event.
Mail reply to:	PLBP Lions Club Cherry Car Show
	PO Box 551
	Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Questions? Call 218-821-2496 or email info@plbplionsclub.com

The Nisswa Lions Celebrate



Join for a PICNIC IN THE PARK to help us celebrate!

Saturday, June 24, 2023 11am - 3pm Nisswa City Park and Community Center

Lunch will be available (free will donation) Serving pulled pork, hot dogs, sides and beverages

Activities include:

- Kids Zone fun games with the Black Bear 4H
- A historical look at the Nisswa Lions from 1972-2022
- Outdoor games including: corn hole, ladder golf, kickball, and more.
- Guest speaker at 1pm: Past Lions International Director, Bruce Beck.

What to bring:

- Yourselves, your family, your friends and lawn chairs.
- We are also gathering the following items: pop tops/can tabs, used eye glasses and used hearing aides

nisswallons.org 📑

2024 5M9 CONVENTION



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	Lion Evie Ladd
15545 Big Buck Drive	48372 Great River Road
Menahga, MN 56464	Palisade, MN. 56469
218 849-4577	218-845-2932
mjk20030@yahoo.com	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 <u>www.lionsof5M9.org</u> Look for the Youth Outreach logo or click on "Forms" on the left side.

LIONS 5M9 YOUTH OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Name: Last	First	Middle Initial
Mailing Address: Street		Apt # or P.O. Box #
Town	State	Zip Code
Telephone #	Email add	ress:
High School from which you gradu	nated	
College currently attending		
Current year in college (i.e. 3 rd , 4 th ,	5 th)	
Major	(Cumulative grade point average
Participation in high school and col	llege	
a. List school activities; including separate page may be attached		honors, and achievement awards received. A ired.
ACTIVITY	DATES	LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT
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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

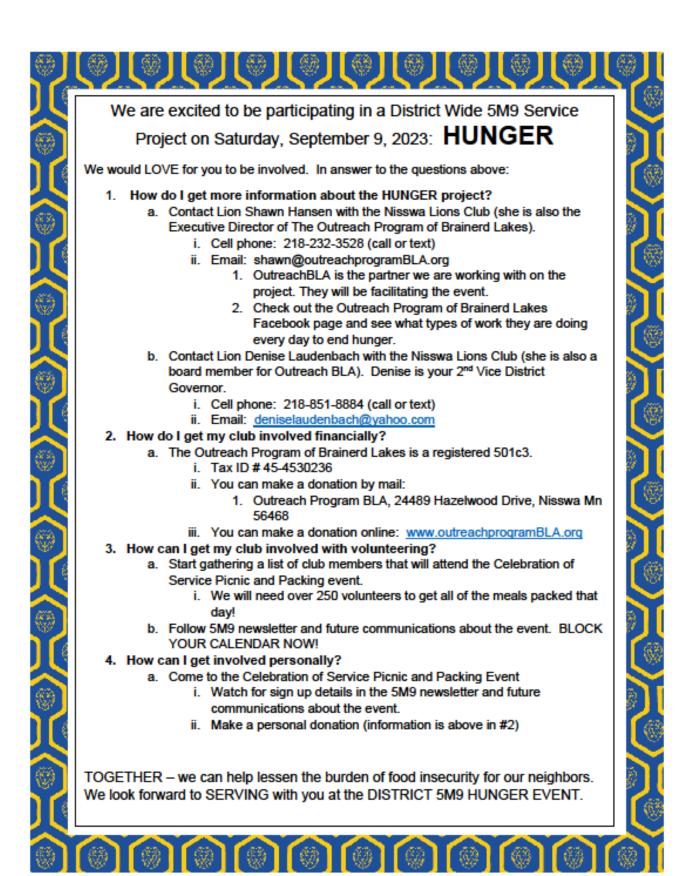
Essay: Describe your career goals in a youth related occupation which will utilize the knowledge and skills acquired from your major. (Describe in essay form with a minimum of 250 typed words on an attached page).

The information in this application is true and factual.

Signed

Date					







JUNE 3, 2023 9:30 AM DIAMOND POINT PARK - BEMIDJI, MN

- Entry Fee: \$25 (no t-shirt) or \$35 (includes t-shirt)
- Fee includes entry to park, lunch, plus lots of activities and games!
- Kids under 12 are free!
- Fun for families of all ages!
- A chance to change a person's life through your registration donation.
- Register at: https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2023mlhfwalk/
- Text DFEET2023 to 50155 to register or donate!





D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name Dis				District			
Contact Pers	on (please print)					
Address:				City		State	Zip
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Donation Am	ount: \$1000	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50	\$35	\$25
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How to submit an article

Please submit material for these sections. by <u>the 15th</u> 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 word document. Use of pdf is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions Submit to: **5m9newsletter@gmail.com** Sue Stebbins editor

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SCOTT'S CALENDAR

- June 1st Leader Lions Visit
- June 8th Parkers Prairie Lions Visit
- June 12th Brainerd Lions Visit
- June 13th Garrison Bay Lake Lions Visit
- June 19th McGregor Lions Visit
- June 20th Detroit Lakes Lions Visit
- July 7th 12th International Convention, Boston



USA/CANADA Forum September 14-16, 2023 Reno, Nevada

Lions International Convention July 7–11, 2023: Boston, Massachusetts

MD5M Multiple Convention

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Register for LCICon now and save!

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