



# 5M9 Service Journal

## *District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby*



**President's Message**  
**Changing the World with**  
**International President**  
**Dr. Patti Hill**

There is strength in numbers. Throughout my 34 years of service, I've always been grateful for the close teamwork and friendships that I've experienced volunteering alongside my fellow Lions.\

Teamwork generates fresh perspectives and inspires others to join the good work we do—work that would not be possible without your dedication to service, which is shared by Leos and Leo-Lions. When we bring young people into our clubs, everyone benefits. We can learn from one another, help even more people together and strengthen the future of our service.

So collaborate with your Leos, or start a new Leo club. Encourage young people in your circle to become Leos and Lions, so we can grow our clubs and grow together through our service.

Yours in service,  
Dr. Patti Hill  
International President

### **Serve Together, Learn Together, Grow Together**

When Lions and Leos work as a team, we learn new skills, make new and meaningful connections, and strengthen our clubs as well as our service. Leos are the next generation of Lions, so we need to work closely with them to build a foundation for the future of service. But they are also incredible, capable volunteers who are ready to make a difference today.

### **Help Save the Planet Through Service**

Earth Day (April 22) is just around the corner! Looking for a great way to make a difference in your community? Then check out our environment page with great project ideas, stories, LCIF grant opportunities and more. Remember to invite potential members to join your project because connecting through service is a win for our environment and your club's growth. And be sure to check out [Saving Our Planet and Growing Our Membership](#) for great ways to grow and create a more sustainable planet

SAVE THE DATE

NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS FORUM

ST. CLOUD KELLY INN  
SEPTEMBER 20-21 2024

SEMILNAR INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.  
SPREAD THE WORD - WE'RE BACK!





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



### **How has your year been going, regarding club membership?**

When all of us joined the Lions Organization we had a sponsor stand by our side the night we were inducted. Have you and your fellow members had the opportunity to be inducted. Is that person still there to help not only you, but other new members in the club? Or has that member left the club or passed away. If so, how are you feeling as a member in your club?

Whether we have lost members to death, or they were dropped, how do we replace them? The fact is, we have lost vital hands and a wealth of knowledge that makes our clubs work in our communities more difficult. With less hands to help, we as a club and community are at a loss. So, what can we do? When dropping members have you contacted them and talked with them as to why they have not been able to pay dues, missed meeting or project events? This one-on-one approach is critical to saving our club's membership! As a club, have you considered establishing a committee for retaining members? Plus, as officers of the club there should be communication between the president, secretary, and treasurer to discuss such issues.

In my visits this year, I have noted that many of our clubs don't attend our annual Leadership training in the spring. It is important for incoming officers to understand their role as an officer and the responsibility of the position they have been elected to. Have you read the job description and taken the on-line courses to help prepare you for the position you have been elected to. Many things are changing at Lions International, and we all need to be up to speed on such changes. With these changes comes the responsibility of the club officers to pass this information on to the clubs' membership, so that we are all up-to-speed with the information that has been given to us.

The Lions International Organization depends on us as Lions, for without us we wouldn't exist! The true base of our organization is every club throughout the world. It takes the hard-working hands and minds of each member to keep Lions International going forward. Each country worldwide has different ways of doing things in our organization. But ladies and gentlemen it took a businessman in Chicago, Illinois who had a dream to work with people in his community and his dream came true. We continue to make that dream happen in our own communities each day as we stand together and help anyone, we can have a better life and grow stronger as "We Serve". Afterall, we are the Lions of 5M9 and together we can make anything happen. Please look around your community and beyond, there are future Lions there, they just need to be asked! It could be the individual you share a quick cup of coffee with or a co-worker or even a parent of one of your kids' friends. They are there, we just need to find them!

Lastly, when you find that new Lions member, don't forget to send your name to me to qualify for a chance to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow. Deadline is June 15, 2024. We can do it, one Lion at a time!

# District Governor Elect

## Denise Laudenbach



It is Minnesota State Boys Basketball season and with that said, I felt it appropriate to share with you some insights from an article that I read that was about lessons learned through the lens of basketball and life.

### 1. TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Basketball is a team sport, where everyone is given their own respective roles and responsibilities. You'll need the help of your teammates, just as how they too need your help. Just like in life, you'll never succeed by your own power and ability. We're social beings that ask and offer help from one another. Life is a team game and the only way to grow and succeed is through the help of others.

### 2. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

In basketball, practice is just as important as playing the game itself. No one is instantly the best at something on their first try. You've got to practice your craft until you become unstoppable. It's a process where you must continuously keep on learning until you are the best at what you do.

### 3. HARDWORK OVER TALENT

Talent is useless and ineffective without hard work. Hard work shows that you're giving your all at everything that you do. It proves that you don't give up at anything and it shows your passion to win. Just like in life, where you must always work hard in everything you do. It doesn't matter if you're not the most talented or the most skilled, because you can always outwork your competition. Hard work reveals the difference between the rabbit and turtle. Not everyone is skilled at something or have their own natural advantages, but a hard worker can always work their hardest even after they meet their goal.

### 4. BE YOUR OWN MAKER AND STORYTELLER

Just like in life, where one mistake doesn't mean life's let you down. You learn from your mistakes, and you grow because the only way to be the best that you can be is through the number of mistakes you've made. Don't dwell on the past and the trials you've gone through, as you must rise above these circumstances and soar. Your past does not dictate who you are or who you will be in the future. We are the makers and storytellers of our own lives.

### 5. YOU MISS 100% OF THE SHOTS YOU DON'T TAKE

Always take advantage of every shot given to you. A shot not taken is surely a point not made. Never hesitate in taking a shot at everything because every opportunity given only means more chances to learn. Always just keep trying and making the most out of what's given.

As Lions, it is imperative that we serve together as a **team**. We create service projects for our communities. Sometimes they run smooth as silk and sometimes, we skin our knees. But we learn from our mistakes and **get back in the game** to provide continue support and service projects for our communities. Each one of us bring our talents to the team. Applying those talents with **hard work** is a combination for successful clubs and projects. Skinned knees mean we have given ourselves a chance to grow and make things better. **Tell your Lions story** within the community and everywhere you go. And last but not least....

**TAKE THE SHOT.** Life has been given to us, to make a positive difference in the world.





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



**Global Membership Approach**

**Grow your Membership Effectively!**

It’s not a new process, it’s something we have heard for many years in different ways. We as Lions, naturally have a vision.

The Global Membership Approach provides a tested and proven way to share your club’s vision, discover opportunities and develop common goals together. \*

**It starts with you and your club!**

**1. Revitalize** your club with new fellowship ideas, members, and service opportunities.

Just ask a friend, neighbor, someone from church or another organization to join you with at a Lions service project, fundraiser, or Zone meeting.

**2. Excel** in leadership development and club operations.

Encourage your leadership team and club members to attend the College of Leadership to find out more about Lions.

**3. Rejuvenate** your club with new members.

Try looking outside your comfort level for a new member 10 -15 years younger than yourself or couples who might like to do a service project with you for your community.

**4. Share** your club’s achievements with other clubs and your communities. Post your activities and projects on Facebook, websites, 5M9 Lions Newsletter, local and area news outlets. **Let your service SHINE!**

\* Club Membership Guide.pdf

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

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## Sheri Greenwaldt 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect

Lions of 5M9,

Are you wondering where March went? If you know, please let me know! I can't believe how fast the months are going by!

Last month, I shared information about Mission 1.5 and membership. This month, I will share some thoughts with you on retaining members. Lions International (LI) has an eye-opening statistic. 50% of new members drop out of Lions within the first three years! That is so shocking, but it is a pattern that continues! A couple of reasons are highlighted on the LI website: Lengthy/boring meetings, club politics/cliques, lack of involvement, lack of cooperation, and not working together.



When you have your club meetings, you need to focus on having the meetings cover pertinent information but also don't have your meeting run long. A couple of ideas to cut down on your meeting time is to do a silent roll call for attendance and send out the secretary minutes for members to review before the meeting. You can use technology and send the minutes out before the meeting. For those who do not have access to a computer, you can have copies available for those members. This way, they still feel connected. Another thought is to keep your club meetings interesting, make an agenda that includes only relevant items, and keep the content brief. You could have a service project to complete at your meeting or have a fun game for tail twisting. Those items will make your meetings more fun and engage all your members.

To lessen the effects of cliques in your clubs, rotate the seating at club meetings by requesting that everyone move to a different seat at the start of the meeting or by having members draw a table number on their way into the meeting. We are all creatures of habit. Rotating where you are sitting will have you sitting with members you may not know as well as others.

Encourage input from your members regarding your club's service activities. Ask new members for their ideas. They may have some fresh, exciting thoughts, and asking for their input will show that you are interested in their opinions. Involve new members in club activities immediately. Have them participate in an event as soon as they show an interest in your club. Ask them to co-chair a committee or coordinate a small activity in the early stages of their membership. Periodically ask long-term members what their interests are, as these will develop and change over time. Assign responsibilities based on their interests and give them increasing responsibilities to challenge them and keep them motivated.

One final thought is don't let activities and fundraisers become stale. Ensure your club's activities are still relevant to your community and members. Periodically try something new. If you complete the same projects repeatedly, your members will lose interest and won't continue as lions.

You all are AMAZING Lions! 5M9 is very fortunate to have each one of you in our district! Please don't feel like you don't have a voice in your club. Please speak up if you have an idea for a new service project or fundraising idea. Everyone has different thoughts and skill sets that others in the club may not be aware of!

Thank you all for your passion to serve others!

Lion Sheri Greenwaldt

2nd Vice District Governor Elect



# LCIF Gala

## Paint the Town ~~Red~~



**GREEN!**

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



**You don't need to wait for someone to award you a Melvin Jones, though it is a nice surprise. You can join the Fellowship yourself! For every \$1000 that you donate to LCIF, you first receive a plague, then progressive pins.**

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

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

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

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

[www.lions.org](http://www.lions.org) or [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

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



**Park Rapids Lions** Phil Sailer, Marie Festler, Julie LaFountain and Paul Wibe ready for the Chili Challenge to raise funds for the Park Rapids Food Shelf. The "Willi Nilly" Lions took 2nd place last year with high hopes for 1st place this year!

**Baxter Lions and East Gull Lake Camp Confidence Lions** joined forces to promote Lions at the Brainerd Lakes Home Show & Expo! Busy time for all!



**"Pillager Lions** donated \$5,000 to the Pillager Food Shelf in March (Food Shelf Month). Several Lions also volunteer their time to work at the food shelf all during the year. Shown in the photo from left to right: Pillager Family Center Coordinator Michelle Spar, Lion Roger Thiers, Lion Holly Thiers, and 1st Vice President Robert Sawyer."



**Pine River Lions** donated \$500 to Pine River Food Shelf for March Food Shelf month, when donations are match.

Wow, thank you to all the donors who came to **Battle Lake Lions** March 5 to give the gift of life, a unit of whole blood. With a goal of 44 units, there were 54 presenting donors, and a total of 60 units were collected, surpassing our goal by 16! This included six Power (Double) Reds.



First picture: Lion Jerry Begley & Lion Pete Eggen helped sign in donors

Second Picture: Lion Chris Fegert, Lion Jon Tamke and Lion Becky Koplin. Lion Jon organized a successful blood drive. Lions Chris and Becky served treats after people donated.

Third picture:  
Lion Dave Neitzke giving blood.

Fourth picture: Lion Gail Hustad and her husband, Arlyn giving blood



# Here we grow again!

The **Park Rapids Lions** welcomed newest member Bobbi Zigmant shown with membership chair Lion Mary Peterson and sponsor Lion Zelda Novak at the March 11th. meeting.



## Congratulations



The **Verndale Lions** presented Lion John Rousslang with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lion Lindi Rousslang a Dream Catcher award at the 17th annual Prime Rib and Comedy Nite. Congratulations to both of them!



## You're going to Canada in April, eh?

This letter is on behalf of PCC Bert Nelson who is running for the endorsement for the office of International Director from MD5M. The voting will take place in Winnipeg, MB at the MD5M Convention on April 18-21, 2024.



Bert grew up on a four-generation dairy farm near Hillview, MN. His father Syd Nelson was a county commissioner and state representative. Bert learned the value of volunteerism at an early age. He participated in 4-H club where he received the highest award, the Key Award, given to a member. He also joined FFA in high school. He volunteered for the forestry service as a watcher in a fire tower near his home. After he married Pamela, Bert was elected as a township treasurer for 20+ years, was a church trustee 18 years, and is still a fire warden for his county. Bert is an honest, hardworking Lion that will always do his best at whatever task he is working on.

Bert has been on the District Cabinet for 28+ years fulfilling several positions. In the most recent position as the GET and GLT chairs, he is credited with getting five new Lions clubs chartered.

Bert has also been involved at the Multiple Cabinet level for 20+ years, currently as the LCIF Coordinator. He has successfully guided his team of District Coordinators to raise funds for LCIF to keep MD5M in the top three multiple districts for Constitutional Area 1 (United States).

Bert has worked with Lions at the International level when he was on the planning committees for two USA/Canada Forums. In Calgary, Bert organized a successful Strides Walk for Diabetes.

Bert has the qualifications needed to be International Director, but more importantly, he wants to collaborate with other Lions from around the world to keep our organization running smoothly. He will listen to their concerns and try to come to an agreement that will work for all, but he is not afraid to speak up for what he believes to be right. He knows that LCI is an international association that has to work with many cultures to get to the ultimate goal of We Serve.

Please stop by Bert's campaign table at the MD5M convention and chat with him. He wants you to be able to vote with confidence when you vote for the endorsement of our next International Director from our multiple.

We are excited to endorse Bert Nelson for the office of International Director from MD5M:

|                 |                 |                  |               |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Scott Rolfe     | Jamie Huttunen  | Jay Norby        | Jim Arvidson  |
| Gloria Anderson | Eldon Bergman   | Judy Brasgalla   | Tom Plagman   |
| Michele Plagman | Peter Van Erp   | Margaret Van Erp | Don Hendrickx |
| Rick Johnson    | Adolph Kukowski | Dick Labraaten   | Ole Nelson    |



## ***PDG Dennis Kelly III for International Director***

It's not about how long you've been a Lion. (28 years, but who's counting?) It's not about how many offices or positions you've held. It's not about how many awards, medals, or certificates you've received.

It's about your impact.

KidSight, a new program since 2016. Leading a team of Lions. Over 180,000 kids have had their vision checked. Over 22,000 have seen an eye doctor changing their lives. Changing the lives of hundreds of Lions.

MD5M GLT since 2019. Leading teams that have resulted in more training being done at the club and district level. Two leadership institutes happening every year rather than one institute every other year. The least number of vacancies in the District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG leadership position, only three, in the last five years.

That is my impact.

We are asking for your vote.

Please vote for the Lion who has made an impact on our Multiple District and the lives of thousand of Kids and Lions through KidSight.

Please vote for the Lion who has made an impact on leadership development both in our multiple district and Internationally.

Your vote for will allow me to continue to make an impact in our multiple district and on the International level.

Please allow me to represent you and be your voice.

Please vote for PDG Dennis Kelly III for International Director.

We appreciate you and thank you for your support and your vote.



**104th - MD5M Multiple Convention  
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre  
April 19th-21st, 2024, Winnipeg, MB, Canada**



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

**Tickets are available thru District LCIF Coordinators**

**Erin Beck 218-851-7267 elb\_18@yahoo.com**

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



## Zone 1 Spring Meeting Wednesday, April 10th Northland Arboretum

14250 Conservation Drive, Baxter MN  
Meeting is held in the basement. Enter on  
basement level - south side of bldg.

5:30 - 6:30 pm social (cash bar)

6:30 - 7 pm dinner

(\$15 at the door)

7 pm meeting

Guest speaker: Abigail Peltier,  
Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge NEW  
Women's Program

Lions items for discussion:  
Elections, College of Leadership,  
other

Thank you Baxter Lions for hosting.

RSVP's to Sue Stebbins:

[rsteb2@gmail.com](mailto:rsteb2@gmail.com)

218-851-2510

**Deadline April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

other questions, contact Terry Hansen, Zone 1  
Chair 218-232-0229




# Brainerd Leo's and ROARS

Join us for a ...  
**BINGO**  
Membership Drive

All youth 3rd - 12th Grade

 Sunday  
21 April, 2024

 3:00pm to  
5:00pm

 Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
418 8th Ave NE  
Brainerd, MN 56401

Do you like volunteering? Would you like to learn more about our community? How about meet other like minded youth? Or just have fun?

Join us and become a Brainerd LEO or ROAR today!  
Questions contact Trina 218-851-7376





## SAVE THE DATE



ZONE 7 SPRING MEETING

APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> 2024

CAMPBELL LIONS CLUB

CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER

SOCIAL 5:30 PM

MEAL 6:00 PM

MEETING 6:30 PM

SPEAKER

IPDG SCOTT ROLFE

RSVP DIANE KUNZE BY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

CALL OR TEXT : 218-671-0885 OR

EMAIL: DIANEHANSEN\_LINK@HOTMAIL.COM



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

Let's look at some simple ways that each of us, as Lions, can **Change the World** in the next 4 months.

° **April** - review the service and fundraising projects for this month and include other club members in your zone to participate with you. Show them what we do, how we do it and how we have FUN doing it.

° **May** – plan on participating in an Environmental project with your club, zone or community. Ask others to come with you to a District project this month or in the future.

° **June** – end this year with gratitude for the impact you were able to make and celebrate the many things you did to **Change the World** in 2023-2024.

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

LIONS DEB AND ROBERT (JAKE) JACOBY

Invite you to the

# Zone 6 Meeting

MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

5:15 p.m. Registration

5:30 p.m. Vergas Lions Cornhole Challenge\*

And social hour

6:15 p.m. Dinner \$15

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Round table discussions, club reports,  
updates from district leaders and more!

Place:

Vergas Event Center

140 W Linden St.

Vergas MN 56587

Please R.S.V.P. by May 8th to

Lion Jake at [rpjacoby@comcast.net](mailto:rpjacoby@comcast.net) or 612-747-9894

(\$15 pay at door. Your club will be responsible for no-shows)

\*See next page for details

## Vergas Lions

John Lotzer and Lyle Krieg

2024 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

Cornhole Champions



Lions John and Lyle have challenged the Lions of Zone 6 to try to unseat them as the undisputed cornhole champions of 5M9.

Challenge rules:

The tournament starts at 5:30 sharp.

Two person teams.

(If you want to play and don't have a partner we will find one for you)

Entry fee per person is a \$10 donation to LCIF.

First team to 21 wins game.

Winners will receive a really nice prize!





My name is **Bob Keppers, my wife Erica** and I will be the new **Zone 5 Co-Chairs** from Wadena Lions club. Please share the attached meeting agenda with your clubs for the April 23 Zone Meeting to be held here in Wadena. We Look forward to seeing and meeting you soon. Any questions or concerns please contact us. Our Email and phone numbers are on the attachment.

Thanks Again, Bob and Erica Keppers

## **We are going to change the World**



### **Please join us for the Lions Zone 5 Spring meeting**

**Date: Tuesday April 23, Wadena, MN**

**Location: Wadena VFW, 213 First Street SE**

**5:30 Social (cash Bar)**

6:00 Meal of roast beef, potatoes, veggies, and bread. Dessert will be cake and ice cream. (If special dietary needs, please let us know when you RSVP)

6:30 Speaker: Cathe Picek (1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect) How Service Projects Change the World

6:45 Speaker: Joe Laudenbach (District 5M9 GMA chairperson) on GMA: Global Membership Approach.

7:00 ish Wrap up: Bob Keppers with prizes and other tidbits.

Club Secretaries, PLEASE RSVP Names to

Bob (218-639-9867) or Erica Keppers (218 371-1321) or email them at :ericacat1@msn.com)

by **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$20.00 per plate



# Proud Lions

# A LION



# LIVES HERE

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



## Bluffton Lions

### Pancake-Breakfast ¶¶

¶ Sunday April 28, 2024

¶ 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bluffton-Community-Center ¶¶

Bluffton-Lions-will-be-serving-an-all-you-can-eat-breakfast-of-pancakes, French-toast, sausage, juice, and coffee. Gluten-free options-will-be-available. ¶¶



### Freewill-Offering! ¶¶

Breakfast-proceeds-go-toward-Bluffton-Lions-projects. ¶¶



60<sup>th</sup> Annual  
PARKERS PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB

# Smelt and Fish Fry

Saturday, April 6 • 12-7 pm  
Prairie Event Center  
Co. Hwy. 38 • Parkers Prairie

One Day  
Only!

Serving: Smelt, Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw  
& French Dressing, Bread, Beverage

Adults: \$20 • Ages 6-11: \$10 • Ages 5 & Under: Free

# Save the Date

## PUTTING FOR DOGS



**BRAINERD LIONS CLUB**  
"WE SERVE"

Sponsored by Pirates Cove

# SEPT. 14TH, 2024

REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW



## ENVIRONMENT – PDG ROSE PUCKETT



## EARTH DAY - APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> - THINK ABOUT THE 3 R'S

**Reduce – Reuse – Recycle**  
Has your Lions Club scheduled a combined Service/Environment Project?



## ARBOR DAY-APRIL 26

Join our District 5M9 Lions Clubs in a tree planting project.  
Coming soon more information!



**HEARING FOUNDATION, INC.**

## Annual Walk



Minnesota Landscape  
ARBORETUM

# SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 1, 2024

Bring the whole family for a day of fun & to help raise money to  
**D-Feet Hearing Loss**

2 Locations:

Diamond Point Park - Bemidji, MN  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum - Chaska, MN

Register at:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2022mlhfwalk/>



Nevis Lions hosted the **Zone 4 meeting** March 13th, 2024. A special Thank you to the Red River staff and to all who joined us for a fun evening.





Lions, Hop on over to McGregor  
for the  
**ZONE TWO MEETING**

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

Hosted by the McGregor Lions Club  
Location – McGregor Community Center  
41442 State Highway 65  
McGregor, MN 55760

*There will be an open bar – Silent auction*

*Social Hour at 5pm with dinner planned for 6pm*

*An outstanding Ham dinner with all the fixings.*

**Meal cost: \$15.00**

**RSVP BY MARCH 14**  
To: Sharon Whipple

At 218-390-0526  
[mean.gene@frontiernet.net](mailto:mean.gene@frontiernet.net)

All RSVP's must be paid for by the Club or person!



**Postponed until April 1st**



## 5M9 Zone Chairs



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

## New Lion Portal



# Lions International

**Dear Lions and Leos,**

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

### **Phased rollout for Lion Account Users**

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13\*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal\*\*. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.

- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

\*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

\*\*If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

### **Information and resources**

Be sure to visit [lionsclubs.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclubs.org/portal-updates) for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.



## MN Lions Diabetes Foundation Physical Activity Challenge - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser!

February-March-April 2024

Greetings Lions of 5M9,

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is asking each Lions club within Minnesota and each lion within our clubs to join us in this fundraising activity.

**Your Health** – Diabetes is often brought on by heredity and by individual lifestyle. Physical activity and food choices are key to preventing diabetes and improving health. Again, this year we are including a physical challenge to our annual fundraiser. You choose to do the activities that you enjoy. During these winter months we can all use a challenge to help get started and keep moving. You may go your own way or gather friends and family to share in your activities.

**Your Financial Support** – By registering/donating you will be helping finance the critical research being done to find a cure for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Each day we see people in our community and around the world who suffer from the effects of diabetes. Imagine no diabetes in our world!

To Register/Donate, go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/mldfstrides2024/> – OR –  
Checks/Money can be mailed to MLDF Treasurer, 11070 15<sup>th</sup> St NE, St. Michael, MN 55376

The University of Minnesota, with the help of Lions, is making progress. Humans have had eyelet transplants that have cured them of diabetes, and FDA approvals are progressing on research projects. But we have a way to go to make some of these incredible advances available to everyone.

**GO THE EXTRA MILE** – For Diabetes Awareness. We THANK YOU for your support.

*“Catch the Dream”  
...Life Without Diabetes!*



Lion Angie Hauge  
[Angiehaug@hotmail.com](mailto:Angiehaug@hotmail.com)

Lion Carl Bates  
[Eaglec45@charter.net](mailto:Eaglec45@charter.net)

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. EIN 26-3238179 is a non-profit tax-exempt corporation under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code.



## Lions of 5M9

How would you like to be the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellow or become a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow?

The rules are simple, for every new member you sign up between February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, your name will be entered to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Each new member you bring in will get you one entry into the drawing.

One name will be drawn on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and the winner will be notified. Once the plaque arrives District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby will come to your club to make the presentation at a meeting of your choice.

The only exclusion will be Charter Members from the new club. Otherwise, any new member that is entered into the system by June 15<sup>th</sup> and a sponsor is listed will be eligible to receive a Melvin Jones.

So, enter early and often to have a chance to become a Melvin Jones Fellow.

District Governor Linda Albrecht-Norby

District 5M9

## Learning Opportunities

**Lions University:** Provided by the Forum since 2014, you can take all the courses you want for free, however graduation requirement do include attendance at events.

@ lionsuniversity.org

**Lions Learning Institute:** LCI's online learning portal.

@lionsclubs.org

**Lions Virtual:** Ongoing Zoom educational and social activities, and a mobile app that incorporates social sharing and other resources.

**Global Lions Forum:** Facebook Group with great discussions on topics of interests to Lions.

## Dues Reminder

International Dues will increase **\$2.00/year in 2024** and \$2.00/year in 2025. This was voted on and approved at the 2022 International Convention by the attending delegates.

At the 2024 Multiple Convention in April the delegates will be voting on a **\$1.50 increase** in dues for the multiple starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Below is the new dues structure for the 2024 – 2025 Lions year.

### 2024-2025

#### Lions Dues Breakdown

|                        |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | Annual<br>Rate/Member |
|------------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>*International:</b> | Regular Member | \$26.50                                  | \$26.50                                  | \$53.00               |
|                        | Family Member  | \$13.25                                  | \$13.25                                  | \$26.50               |

(International Only-Spouse or family member living in same household)

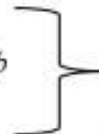
|                                  |                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | Annual<br>Rate/Member |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Multiple District:</u></b> | <b>Total MD5M Dues</b> | <b>*\$4.55</b>                           | <b>*\$4.00</b>                           | <b>*\$8.55</b>        |

**\*Includes Proposed Dues Increase**

|                             |                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | Annual<br>Rate/Member |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b><u>District 5M9:</u></b> | <b>Total 5M9 Dues</b> | <b>\$3.25</b>                            | <b>\$3.25</b>                            | <b>\$6.50</b>         |

|                                  |                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Dues<br>Rate/Member | Annual<br>Rate/Member |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b><u>TOTAL DUES/MEMBER:</u></b> | Regular Member | <b>\$34.30</b>                           | <b>\$33.75</b>                           | <b>\$68.05</b>        |
|                                  | Family Member  | <b>\$21.05</b>                           | <b>\$20.50</b>                           | <b>\$41.55</b>        |

*These are billed  
Annually Per Club  
1<sup>st</sup> Billing Cycle*



|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Lions Club Bond</i>                | <i>\$8.20</i>  |
| <i>Additional Liability Insurance</i> | <i>\$14.13</i> |
| <i>Technology Fee</i>                 | <i>\$1.50</i>  |
| <b>Total MD5M Annual Rate/club</b>    | <b>\$23.83</b> |

**Bond &  
Liability  
Insurance  
subject to  
change**

**International, MD and District bills are to be paid within 30 days of receipt of the invoice.**

**All billing is based on what your membership is as of 12:00AM on July 1 and January 1.**

**Paying these bills does not need to be voted on by the membership, it should be paid upon receipt by the club Treasurer.**





## Peace Poster Contest kits are here

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest gives young people a chance to share their visions of peace and inspire the world through their creativity. Encourage your clubs to [order this year's kit](#) and let young people in their area express what this year's theme, *Peace Without Limits*, means to them.



## The Lion Portal Launches April 15

Look for your invitation to a new digital experience.

- Current Lion Account holders, your welcome email will arrive between April 15 – May 13
- This email will include your personal invitation to start using the new Lion Portal

For more information and answers to your questions, please visit our dedicated Lion Portal page.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## LCIF Grants Toolkit

We encourage you to explore the different grant types and resources within this online toolkit to find out if there's a grant that's right for your club, district or multiple district now, or in the future!

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit#mod5>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates>

**Save the Date!**

# REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



## IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

WHEN: Friday, July 19, 2024

WHERE: Best Western Plus Kelly Inn

100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320) 253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night  
[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3)

TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm    Dinner: 6:45 pm    Program: 7:30 pm

DRESS: Black and White attire (Notice we didn't say "black tie")

COST: \$15.00 PER PERSON (Not a typo!); CAPACITY: Only 280

**NO GIFTS PLEASE:  
THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION ONTO THEIR HOME!  
ONLY IF YOU INSIST:**

”

Consider bringing a check payable to "LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

District # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dinner Choices: Top Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form and your check for \$15/person payable to "Lion Brian Campaign Fund" to:

**Mike Molenda**  
**1462 Featherstone Court**  
**Hastings, MN 55033-9181**



# District 5M9

## College of Leadership

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Wadena Deer Creek School

600 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena, MN 56482

12:30 – 5:00 pm

Training Seminars for the following positions

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| President / Vice President | Secretary          |
| GST – Service Projects     | Treasurer          |
| GMT – Membership Ideas     | Zone Chair         |
| LCIF Club Coordinators     | Orientation Leader |

Anyone is welcome, but new officers are highly recommended to come and attend to be kept up to date with current duties and obligations.



coffee and cookies will be served



**104th - MD5M Multiple Convention  
Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre  
April 19th-21st, 2024, Winnipeg, MB, Canada**



**2024 MD5M Registration Form**

Date Rec: \_\_\_\_\_

You can not use names on a form

Lion  Lioness  Leo  Guest  1<sup>st</sup> Timer

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 District & Club: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**2024 MD5M FULL  
REGISTRATION  
\$220.00 CDN  
\$165.00 USD  
MAKE HOTEL  
RESERVATIONS EARLY**

Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

(Convention Committee is not responsible for any food allergy reactions - This is a **SCENT FREE** event)

I am attending the convention but **NO** meals are required. \$0.00 cost to attend

**Full Hospitality Book** (Inc. Friday night event, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet & Sunday Brunch)

|                              |                 |            |                 | \$ AMOUNT            |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Full Hospitality Book</b> | <b>\$220.00</b> | <b>CDN</b> | <b>\$165.00</b> | <input type="text"/> |
| Friday Night Social          | \$ 50.00        | CDN        | \$35.00 USD     | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Breakfast           | \$ 35.00        | CDN        | \$27.00 USD     | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Lunch               | \$ 50.00        | CDN        | \$35.00 USD     | <input type="text"/> |
| Saturday Banquet             | \$ 65.00        | CDN        | \$48.00 USD     | <input type="text"/> |
| Sunday Brunch                | \$ 45.00        | CDN        | \$33.00 USD     | <input type="text"/> |

Place Total  
amount in  
this box if  
attending  
only  
separate  
events

**NO** meals available after March 31st, 2024 - **Make cheques payable to "Lions Convention"**

Mail registrations to: **MD5M Convention % PDG Dave Hollyoake, Box 204, Arnes, Manitoba, Canada R0C 0C0**

Cancellations prior to March 31st, 2024 will have a 25% processing fee applied, **NO** Cancellations after March 31st, 2024.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3H 0G3  
 Call 204.786.4801 or 1.877.842.4667 email [winnipeg.vicinn.com](mailto:winnipeg.vicinn.com) Ask for Group # 178163 "Lions Convention" rates  
 For more information contact: Registration Committee PDG Dave Hollyoake e [2024md5mconvention@gmail.com](mailto:2024md5mconvention@gmail.com)  
 or his cell 1.204.797.5930 or Convention Chair PDG Doug Wiers - cell 1.204.326.0189 e [dougwiers13@gmail.com](mailto:dougwiers13@gmail.com)  
 Room rates CDN \$\$ - Standard \$134.00, Deluxe \$144.00, Corporate Floor \$154.00 & Suites @ \$184.00 CDN

# Multiple-/District-5M9¶

## Tree-planting-Service/Environmental-Project¶



April-26-is-Arbor-Day-and-what-better-way-to¶  
turn-our-communities-greener-by-planting-  
trees.-The-Lions-in-MD5M-have-been-asked-to-  
join-IP-Dr.-Patti-Hill's-campaign-of-improving-  
our-environment.-¶

We-would-like-the-Lions-of-5M9-to-step-up-and-  
help-plant-500-trees.-Finds-a-great-place-in-a-  
community-or-Lions-Park-in-your-area.-The-  
trees-are-seedlings-and-will-need-your-help-to-  
have-them-stay-healthy,-grow-tall-and-make-our-  
parks-an-even-better-place-to-walk-through.¶  
White-pines-are-safe-from-the-deer-and-grow-  
well-in-Minnesota.¶

The-trees-will-be-given-to-the-clubs-free-of-  
charge.-We-ask-that-you-take-this-on-as-a-  
service-project-and-water-them-and-help-them-  
grow-into-big,-beautiful-trees-for-everyone-to-  
enjoy.-We-will-give-each-club-8-trees-to-start-  
and-if-more-are-available,-we-will-let-you-know.¶

To-order-trees-for-this-Service/Environmental-project-contact:¶

GST--Jamie-Huttunen-[lionjamie5m9@gmail.com](mailto:lionjamie5m9@gmail.com)¶

**Clubs-in-Zones-5-8¶**

Environmental--Rose-Puckett-[apuckett@brainerd.net](mailto:apuckett@brainerd.net)¶

**Clubs-in-Zones-1-4¶**

**Will-keep-you-posted-as-to-date-for-pick-up!¶**

Brainerd Lions Breakfast Club Charter Night!

And so..... it Begins...

5:30 - 7:30 pm, Wednesday May 8th at Zorbaz



# LUAU PARTY



Breakfast Club Charter Members Attend for Free!  
Lions Members and Those Still Checking us out is  
\$20 per person

Join us for our official Launch Party at Zorbaz on Gull Lake  
on Wednesday May 8th. Food and Fun!

5:30 pm - social time

6:30 pm - official charter acceptance

6:45ish pm - back to the Luau!

**We hope to see you there!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brainerd-lions-breakfast-club-charter-night-luau-tickets-873827009107>



**Lions District 5M9  
Mid-Winter Convention Registration  
January 3rd - 5th, 2025  
Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN**

LION     
  LEO     
  GUEST

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

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

| Specific dietary needs?    Gluten-free    Vegetarian<br>(circle one) | Jan 15, 2024 -<br>Mar 31, 2024 | Apr 1, 2024 -<br>Oct 31, 2024 | Nov 1, 2024 -<br>Jan 5, 2025 | AMOUNT |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
|  | Full Weekend Package           | \$125.00                      | \$145.00                     |        |
| Friday Dinner & Entertainment  | \$32.00                        | \$38.00                       | \$44.00                      |        |
| Saturday Breakfast & Morning Sessions                                | \$24.00                        | \$30.00                       | \$36.00                      |        |
| Saturday Lunch & Afternoon Sessions                                  | \$32.00                        | \$38.00                       | \$44.00                      |        |
| Saturday Dinner & Entertainment                                      | \$54.00                        | \$60.00                       | \$66.00                      |        |
| Sunday Brunch & Morning Sessions                                     | \$29.00                        | \$35.00                       | \$41.00                      |        |
| 2025 5M9 Mid-Winter T-Shirt (circle size)                            | \$35.00                        | S   M   L                     | XL   2XL                     |        |
|  |                                |                               | <b>TOTAL:</b>                |        |

**Checks payable to:**  
**Nisswa Lions Club**

Mail this **NISSWA LIONS CLUB**  
 registration 2025 Mid-Winter Convention  
 & check to: PO Box 434  
 Nisswa, MN 56468

Register online: [www.signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/2025-5M9-MidWinter)

## **Congratulations! Your registration is filled out, what's next?**



**–Order your 2025 5M9 convention T-shirt**  
for only \$35.00! If you want one, order it now!!  
(on the registration form incase you missed it).

Super soft, purple, long sleeve, hooded with a  
draw string.

Unisex sizes available: S M L XL 2XL

**– Book your room!**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made directly with Cragun's Resort

[https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lions\\_5m\\_9\\_jan2025](https://craguns.formstack.com/forms/lions_5m_9_jan2025)

**To guarantee room rate, you must reserve by December 1, 2024.**

**– Pack your bags!**

**– Get ready for fun, fellowship and connecting with fellow Lions!**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Cragun's has a new policy regarding bringing in outside food; effective January 1, 2025 we can no longer have our Friday night hospitality booths stocked from outside food sources. All food items have to be purchased through Cragun's. The registration cost reflects that addition for Friday night.





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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will the DG team be expected to give out awards to club members? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

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

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

# District Governor Team Travels



## April 2024

| March 27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|          |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |    |
| 3        | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10       | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17       | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24       | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31       |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| May 27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S      | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|        |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5      | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19     | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26     | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                      | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| 31   | 1   | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6<br>Diann Bates Visitation 10A<br>11A Celebration of Life<br>Family FC-7348 Excelsior Rd 1 |
| 7  | 8   | 9  | 10<br>Zone 1 Mtg.-Northland<br>Arboretum, Baxter | 11<br>Backus - DG Linda                       | 12   | 13<br>LCIF Gala<br>Parkers Prairie EC   |
| 14   | 15 <b>TAX DAY!</b><br><br>50th Anniversary<br>Northland Remer | 16<br>Palisade-DG Linda<br>025 Convention Mtg<br>Aitkin-DG Linda | 17<br>Deer Creek-DG Linda                        | 18  | 19<br>COG's Mtg.<br>MD5M Convention<br>Winnipeg  | 20<br>MD5M Convention<br>Winnipeg   |
| 21<br>MD5M Convention<br>Winnipeg                      | 22<br>Zone 7 Mtg.-Campbell CC<br><br>Ottetail-1st VDGE Cathe  | 23   | 24<br>7pm GAT Zoom Mtg.                          | 25<br>OT Lions Blood Drive<br>OTCC - 2:30-6pm | 26<br>GAT Team Mtg.<br>Finalize goals,objectives | 27  |
| 28<br>SM9 Spring Training<br>Wadena HS<br>12:30-5:30pm | 29  | 30   | 1  | 2   | 3  | 4   |
| 5  | 6   | Notes  |  |   |  |   |

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

Contact me for assistance or with questions  
Submit to: [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)  
Sue Stebbins editor

### Websites to know

**Lions Club International: [www: lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)**

**Multiple District 5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)**

***District 5M9* <https://www.lionsof5m9.org/>**

*Lions Program Sites*

**Can Do Canines: [www: candocanines.org](http://www.candocanines.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](http://www.lcif.org)**

**Leader Dog for the Blind: [www: leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)**

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: [www.mnlionsdiabetes.org](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org)**

**MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: [www: MNLERC.org](http://www.MNLERC.org)**

**MN Lions Hearing Foundation: [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)**

**MN Lions Vision Foundation:  
[www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org](http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org)**

**Project New Hope: [www: projectnewhope.net](http://www.projectnewhope.net)**



### *5M9 Service Journal*



This publication is of, by, and for the Lions, & Leos of District 5M-9

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