



April 2025

Make Your Mark!

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Congratulations to

St. Louis Park Lions celebrate 83 Years!!

(April 28, 1942)

Eden Prairie Lioness' celebrate 24 years!

(April 1, 2001)



Let's Keep PUMPING UP THE 5M-5 PRIDE!

STATS (As Of 03/24/2025)

Total Clubs: 37

District 5M5 Membership: 1,351

Net Gain/Loss: +12

Membership update Added: 99

Membership update Dropped: -87

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!



Way to go Lions and Clubs – We are GROWING!

Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to strengthening our Clubs, our District, and Lions International. Your hard work is paying off, and our increasing membership means we can achieve even more together.

New Members = More Service!!

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Hollie Knutson	John Knutson	Dayton Lions Club
Jeff Daiker	Steve Zukowski	Maple Grove Lions Club
Nimrata Sandhu	Nell Campbell	Maple Grove Lions Club
Tim Doran	Phil Leith	Maple Grove Lions Club
Christine Friday	Kathi Hemken	New Hope Lions Club
Eric Hanson	Andrew Geier	New Hope Lions Club
Julia Bethke	Cindy Pennoyer	New Hope Lions Club
Robert Kruse	Michael Schon	New Hope Lions Club
Annelisse McIntosh	Ian McIntosh	Robbinsdale Lions Club
John Richard	Eric Hillman	Robbinsdale Lions Club
Kelly McDyre	Amy Sutton	Robbinsdale Lions Club
Lindsay Daniels	John Zieba	Robbinsdale Lions Club

Congratulations! You're now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organization.

This means that you've joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact.

We couldn't be happier to have you as a Lion!

[Click here for more information from Lions Club International](#)

If you have been sharing the Lions opportunity with others and have recruited a New Lion in the past 6 months, make sure to attend our next All Club Meeting on April 7th, we have your PUMP UP THE PRIDE Pins and we cannot wait to Congratulate you in person and meet your New Member!!!!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

If the Date (Month, Day) is blue and underlined, that is a link to more info, a flyer, an email, or a website.

If the Date (Month, Day) is black and not underlined, there is no link or further information at this time.

Submit articles, news, photo for the next issue by the 25th . To this email: lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com

APRIL 2025

<u>04/01/2025</u>	Brooklyn Center Lions 70th Anniversary
<u>04/06/2025</u>	New Hope Lions Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction
<u>04/07/2025</u>	All Club Meeting (RSVP by March 30)
<u>04/09/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
<u>04/10/2025</u>	Feed My Starving Children
<u>04/10/2025</u>	Circus Volunteers-Earn Money for YOUR club
<u>04/13/2025</u>	Osseo Lions Pancake All You Can Eat Pancakes
<u>04/23-24-25-2025</u>	Brooklyn Park Lions Smelt Fry
<u>04/25/2025</u>	MD5M Convention
<u>04/26/2025</u>	MD5M Convention-Invitation
<u>04/26/2025</u>	MD5M Convention-Keynote Speaker
<u>04/26/2025</u>	MD5M Convention-Schedule
<u>04/26/2025</u>	MD5M Convention-Table Sponsorship
<u>04/26/2025</u>	Minneapolis NE Lions Bowling for Charity
<u>04/27/2025</u>	Eden Prairie Pancake Breakfast

MAY 2025

<u>05/02/2025</u>	Maple Grove Lions-Taco Dinner for Childhood Cancer
<u>05/05/2025</u>	Officer Training for Incoming Club Officers
<u>05/10/2025</u>	Maple Grove-Half Marathon
<u>05/12/2025</u>	Brews & Bingo, A Lions Club Social
<u>05/14/2025</u>	Maple Grove Lions – Legos at the Lookout
<u>05/14/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry

JUNE 2025

<u>06/11/2025</u>	Crystal Lions Steak Fry
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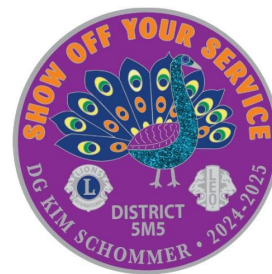
JULY 2025

<u>07/10/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo-MN Lions Childhood Cancer Night (7:30 PM)
<u>07/11/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
<u>07/12/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (1:00 PM and 7:30 PM)
<u>07/13/2025</u>	Hamel Rodeo (7:30 PM)
07/13/2025	LCI Convention, Orlando
<u>09/13/2025</u>	Maple Grove-Rock n Grove-Hairball



DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Kim Schommer



Hello Lions

Spring has sprung! I hope everyone is doing well and is enjoying the first signs of Spring! Spring is a very busy time of year in our district as well.

I am enjoying my year as you DG and enjoy visiting the Lions of 5M5. I have either visited or scheduled visits with most of the clubs in our district. There are a few clubs that have not contacted me or responded to my attempts to reach them. If your club has not yet scheduled a visit, please do so as soon as possible as my calendar fills up quickly. In March I visited Eden Prairie, New Hope, Crystal, Minneapolis Northside Roaring, and Hamel. I also attended Lions Day at the Capital, the 3rd Council of Governors meeting and the LCIF Go for the Gold Gala which raised funds for Lions Club International Foundation. We also held our last cabinet meeting for the 2024 -2025 Lions year. I want to thank each of the Lions who served on the cabinet this year. I appreciate your service in helping to lead our district.

There is a lot going on in 5M5 and the multiple in the next few months, be sure to review the upcoming events in this issue of the informer. A few upcoming events include: The Brooklyn Center Lions are celebrating their 70th Anniversary on April 1st, Several clubs have pancake breakfasts this month, the Bloomington Lions still are looking for volunteers for the Royal Canadian Circus which is April 10 -20 at the Mall of America, several clubs are planning environmental service projects and roadside clean ups and there are many projects be planned as well.

Please remember that you should be in the process of nominating and electing club officers for next year. Please be sure to log your officers in the portal as soon as possible after elections.

I hope to see many of you at the All-Club meeting on April 7th and at the MD5M convention at the Bloomington Airport Hilton, April 25- 27.

Thank you for serving your communities - you make a difference to many!

Yours in Lionism

Lion Kim Schommer

District Governor



1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Sara McFee



Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.

What is District 5M-5's future?

Our future is the same as 5M-5's past.

Service.

Our District is about Service. It is about caring about and for our communities and our world.

We care about making a positive impact – changing our world for the better. We want to help as soon as we see a need, as soon as a disaster takes place. We bring hope and healing. We change lives.

While our mission of the past, is the same for our future, we have changed throughout our decades of service.

We've welcomed men, women and youth to serve together. We've found new ways of performing service. We've identified new service to provide. We've welcomed new ideas.

Look around our District this month. We'll be performing environmental projects, collecting to feed those who hunger, screening for vision, diabetes and hearing conditions, supporting families experiencing cancer, providing funding for humanitarian needs, encouraging our youth to make a difference through their service,

We are making our mark. You have the opportunity to expand the mark we make. Invite others – family members, friends, colleagues – to join you and your club in service.

I'm challenging each of our clubs to welcome at least one new member during April. Just think how we can expand our service impact by simply adding **1** new member to each club this month!

Thank you – for everything you do to improve our world.

Lion Sara

Sara McFee

5M-5 District Governor-Elect
5M-5 Co-Trustee, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions Club
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com



2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Bruce Strachota



Since the last Cabinet meeting I have been working with my fellow 2nd VDGs to pick out the ties and scarves for the 2026-2027 Lions year.

We also have worked on creating the official pins for our time as DGs.

I have been attending zoom meetings with GLT, GMT, 2026 Multiple Convention committee as well as zoom meetings and in person meetings with members of the Multiple and Constitutional Area C.

I am eager to do more club visits so I can see what great projects our clubs are involved in.

Yours in Lionism,
2nd VDG Bruce Strachota



GLOBAL EXTENTION TEAM (GET)

The Global Extension Team (GET) has been working very hard on starting a new club within District 5M5 this Lions year. We are looking to develop traditional, specialty, virtual and campus-based Lions clubs.

- We have been researching communities within District 5M5 do not have a Lions Club so that we can plant a seed for a club.
- We currently have a solid 8 future Lions committed to sign up for a new downtown Minneapolis club. One is willing to serve as treasurer. Seven want to serve as Lions but do not have time to be club officers.
- We are actively working on starting a new club Minnetonka. (Currently there are no clubs in Minnetonka.). Two people are interested in putting boots to the ground and doing some door-to-door efforts to connecting with potential Lions members.
- We are still working on specialty clubs with two potential clubs.
- As of March 24 we have 2 new clubs in the multiple our goal is 13 by the end of the Lion year.
- A Zoom presentation will be held Wednesday, April 30th 7pm to share information about the “Join Together” partnership approach with 501c3 or 501c4 non-profit or corporate organizations to start new clubs with as few as 15 members.
- Join our 5M-5 GET team. We are seeking Lions to join our team to help us to continue to start new clubs in our District.

Connect with me about our GET team.

Lion Michael Crenshaw
5M-5 Global Extension Team Coordinator

bplionmichael@gmail.com

This month's Did You Know column focuses on Officer Elections!

+Did you know it is time to:

- ❖ Recruit officers and share officer position descriptions with club members.
- ❖ Plan and hold a meaningful Club election.

Elections can be done in different ways!

- ❖ In-person balloting (voting with paper) and free online options such as
- ❖ SurveyMonkey.com.
- ❖ Nominate and elect club officers for the 2025 - 2026 Lion Year.
- ❖ Invite incoming officers and any Lion interested in future officer positions to District

5M5's Club Officer Training on May 5 at Can Do Canines! (See flyer in Informer.)

- ❖ Celebrate and mentor club officers into new club officer roles.
- ❖ Assign a mentor for each officer and attend 5M5 Club Officer training May 5
- ❖ List officers for upcoming Lion Year in Lion Portal by May 1
 - Go to **My Club**
 - in the **Member Actions** section on right select blue-colored **Manage Club Officers** tab
 - select **Create New Assignment**
 - select **Upcoming Lion Year**
 - select **Officer**
 - select **Official**
 - select **Member Name**





GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT)

🇺🇸 Big cheers for our unstoppable 5M-5 Lions and Clubs – we are on the rise! 🚀
Your incredible dedication and commitment are turning ambitions into achievements. With our growing membership, we're unlocking even more ways to make a difference together. More Members = More Service!

🌟 Let's Celebrate New Lions! 🌟

Have you been spreading the Lions magic and welcomed a new member to the pride in the past 6 months? Mark your calendar for the All Club Meeting on April 7th! We'll have your PUMP UP THE PRIDE Pins ready and waiting to celebrate YOU and your newest addition to the pride. Can't wait to see all the fantastic faces of our growing community! 🐾 🌟

📊 District Membership Stats (As of 03/24/2025): Total Clubs: 37

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🎵 **Brews & Bingo – Mark Your Calendars!** 🍷

Get ready for a night of friendship, fun, and a little friendly competition with your fellow Lions!

📅 Date: May 12, 2025

🕒 Time: 4:00–7:00 PM (Bingo starts at 5 PM)

📍 Location: Wicked Wort Brewing Company, 4165 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale 55422

Happy Hour specials run from 4–6 PM, so arrive early and let's turn up the energy. Don't forget to bring your Lion spirit! 🍷 🎯

🔔 Let's Keep PUMPING UP THE PRIDE!

The District 5M-5 Global Membership Team is here to help you and your Club soar to new heights. If you're passionate about growing ideas, nurturing leaders, and amplifying service to others, let's connect and make it happen together!

💡 Plus... We're on the lookout for Lions and Membership Directors ready to join the super cool Global Membership Team. Reach out and let's roar into action! 🌟

Yours in Lionism,

Your Global Membership Team,

Lion Judy Rue

Lion Denise Dietz

PDG Dick Kentzelman

DGE Sara McFee

Lion Hannah Maxwell

GET Chair Michael Crenshaw

PDG Jennifer Marshall

1st DGE Bruce Strachota

Lion Shari Thurston

PDG Kristine Morin

DG Kim Schommer

GMT Chair Lion Heidi Zaworski

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<https://lions5m5.org/gmt-global-membership>

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) WE SERVE IN UNITY



Childhood
Cancer



Diabetes



Disaster



Environment



Humanitarian



Hunger



Vision



Youth

Global Service Team

April is time to freshen up outside after our long winter and so we are promoting Spring Clean Up. Help clean up your community by doing an Environmental Service Project !!!!!!!

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22ND

**THANK YOU PLANNING A SPRING CLEAN UP
OR OTHER LIONS PROJECT FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT THIS YEAR**

LIONS 5M5

SPRING CLEAN UP

EVENTS

**TIPS: LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT-SOCIAL, LOCAL NEWSPAPER & LIONS INFORMER,
BE VISIBLE-MATCHING HATS, BRIGHT CLOTHING, DECALS FOR BAGS, BANNERS
THANK EVERYONE WITH A PIZZA PARTY OR ICE CREAM SOCIAL,
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
MAKE IT AN ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL EVENT & BUILD ON YOUR EVENTS
& IMPROVE THEM EACH YEAR
INVITE OTHER LIONS CLUBS & ORGS-TELL THEM HOW YOU'VE BEEN A SUCCESS
HAVE SOME ONE OR A GROUP THERE TO BABYSIT & ENTERTAIN THE KIDDOS-
LEOS/OTHER LIONS CLUBS
HAVE KIDSIGHT EYECHECKING AT YOUR EVENTS**

ZONE CHAIRS

ZONE 1 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Laurie Carlson

Corcoran Lions
Dayton Lions
Hamel Lions
Loretto Lions
Mpls. Can Do Canines
St. Louis Park Lions
Wayzata Lions

ZONE 2 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Regina Aiken (Gary)

Eden Prairie Lions
Eden Prairie Lioness Lions
Hopkins
Northwest Tonka Lions
Orono Lions
Saint Bonifacius Lions

ZONE 3 CHAIR (terms ends 2027)

Amber Georgeson

Camden Lions
Crystal Lions
Edina Lions
Minneapolis Ambassadors Lions
Minneapolis Downtown Next Generation Lions
Minneapolis Northside Roaring Lions

ZONE 4 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

Heidi Zaworski (Marty)

Bloomington Lions
Minneapolis Northeast Lions
Minneapolis Riverview Lions
Minneapolis Southwest Lions
Minneapolis Special Olympics Minnesota Lions
Richfield Lions

ZONE 5 CHAIR (terms ends 2025)

Judy Rue (Chuck)

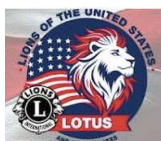
Excelsior Lions
Hopkins Noontime Lions
New Hope Lions
Osseo Lions
Plymouth Lions
Robbinsdale Lions

ZONE 6 CHAIR (terms ends 2026)

Vickie Parks

Brooklyn Center Lady Lions
Brooklyn Center Lions
Brooklyn Park Lady Lions
Brooklyn Park Lions
Maple Grove Lions
Rogers Lions

5M5 DISTRICT INFORMATION



Lions of the United States are more than just volunteers.

We are a global force of compassion and service, united by a shared mission to offer hope by improving and strengthening our communities and the world!

Learn more (and subscribe for free) www.YouTube.com/@USLionsRock

Share the Lions YouTube link with your Lions club, and others who want to volunteer and be a part of meaningful change.



Calendar of Events and Activities - District 5M5's calendar is your key source for information on what is happening at the club, District, Multiple, and International levels. The 5M5's District website calendar is updated throughout the month at Lions5M5.org



5M5 District Website Update - 5M5's website has a fresh look! Check out the website for information, resources, and calendar. Click on the above title to learn more.



New Facebook page - we have a new page. It's: **Lions Service – District 5M5**

Check it out and "Follow" it! Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61570887245952>



Lions License Plates for your cars - After January 1, 2024, you will be able to purchase special Lions plates for your vehicles! Minnesota lawmakers approved a Lions Club special plate for use on passenger automobiles, non-commercial one-ton pickup trucks, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. Ask to purchase the Lions plates at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicles office. The plate includes the Lions logo.

LCI's Eight Global Causes



While LCI's website is still being updated, it is true that Lions Clubs International's Eight Global Causes now include Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision, and Youth. This is great info to share with your club, potential members, and your community!

2029 Lions International Convention in Minneapolis

Volunteers will be needed before and after the Lions International's annual convention in Minneapolis. From planning to hosting to help with airport arrivals and departures, there will be opportunities to welcome and connect with Lions from around the world. Watch for updates. (The last Lions International convention was in Minneapolis in 2009.)

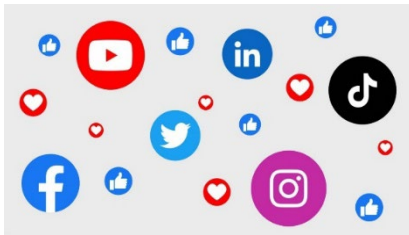


Lions Clubs International – Club Marketing Teams matter!

Club marketing is so important to what we do as Lions. There are great opportunities for Lions to get involved in the planning and execution of their club's promotion of activities and projects. There are even opportunities at the district and multiple district (MD) level for Lions ready to take on a bigger marketing role. Here is how you can put your passion for promotion to work.



Be a marketing champion in your club. Consider becoming a member of your club marketing team. Your team should have a chairperson and other members to cover the various methods of club marketing. These methods include Facebook/Social Media, Newsletters/Print, and Website. Help build a marketing culture within your club membership. Proudly wear your Lion gear when you serve and remember that you are a brand ambassador for your club and Lions everywhere.



For those inclined to take a more active role in promoting their Lions club, why not become the Club marketing chairperson? Energize and lead your club marketing efforts. Develop marketing plans for projects and membership drives, use social media to share your stories, and work with your Lions and community partners to put a spotlight on your service.

If your club currently does not have a marketing team, you are missing opportunities to promote your club events and activities in your community. This also means you are not reaching out to potential event participants as well as potential new members and community partners. Do not let other local volunteer organizations get the attention your Lions club needs and deserves in your community.



Please devote the time your Lions club needs to establish a club marketing team. With your club currently setting up its board of directors and chairpersons for next year, this would be the perfect time to establish a marketing team. This team, along with the new club leadership, can develop a marketing plan for engaging your community. To learn more about club marketing and the tools available to you, please visit the link below:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Invitation Letter



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Lions All:

Lions and Leos from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be gathering at the MD5M Convention on April 25 – 27, 2025. During these three days at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota, this assembled group of community activists will be doing more than just attending meals and handing out awards. Everyone at the convention will have an opportunity to learn and grow as a Lion or Leo.

Contrary to what some think, the MD5M Convention is not just for DGs, PDGs, PCCs, PIDs, IDs, or anyone else who has initials in front of their name. The annual multiple district convention is for all Lions and Leos to attend and to enjoy. This is an opportunity for everyone to focus on increasing and strengthening their leadership skills, explore different opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build their knowledge on Lions' causes, share their personal experiences, and learn new ways to make a difference in their communities and across the world.

Here are a few important things to help you consider attending the MD5M Convention:

Fellowship – With a collection of 300-400 Lions and Leos on hand, you will have something in common with everyone there. You'll be able to immediately connect and network with the other convention attendees. This will open you up to opportunities for sharing ideas, information, and experiences. You can take this knowledge back to your club for others to hear and for your club to possibly utilize in your events and projects.

Seminars & Guest Speakers – There will be presentations made by some wonderful speakers at seminars and during the convention meals. Many of these speakers are people who have benefited from the Lions' supported programs they come to represent. You will be moved and inspired after hearing their stories and are encouraged to share their tales with your family and fellow Lions/Leos.

Convenience - All the MD5M Convention activities will be housed at the Hilton Minneapolis–Saint Paul Airport hotel. No need to worry about taking shuttle buses back and forth between different hotels. Room rates are very reasonable, so that means you can bring the family along with you. While you're busy with your fellow Lions/Leos, they might want to hang out by the pool or go spend some time at the Mall of America, IKEA, or some other nearby shopping and dining destinations.

So, what are you waiting for? You can register for the MD5M Convention by using the link provided below:
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5mmultipleconvention?usp=sharing>

You can reserve your room at the Hilton Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport hotel by calling (952) 854-2100 and ask for the "Lions 2025 Convention" rate of \$119.00 per night plus taxes and fees.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the MD5M Convention in April 2025.

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Keynote Speaker



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our current International President, Fabrício Oliveira, will be at our multiple district convention. His presence gives you the opportunity to engage with him and to learn more about the work being done by our international association across the globe.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, International President Fabrício has held several offices in the association. In recognition of his service as a Lion and to the association, he has received several awards including multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, Leadership Medals, Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. International President Fabrício and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

International President Fabrício's theme for this year is Make Your Mark. The IP believes there's a leader inside every Lion. And all leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. This inspiration and empowerment make our communities healthier and stronger than ever before, thus making our mark in the process. Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so it is time to act!

IP Fabrício will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Take advantage of hearing on how you can make your mark as a Lion from the man who has envisioned it. Come to the MD5M 2025 Convention, hear IP Fabrício's inspirational words, and take them back to your community to share with your fellow Lions. Please register today for the MD5M 2025 Convention!

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS-Schedule



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2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule “Ignite the Lions Pride”

(times, sessions, speakers and details subject to change)

Airport Hilton Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota

Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Registration Opens**

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 AM—12 Noon **Council of Governors Meeting**

11:00 AM—6:00 PM **Registration & Credentials**

1:00 PM—5:00 PM **Foundation Service Projects
Foundation Display Tables**

3:30 PM—4:30 PM **2029 Int'l Committee Meeting**

5:00 PM—6:30 PM **PDG Social & Dinner**

6:00 PM—6:30 PM **First-Timers Meeting**

6:30 PM—7:00 PM **Opening Session &
Flag Ceremony**

7:00 PM—8:00 PM **Service of Remembrance**

8:30 PM—12:00 AM **Welcome Reception**
Social, DJ, Games, Cash Bar

Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM **Breakfast**

7:00 AM—6:00 PM **Registration & Credentials**

7:30 PM—8:30 AM **Foundation Meetings**

9:00 AM—5:00 PM **Silent Auction Open**

9:00 AM—10:00 AM **General Business Meetin**

10:00 AM—5:00 PM **Foundation Display Tables**

10:00 AM—11:15 AM **Seminar I**
Joe Schmit & Katie Shatusky

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM **Luncheon**

1:45 PM—2:15 PM **Lions in Motion - Salsa Dancing**

2:30 PM—3:30 PM **Seminar II**
CC Judy Zewers
DG Mary Curtis

3:45 PM—4:30 PM **Seminar III**
Lion Daniel Marney- Elkins

5:30 PM **Reception & Cash Bar**

6:30 PM—9:00 PM **Banquet**
IP Fabricio Oliveira

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 AM—7:45 AM **PDG Business Meeting**

7:45 AM—8:40 AM **Int'l Convention Meeting**
For those going to Florida

8:00 AM **Silent Auction &
Raffle Results Posted**

8:45 AM—11:00 AM **Brunch & Closing Session**
PCC BJ Blahnik

11:00 AM **Adjourn**

11:15 AM—12:15 PM **Council Chair-Elect &
Past Council Chair Meeting**



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS-

Table Sponsorship



Ignite the Lions Pride

MD5M Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025



TABLE SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors would have the opportunity to secure a table dedication in their honor for each of the meals. Sponsors can be individuals, clubs, districts, foundations, businesses, or other entities. Sponsors would have exposure to all attendees at all the meals.

Four meals at the MD5M 2025 Convention:

Saturday Breakfast
Saturday Lunch
Saturday Banquet
Sunday Brunch

Terms of sponsorship:

1. Tent cards or signs would be placed at the table indicating the sponsorship.
2. Sponsorship would be for all four meals at the convention.
3. Sponsors wishing to use a logo would provide a suitable digital file for use in the creation of the tent cards/signs.
4. Sponsors will also be listed on the sponsors' page in the convention booklet.
5. Sponsorship cost is \$250.00US.

Table Sponsorship registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal/Zip Code: _____

Make checks payable to "5M7 Lions" and mail order form and check to the address listed below:

MD5M Convention
c/o Judy Herrala
222730 Waco Street NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

Thank you for your consideration,

5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION NEWS- Convention Shirts



Ignite the Lions Pride
MD5M Multiple District Convention
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5m7lions@gmail.com



MD5M 2025 Lions Convention Clothing



T-Shirts – price per item – \$23 (S – M – L – XL) – \$25 2XL – \$27 3XL – \$29 4XL – \$31 5XL

Hoodies – price per item – \$35 (S – M – L – XL) – \$37 2XL – \$39 3XL – \$41 4XL – \$43 5XL

Polos – price per item – \$27 (S – M – L – XL) – \$29 2XL – \$31 3XL – \$33 4XL – \$35 5XL

Colors Available (all clothing) – Black – Maroon – True Royal Blue

Bee-Seen Promotions has this convention clothing available at their MD5M on-line store!

MD5M Link & QR code:

<https://www.storessimple.com/beeseenpromotions/30017>

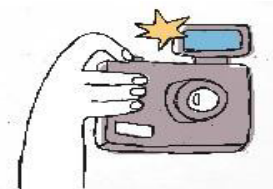


You can also check out the merchandise on their Lions on-line store:

<https://www.storessimple.com/beeseenpromotions/10350>



Thank you for your consideration,
MD5M 2025 Lions Convention Planning Committee

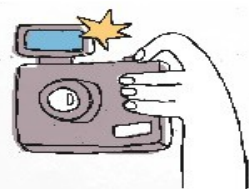


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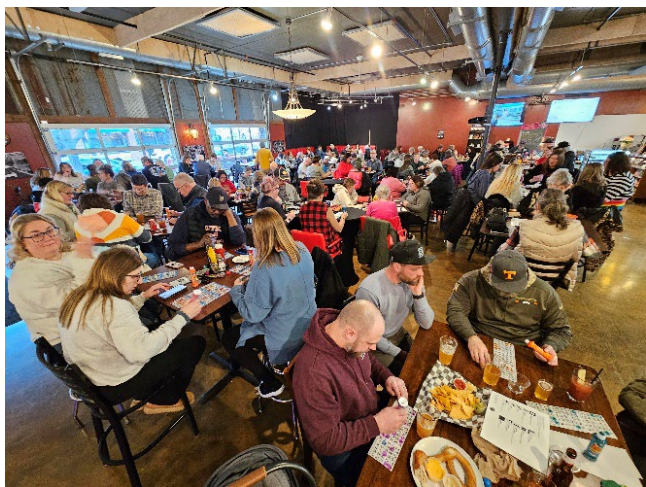
Email Your Photos of your Lions in action.

Please include dates, names, locations etc. to this email:

lionsdistrict5m5@gmail.com



The Robbinsdale Lions Bingo and Meat Raffle event was a huge success. The Wicked Wort Brewing Co. was completely packed! Thanks to all who attended.



Robbinsdale Lions Newest Lions

Annelisse McIntosh & Sponsor Ian McIntosh;
Kelly McDyre & Sponsor Amy Sutton; Lindsay
Daniels & Sponsor John Zieba; John Richard &
Sponsor Eric Hillman



5M-5 Leos helping residents at St. Therese in New Hope plant things in the pots they decorated at the Midwinter Convention. They have plenty of pots left so if your club can use them for a service project please let me know.

**Lion Mike Peach,
Leo Chair**



Presentation of \$25,000 to City of Maple Grove for Police Department badges. Change in state emblem required them to get new badges.



Three new Maple Grove Lions with their sponsors!







**Maple Grove Lions Sip & Sample on March 7th
had 322 attendees sampling food and drinks from area businesses.**



The Fetching Ball Gala was held on February 22nd and raised over \$315,000! Please save the date of April 11, 2026, for next year's event. This year's speaker mentioned how her amazing Assist Dog improved her relationship with her partner. It takes some stress off the partner as the dog can perform some of the tasks the partner had to complete before. An example was tugging off the socks at the end of a long day.

An Open House was held on March 8th and it was exciting to see a full parking lot and friendly Lions helping direct traffic. The event is broken up into 20 minutes slots to hear about the program and see Assist Dogs working. If you are interested in attending the next one is on Saturday, May 17th, 12-2. No need to RSVP and It does not take the whole two hours, short as 25 minutes. Bring friends as there is something for nearly everyone!

25 clubs in 5M5 have already donated a total of \$18,386 for 2025. Brooklyn Park Lady Lions have reached out to schedule a visit. My next step will be alerting clubs on the amounts of Top Dog Awards and the steps to do that process.

Lion Daren Johnson

Leader Dogs for the Blind has been transforming lives for 85 years, providing independence and mobility to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. With more than **14,500 graduates across 49 states, 7 provinces, and 31 countries**, Leader Dogs impact extends far and wide. Each year, Leader Dog offers **12 guide dog training sessions**, with up to **24 clients per class**, ensuring that hundreds of individuals receive the support they need to navigate life with confidence.

5M-5 Lions Support

Lions Clubs have been long-time supporters of Leader Dogs for the Blind, and this year has been no exception. **25 5M-5 Lions Clubs** donated **\$26,378 year-to-date**, surpassing last year's total of **\$24,820**. This consistent growth highlights the dedication of Lions members in ensuring that Leader Dog continues its life-changing work.

I have had the opportunity to spread awareness about Leader Dog's mission by speaking at three Lions Clubs this year: **Brooklyn Center Lady Lions, Brooklyn Center Lady Lions and St. Louis Park Lions**,

Before the end of our current Lion year, I am also scheduled to meet at other 5M-5 Lions Clubs. I am available to come speak at your club. Connect with me to schedule a club visit.



Lion Michael Crenshaw
5M-5 Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair
651-500-9400
bpLionMichael@gmail.com



As spring and graduation approaches the Leo year is beginning to wind down. Clubs completed their very successful service projects as we look to prepare for next year. Advisors, a word to the wise; encourage your graduating officers to pick their replacements before they graduate! I learned this the hard way.

The final Presidents Meeting for the year will be held on Monday April 7, 2025, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the Brooklyn Park Library. All interested Lions are invited to attend. Food and drink will be provided so be sure to let me know if you plan to attend. There will also be awards presented; long-time Champlin Park Youth Service Coordinator and Leo Liaison Jane Hansen will be retiring. Jane has been deeply involved with the entire 5M-5 Leo program as well as her own schools club for many years. She will be sorely missed!

The final district Leo service project will be once again held at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Thursday, April 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Again any Lion can attend, there are positions only adults can fill and if you want to have fun with the Leos and see what they do, this is your chance! It's a very impressive and rewarding experience seeing how many starving children the evenings work fed.

Finally, work continues to progress, albeit slower than I'd like with the developing Leo clubs. Armstrong was delayed by liaison issues and the Orono Lions have expressed an interest in starting a Leo club there.

As always please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Thank you!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Mike Peach, District Leo Chair
Maple Grove Lions Club



MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION



We're on a mission to support researchers in developing treatments, and a cure, for diabetes.

During our quarterly meeting March 15, Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation trustees approved three grants totaling \$76,000.

Supporting University of Minnesota Research

MLDF trustees approved a total of \$70,000 for research at the University of Minnesota. \$35,000 was awarded for research about which future islet transplantation clinical trial would be best for an individual (decision based upon strength and nature of transplant recipient immune system), and \$35,000 was awarded for research focused on understanding the origins of autoimmune diabetes.

Supporting Youth at Camp Sweet Life

Trustees also approved a grant of \$5,000 to support Camp Sweet Life scholarship fund. Camp Sweet Life is a non-profit organization that provides youth who have Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) an opportunity to connect with other kids who have T1D, learn how to take better care of themselves, and have loads of fun in a carefree summer camp environment.

We look forward to talking with you at your club meetings and events and providing you with diabetes service project ideas.

Thank you for your support!

Your contributions to Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation supports research and other diabetes-related programs and services that are improving the lives of many living with diabetes.



Lion Sara McFee
LionSaraMcFee@gmail.com
612-269-8709

Lion Paul Newman
PENewman@cbburnett.com
612-799-4165

MN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION



The **Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation** is excited to partner with the **Hamel Rodeo** again this year! Last year, our Lions volunteers made a real impact by helping with food service and ticket scanning, and we are continuing this effort in 2025.

This year, we are specifically looking for volunteers on two key nights:



Thursday, July 10 (Childhood Cancer Night – Opening Night)



Sunday, July 13 (Closing Night)



Shift Time: 4:30 – 10:30 PM



20 volunteers to scan tickets



10 volunteers to work in the food area

As 5M5 Cabinet members, you have the first opportunity to sign up before we open this to Lions in other districts. If you're interested, please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link below:



Sign Up Here—Feel free to share this opportunity with others who may be interested. The **minimum age to volunteer is 16**. If you have any questions, please reach out to Colleen or me.

Can't Volunteer? You Can Still Support!

If you're unable to volunteer, you can still support childhood cancer efforts by attending the event. **Tickets are \$25** and can only be purchased online at:



www.hamelrodeo.org



Avoid searching on Google, as it may direct you to third-party sites with marked-up prices. **No one should pay more than \$25 per ticket!**

Thank you for your continued support—together, we can make a difference!



KidSight will show up early to the All Club meeting April 7 so clubs will have plenty of time to find out more about how they can participate in childhood vision screening.

We can come to your club meeting to do a brief presentation about the program, which provides fast, free, no-touch screening for kids 6 months to 18 years old.

We can do a training session for interested members of your club, or clubs in a specific area. The training session lasts about 45 minutes and goes into detail about all the steps in creating and putting on a KidSight screening at one of your club or community events.

A great way to learn about how KidSight works is to volunteer at a screening. KidSight is a Multiple District-wide program, and any interested Lion can volunteer at any screening regardless of club affiliation or which club is holding the event.

5m-5 KidSight Directors Lions Bill Thurston and Tim Conaway work with clubs all over the district and are always glad to follow up on your interest, whether it is a presentation, training, or at an event.

We look forward to seeing you at the All-Club, and throughout a busy summer or screenings.

Lion Bill Thurston

wjthurston@comcast.net

612 790 7367

Lion Tim Conaway

liontimconaway@gmail.com

612 269 0027

Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games Volunteers Needed

Opening Eyes for the Summer Games is soon upon us! Registration is open and Lions can sign up now. Our Lions will be assisting the eye care professionals and doctors in providing a complete eye care examination with free glasses for the athletes. The screeners used in Kidsight will be used as part of the exam. Opening Eyes is a fun and needed service project being held this year at the U of M. The clinic will be held in the Field House at the U of M Minneapolis Campus on Saturday June 21 from 8am to 4pm, with set up Friday the 20th 9am to 1pm. This service project is funded in part by LCI and is a 5M Multiple service project. 5M5 volunteers may be working alongside Lions from other districts. There are 2 shifts available on Saturday and if volunteers want to stay the entire day, they can sign up for a shift for both periods.

Summer Games are fun for all involved. The athletes get to compete in a sport they love, they get to see friends from around the state, and they can get some health screenings alongside teammates. They might not easily get these screenings at another time as parents of athletes find their kids are difficult to get into medical professionals, that is unless... Unless they are with friends or teammates! For the volunteers, they'll have fun interacting with the athletes as well as Lions from around the state. The athletes usually love to talk about their medals and many like jokes. It's a fun time while helping others!

Volunteer For This Event here [**Special Olympics Minnesota Event Listing & Registration**](#)

Any questions, contact

Lion Ray Moonen	952.201.7031
Lion Jim Cain	763.232.0790
Lion Laura Maki	507.381.7417

EVENT FLYERS

INTRODUCING.... CRUISING WITH THE DG

Attend the meeting of another club* when DG Kim visits them and....



- Receive an exclusive "Cruising With The DG" pin
- See what other clubs are about
- Hang out with DG Kim & learn more about what the DG does
- Learn about new service projects and fundraisers
- Meet new people and do cool things



Interested??? Contact DG Kim at
schox3@comcast.net or
612-716-0936

*RIDE WITH OR MEET DG KIM AT THE MEETING



Brooklyn Center Lions
70th Anniversary Celebration
April 1, 2025

Osseo – Maple Grove American Legion 260 4th Avenue SE, Osseo

5:30 Social 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Program

Keynote Speaker: PID Ross Thorfinnson
\$35 per person

Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert,
Beverage, Pay Bar

R.S.V.P. with payment by March 21, 2025 **FIRM**

Send to Lion Sandy Becker, 6433 Fremont Avenue N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Name: _____
Guest(s) Names: _____
Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Club: _____

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72 YEARS • WE SERVE • 1953-2025

New Hope Lions Club Annual PANCAKE & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday April 6, 2025 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Crystal Community Center 4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN

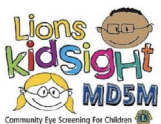
All you can eat pancakes served with sausage, coffee, and juice.

Adults \$10.00
Kids (6-13) \$5.00
5 and under FREE

Silent Auction/Raffle Items 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Proceeds to benefit community and Lions international projects.

Auction ends at 11:30 AM. Raffle winner drawings held around 11:30 AM.
All winning items must be picked up no later than 12:30 PM day of event!!



Lions KidSight provides free eye screenings
kids ages 6 months to 18 years.

Bring your used eyeglasses for a donation to those in need.



5M-5 ALL CLUB MEETING

APRIL
7th

5:30 PM Social
6:00 PM Dinner

Bring a Friend or Two & Join Us For

- > Fun and Comradery
- > Service Project Ideas
- > Making Meetings FUN Tips
- > Upcoming Events
- > Training Opportunities
- > Prize Drawings
- > Awards



CRYSTAL VFW Post 494
5222 Bass Lake Road Crystal
55429 Lower level

RSVP by Sunday, March 30th
with your Name, Club Name and
Meal Choice/or choose no meal to
Lions5m5ZoneInfo@gmail.com

\$20. Per Person
Checks made Payable to
Crystal VFW
Baked Chicken or Pork Loin
Baked Potato
& Green Beans
Beverages available for
purchase.
Desserts courtesy of
the Zone Chairs

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

April 9, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$14

Include:

8 Oz, Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

Come One, Come All Volunteer!

RAISE MONEY FOR
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BY VOLUNTEERING FOR
THE ROYAL CANADIAN CIRCUS
AT THE MALL OF AMERICA'S NORTH LOT

**11 DAYS!
19 SHOWS!**

APRIL 10-20th

PICK ONE
OR WORK 'EM ALL!

[HTTPS://RB.GY/V7VWZ0](https://rb.gy/v7vwz0)

**SIGN UP ON SIGN
UP GENIUS!**



SCAN ME



CIRCUS DOES NOT USE EXOTIC ANIMALS



**District 5M5 Lions and Leo's
invited to pack food at**

Feed My Starving Children

Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Coon Rapids site

401 93rd Ave, Coon Rapids

Sign up by Tue Apr 8 - email Jane Hansen at
Jane.Hansen@ahschools.us

WE'RE FLIPPING FOR YOU!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE!

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 8AM-12PM

Osseo Lions Annual All-You-Can-Eat *Pancakes!

Sausage, Juice, and Coffee Available

***ALL YOU
CAN EAT!**

\$12/ADULT
at the door

\$6/KIDS
4-10 YRS

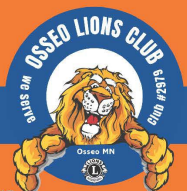
Kids Under 4
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annual**

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SUPPORT LION CHARITIES & THE OSSEO COMMUNITY!**

Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion, Post 172
260 - 4th Ave SE, Osseo

osseolions.org





Brooklyn Park Lions Club 62nd Annual "Worlds Largest" Smelt Fry

April 23, 24 & 25
4:30pm to 8:00pm



Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center/ Armory

5500 85th Ave N - Brooklyn Park Minnesota

Adults: \$18.00 in Advance, \$20.00 at the Door

Children 12 and under \$10.00



Deep Fried SMELT (All You can Eat)

Fresh Coleslaw - Black Beans - Rice or Mac

Chips - Dinner Roll.



Save and Get Advance Tickets at:
Community Activity Center Desk
Godfathers Pizza
Ask a Lion

← Buy Tickets Online

Cold Beer

BPL Drum & Dance Corp

**will be
joining
us providing
Ice Cream
Treats
for your
Enjoyment!**



CEAP - is joining us this week!
**Open your heart, consider our
friends & neighbors who can't
attend this event and bring a
food donation.**



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Lions All:

Lions and Leos from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be gathering at the MD5M Convention on April 25 – 27, 2025. During these three days at the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport in Bloomington, Minnesota, this assembled group of community activists will be doing more than just attending meals and handing out awards. Everyone at the convention will have an opportunity to learn and grow as a Lion or Leo.

Contrary to what some think, the MD5M Convention is not just for DGs, PDGs, PCCs, PIDs, IDs, or anyone else who has initials in front of their name. The annual multiple district convention is for all Lions and Leos to attend and to enjoy. This is an opportunity for everyone to focus on increasing and strengthening their leadership skills, explore different opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build their knowledge on Lions' causes, share their personal experiences, and learn new ways to make a difference in their communities and across the world.

Here are a few important things to help you consider attending the MD5M Convention:

Fellowship – With a collection of 300-400 Lions and Leos on hand, you will have something in common with everyone there. You'll be able to immediately connect and network with the other convention attendees. This will open you up to opportunities for sharing ideas, information, and experiences. You can take this knowledge back to your club for others to hear and for your club to possibly utilize in your events and projects.

Seminars & Guest Speakers – There will be presentations made by some wonderful speakers at seminars and during the convention meals. Many of these speakers are people who have benefited from the Lions' supported programs they come to represent. You will be moved and inspired after hearing their stories and are encouraged to share their tales with your family and fellow Lions/Leos.

Convenience – All the MD5M Convention activities will be housed at the Hilton Minneapolis-Saint Paul Airport hotel. No need to worry about taking shuttle buses back and forth between different hotels. Room rates are very reasonable, so that means you can bring the family along with you. While you're busy with your fellow Lions/Leos, they might want to hang out by the pool or go spend some time at the Mall of America, IKEA, or some other nearby shopping and dining destinations.

So, what are you waiting for? You can register for the MD5M Convention by using the link provided below:
<https://sites.google.com/view/md5multipleconvention?usp=sharing>

You can reserve your room at the Hilton Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport hotel by calling (952) 854-2100 and ask for the "Lions 2025 Convention" rate of \$119.00 per night plus taxes and fees.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you at the MD5M Convention in April 2025.

SM7 Lions Convention Planning Committee



Ignite the Lions Pride MD5M Multiple District Convention April 25-27, 2025



Convention Keynote Speaker



Lions of MD5M,

Attendees of the MD5M 2025 Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota will be in for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our current International President, Fabricio Oliveira, will be at our multiple district convention. His presence gives you the opportunity to engage with him and to learn more about the work being done by our international association across the globe.

A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, International President Fabricio has held several offices in the association. In recognition of his service as a Lion and to the association, he has received several awards including multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation, Leadership Medals, Presidential Medals, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor awarded by the association to its members. International President Fabricio and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

International President Fabricio's theme for this year is Make Your Mark. The IP believes there's a leader inside every Lion. And all leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. This inspiration and empowerment make our communities healthier and stronger than ever before, thus making our mark in the process. Every day provides us with a chance to make our mark as Lions, so it is time to act!

IP Fabricio will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Take advantage of hearing on how you can make your mark as a Lion from the man who has envisioned it. Come to the MD5M 2025 Convention, hear IP Fabricio's inspirational words, and take them back to your community to share with your fellow Lions. Please register today for the MD5M 2025 Convention!

Thank you for your consideration,

SM7 Lions MD5M 2025 Convention Planning Committee



2025 Lions MD5M Convention Schedule "Ignite the Lions Pride"

(times, sessions, speakers and details subject to change)

**Airport Hilton Hotel
Bloomington, Minnesota**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration Opens

Friday, April 25, 2025

7:00 AM—12 Noon Council of Governors Meeting

11:00 AM—6:00 PM Registration & Credentials

1:00 PM—5:00 PM Foundation Service Projects
Foundation Display Tables

3:30 PM—4:30 PM 2025 Int'l Committee Meeting

5:00 PM—6:30 PM PDG Social & Dinner

6:00 PM—6:30 PM First-Timers Meeting

6:30 PM—7:00 PM Opening Session &
Flag Ceremony

7:00 PM—8:00 PM Service of Remembrance

8:30 PM—12:00 AM Welcome Reception
Social, DJ, Games, Cash Bar

Saturday, April 26, 2025

6:45 AM—8:30 AM Breakfast

7:00 AM—6:00 PM Registration & Credentials

7:30 PM—8:30 AM Foundation Meetings

9:00 AM—5:00 PM Silent Auction Open

9:00 AM—10:00 AM General Business Meetin

10:00 AM—5:00 PM Foundation Display Tables

10:00 AM—11:15 AM Seminar I
Joe Schmitt & Katie Shatusky

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (continued)

11:30 AM—1:30 PM Luncheon

1:45 PM—2:15 PM Lions in Motion - Salsa Dancing

2:30 PM—3:30 PM Seminar II

CC Judy Zewers

DG Mary Curtis

Seminar III

Lion Daniel Morney- Elkins

5:30 PM Reception & Cash Bar

6:30 PM—9:00 PM Banquet

IP Fabricio Oliveira

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 AM—7:45 AM PDG Business Meeting

7:45 AM—8:40 AM Int'l Convention Meeting

For those going to Florida

8:00 AM Silent Auction &
Raffle Results Posted

8:45 AM—11:00 AM Brunch & Closing Session

PCC BJ Blahnik

11:00 AM Adjourn

11:15 AM—12:15 PM Council Chair-Elect &
Past Council Chair Meeting





Ignite the Lions Pride Multiple District Convention

April 25-27, 2025

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11/1/2024

Greetings!

Lion leaders from across Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Manitoba will be holding a big Convention, April 25 – 27, 2025 at the Hilton Minneapolis – St. Paul Airport in Bloomington. This event brings together between 300 and 400 Lions who will spend 3 days focused on increasing and strengthening leadership. We will explore opportunities for service, hear from inspirational speakers, build knowledge, visit with Lions charitable foundations, share our experiences and learn new ways to make a difference for a whole lot of people locally and across the world.

The convention team is filled with enthusiasm and invites you to join us as we plan this event. Your support will directly contribute to the success of our convention. It's a great way to show you care and at the same time market your organization to the 300 - 400 Lions who will be in attendance.

We have several levels of support available:

Gold Sponsor	\$500 contribution
Full page ad in convention booklet	Name + logo listed in sponsor honor roll + event signage
Silver Sponsor	\$250 contribution
½ page ad in convention booklet	Name + logo listed in sponsor honor roll
Bronze Sponsor	\$100 contribution
¼ page ad in convention booklet	Name listed in sponsor honor roll

Organizing such an event comes with its challenges, especially when it comes to covering the costs associated with rentals, printing, presenters and other learning materials. That's where your support can make a world of difference.

Being a Lion means knowing that kindness matters. We believe in changing the world by serving the needs of our local communities. More than 1.3 million Lions around the world respond to local and global challenges with kindness and care.

I would be glad to follow up with details, next steps and to answer questions about Lions and opportunities available through this convention.

Thank you for your consideration and support,

Lion Lyle Goff
5M7 Lions Convention Planning Committee
2357 Wight Bay
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-754-8921



**NE Minneapolis Lions
Annual Charity Bowling Event**
saturday, April 26th, 2025 @ 11:00AM
Elsie's Bowling & Restaurant

729 Marshall Street NE Minneapolis
Bowling starts at 11:am sharp, ends at 3pm sharp.
Event Includes: Shoes, Bowling and Taco Bar (Taco Bar starts at 12pm)
\$195.00 Per Lane fee (Maximum 6 bowlers per lane)
Please arrive 15 minutes early, to get those fancy shoes, find that PERFECT ball,
locate your LUCKY Lane, for an afternoon of fun!

Registration opens January 18th!

Event is limited, to secure a lane, register and pay for your lane today!

Lane Fee: \$195.00 per lane (Maximum 6 bowlers per lane)

Questions: Please call Lion Sherrie @ 651-295-3017

Would you like to be one of our amazing Lane Sponsors for only \$100.00: ☐ Yes

Lane Sponsor Name: _____

Register and Pay for the event online @ www.nelions.org

THANK YOU!

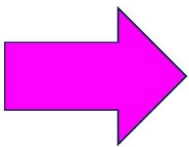


EDEN PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB



Join us at the EP Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Pancake batter & syrup donated by Original Pancake House



When

Sunday, April 27, 2025
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Where

True Friends Camp Eden Wood
6350 Indian Chief Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Cost

Single Ticket: \$10.00
Family Ticket: \$25.00
Children under 5: Free

Cash, check, credit cards accepted. Visit our website at: www.eplions.com

MAPLE GROVE LIONS

Taco Dinner for Childhood Cancer

**May 2, 2025
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Osseo Maple Grove American Legion
260 4th Ave SE**

**Osseo
\$10 per person, all ages
cash only**

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Military Family Retreats
at no cost to Veterans



"At Project New Hope, we are driven by our mission - to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage their lives after wartime service."



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET OR SCAN THIS CODE:

2025 MINNESOTA RETREATS

2025 MAY 2-4
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN
2025 JUNE 6-8
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN
2025 OCTOBER 3-5
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
2025 DECEMBER 5-7
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN

5M5 CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

MAY 5, 2025
6 p.m.

RSVP due May 1

Hooray! Club officer training is in person again this year!

- Training begins with a light dinner.
- Training presentations will be grouped by officer positions.
- Each session will last 45 minutes, including time for questions and answers.
- **RSVP by May 1** to Jennifer Gilbert: winn0004@gmail.com
- \$10 per participant will be collected at check-in May 5.

If you're a returning officer, this training is for you, too!
Come and learn what is new.



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NEW HOPE 55428

Training for

Presidents
Secretaries
Treasurers
Membership Chairs
and
any Lion interested
in learning about
club officer roles

*Returning officers
and Lions with club
officer experience
are welcome!*

Questions?

Contact

Lion Jennifer Gilbert
651-226-0205
or
winn0004@gmail.com

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5K (Walk or Run)



"Enjoy the beauty of Maple Grove's lakes,
streams and our beautiful maple trees"

Maple Grove Nature Run

Saturday May 10, 2025

Brought to you by the Maple Grove Lions



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WICKED WORT!

COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW LIONS

Join your fellow Lions of District 5M5 for an evening of
camaraderie, connection, and fun!

This special fellowship event is the perfect chance to
relax, socialize, and strengthen the bonds within our
Lions community.

At some point during the night, we'll be playing Human
Bingo, so be sure to bring a pen and get ready to mix,
mingle, and mark your cards!

DATE: MAY 12, 2025

TIME: 4:00-7:00 PM

Bingo Starts at 5pm

Wicked Wort's Happy Hour Specials are from 4-6pm

LOCATION:

WICKED WORT BREWING COMPANY
4165 W. BROADWAY
ROBBINSDALE, MN 55422

Presented by: GMT (Global Membership Team)

MAPLE GROVE LIONS

May 14, 2025

12 Noon to 3 PM

LEGO's at the LOOKOUT BAR & GRILL
8672 Pineview Lane North
Maple Grove

Crystal Lions Steak Fry

May 14, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM

Crystal VFW Post #494

5222 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

\$13

Include:

8 Oz. Sirloin Steak Baked Potato
Coleslaw Texas Toast Beverage

We Appreciate your support!

Proceeds benefit our community & Lions Projects!

No Fooling!!

It's time to think about the Hamel Rodeo!!

July 10th is

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Night at the Hamel Rodeo!!



For every ticket sold for the July 10th show,
MNLCCF will receive a portion of the ticket sales!

Rodeo starts at 7:30 PM

Gates open 2 hours before the show

5 shows throughout the weekend

Thu. 7-10
7:30 PM

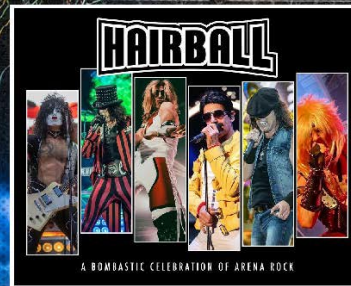
Fri. 7-11
7:30 PM

Sat. 7-12
1:00 PM

Sat. 7-12
7:30 PM

Sun. 7-13
7:30 PM

Order tickets: <https://www.hamelrodeo.org>



Hairball in Maple Grove!

LIVE MUSIC * BEER * FOOD

SATURDAY 9.13.25

Maple Grove Central Park

Brought to you by the Maple Grove Lions





2029 Lions International Convention fundraiser

Brought to you by the Host Committee for the 2029 Minneapolis International Convention

2029 Convention Pins and Snowman Patches

The International Convention is coming to
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Now is your chance to get a piece of history and help raise the
needed funds to Host this great Lions event.

Build the Snowman patch fundraiser.

\$50 per piece for a total of \$200

Limited Edition

2029 Minneapolis Pin with Charms

Pin - \$100

Charms \$25 or all 4 for \$75



To purchase pins or patches, donate to the convention or volunteer.
Contact Lion Jennifer Gilbert, 5M5
winn0004@gmail.com
651-226-0205
Club or Individual donations accepted - Thank you!

MD5M PARADE SHIRT ORDER FORM



These shirts are
a button up style
shirt and run 1
size small.
(order accordingly)



Date: _____

Submitted By: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Email order form to Executive Secretary Cindy Walters at:

executivesecretary@lionsmd5m.org

Complete Form and Mail to:

MD5M Lions
1913 Waterford Circle
Chaska, MN 55315

Checks can be made out to MD5M Lions.

ADULT	PRICE EACH	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL AMOUNT
1. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Small		total small
2. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Medium		total medium
3. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	Large		total large
4. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	1X		total 1 x
5. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	2X		total 2 x
6. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	3X		total 3 x
7. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	4X		total 4 x
8. Woman's/Men's	\$ 30.00	5X		total 5 x
			total shirts	total
			additional credit card charge:	card fee

Credit Card Information:

Name On card: _____

Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

[CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK TO ORDER](#)



Lions Clubs International

Lions Abbreviations and Terms

This is a helpful reference, but not a complete list.

ALLI	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute	MC	Membership Chair
CBL	Constitutions and By-Laws	MD	Multiple District
CC	Council Chair	MJF	Melvin Jones Fellow
CEP	Club Excellence Process	MMR	LCI monthly membership report
CGL	Certified Guiding Lion	MyLCI	LCI electronic membership database
COG	Council of Governors	MyLion	LCI app for connecting members, setting up and promoting activities, etc.
CP	Club President		
CS	Cabinet Secretary (District)	NPLF	Northern Pride Lions Forum
CT	Cabinet Treasurer (District)		
CSC	Club Service Chair	PCC	Past Council Chair
DA	District Administrator	PDG	Past District Governor
DG	District Governor	PID	Past International Director
DGE	District Governor-Elect	PinS	Partner in Service
		PIP	Past International President
ELLI	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	PMJF	Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
FDI	Faculty Development Institute	PU-101	Club Officer Reporting Form
GAT	Global Action Team	RC	Region Zone Chair
GLT	Global Leadership Team	RLLI	Regional Lions Leadership Institute
GMA	Global Membership Approach	STRIDES	Strides for Diabetes Awareness
GMT	Global Membership Team		
GST	Global Service Team	TT	TailTwister
ID	International Director	VDG	Vice District Governor
IP	International President	1VDG	First Vice District Governor
IPCC	Immediate Past Council Chair	2VDG	Second Vice District Governor
IPDG	Immediate Past District Governor	VDGE	Vice District Governor-Elect
IPID	Immediate Past International Director	1VDGE	First Vice District Governor-Elect
IPIP	Immediate Past International President	2VDGE	Second Vice District Governor-Elect
IVP	International Vice President	WCD	White Cane Day
LCI	Lions Club International	WSD	World Sight Day
LCICon	Lions International Convention	YE	Youth Exchange
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation	ZC	Zone Chair
LEHP	Lions Eye Health Program		
LEO	Leadership Experience Opportunity		
LERC	Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center		
LIONS	Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations' Safety		
LT	LionTamer		

WEB SITES & LINKS

Awards	<u>lions5m5.org/awards</u>
District 5M5	<u>lions5m5.org</u>
Lions Clubs International	<u>lionsclubs.org</u>
Multiple District 5M (MD5M)	<u>lionsmd5m.org</u>

District Approved Projects & Links

Can Do Canines	<u>candocanines.org</u>
Confidence Learning Center	<u>campconfidence.com</u>
Leader Dogs for the Blind	<u>leaderdog.org</u>
Leos	<u>lionsclubs.org/about-leos</u>
Lions Clubs International Foundation	<u>lcif.org-</u>
MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation	<u>kidsightmd5m.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation	<u>mnlionsdiabetes.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation	<u>5mhf.org</u>
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation	<u>mnlionsvisionfoundation.org</u>
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation	<u>mnlionschildhoodcancerfoundation.org</u>
Project New Hope	<u>projectnewhope.net</u>
Special Olympics Minnesota	<u>specialolympicsminnesota.org</u>
TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundations	<u>facebook.com/groups/TEAM SHEEHAN</u>
True Friends	<u>truefriends.org</u>
Youth Exchange/Youth Camps	<u>lionsclubs.org/youth/youth-camps-and-exchange</u>