

Lions District 5M6
46th Annual Mid-Winter Convention
January 12th & 13th, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton St. Paul East

2201 Burns Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55119



Fun – Fellowship – Service – Seminars

Revised 11-21-23



Welcome To Midwinter!

We would like to welcome you to our 2024 5M6 Midwinter Convention. A great District Convention is being planned for you.

What's new in 2024?

- **Two-day convention** ending by 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 13th at the conclusion of the District Business Meeting.
- **New Member Orientation Seminar** held on Saturday prior to the Luncheon. New members joining between July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 will be recognized during our lunch program on Saturday. New members attending the luncheon will receive a 50% discount to attend our luncheon. Meal for new members will be \$25.

What's Back in 2024?

- **Hospitality Rooms (Friday only) **GAME ON! Theme****
- **Charitable Gambling Seminar (Friday)**
- **Celebration of Life Service (Friday)**
- **Informative Breakout Sessions**
- **Inspirational Speakers**
- **Service Project Activity**
- **First Timer's Contest**

We hope to see you at our 2024 Midwinter Convention!

Lion Judy Zewers
District Governor
jzewers@aol.com

Lion Dave Dominick
Convention Co-Chair
David.dominick@ymcamn.org

Lion Kim McRunnel
Convention Co-Chair
kmcrunnel@gmail.com

All convention information will be available on our District website:
<https://lions5m-6.org/conventioninformation>

DoubleTree St. Paul East Welcomes You!

2201 Burns Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55119



Call 651-731-2220 to make your individual room reservation.

Guest rooms will be \$109.00 + tax (14.875%)

A block of rooms reserved under Lions Club Event will be held through 12/26/23.

Hotel Booking Link:

<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/yI9zC827JjUOJVqYInxOZb?domain=group.doubletree.com>



Mid-Winter Convention Schedule

Friday, January 12, 2024

1:00 – 3:00 pm	Charitable Gambling Seminar
1:00 – 8:00 pm	Foundation Displays
2:00 – 6:15 pm	Registration & Credentials
2:00 – 6:00 pm	Service Project Activity
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Opening Ceremony & Celebration of Life Service
8:00 – 8:15 pm	First Timers Contest Orientation
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration & Credentials
8:00 – 12:00am	Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, January 13, 2024

7:00 – 9:15 am	Registration & Credentials
7:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet (program starts at 8:00 am)
9:00 - 12:00 pm	Service Project Activity
9:15 – 10:00 am	Informative Breakout Sessions (2 rooms)
10:15–11:00 am	Informative Breakout Sessions (2 rooms)
11:15–12:00 pm	Informative Breakout Sessions (2 rooms)
12:00 - 2:00 pm	Luncheon recognizing our newest members & Leadership Awards (Program at 12:30)
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Fun Audience Participation Event
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Business Meeting
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremony

2024 Informative Breakout Sessions

- New Member Orientation
- Attracting New Members
- Marketing Your Club
- Developing Successful Service Projects
- Fundraising Challenges & Ideas



**Lions District 5M6
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Individual Registration**

Lion Leo Guest

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NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB: _____

Check if this is your first 5M6 Convention

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Please specify any dietary needs _____

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MEAL	EARLY BIRD COST	AFTER 12/15 COST	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
Convention Fee Applies to All attending	\$20 USD	\$20 USD		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	\$40 USD	\$50 USD		
SATURDAY LUNCHEON	\$50 USD	\$60 USD		
Convention Package Includes convention fee & all meals SAVE \$10	\$100 USD	\$110 USD		
NEW MEMBER LUNCH FEE July 1 – Dec. 15, 2023	\$25 USD	\$30 USD		
NEW MEMBER Convention Package includes all meals	\$75 USD	\$95 USD		

New members joining Lions from July 1, 2023 – December 15, 2023 will receive a discounted lunch fee for recognition of attending the new member orientation and luncheon.

Check # _____

Meal registrations will not be accepted after December 22, 2023.

Mail this registration & check to:

PDG Carol Farley, District Treasurer

Check payable to: Lions 5M6

1835 Fifth Street

White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967

Meal cancellations accepted and refunded prior to December 22, 2023 with a \$10 fee for cancellation.

**Lions District 5M6
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Club Registration Form**

Club President or Secretary – Please complete the following information and mail with a check payable to **District 5M6** with amount enclosed as calculated in the last column, to PDG Carol Farley at 1835 Fifth St., White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967. **Please note any dietary / food restrictions on this form**

Club Name _____ Submitted By: _____ Phone: _____

NAME	First Timer Yes/No	Lion	LEO	Spouse Partner Guest	Convention Fee \$20	Saturday Breakfast \$40 by 12/15 \$50 after 12/15	Saturday Luncheon \$50 by 12/15 or \$60 after 12/15	Convention Package \$100 SAVE \$10	New Member Lunch Rate \$25 by 12/15 or \$30 after 12/15	New Member Convention Package \$75 By 12/15	TOTAL

Total amount enclosed: _____ Check payable to: District 5M6
 Meal registrations will not be accepted after December 22, 2023.
 Meal cancellations accepted and refunded prior to December 22, 2023 with a \$10 cancellation fee applied.

Special Dietary | Food Restrictions

NAME	Gluten Free	Vegan	Lactose Free



Hospitality Room Reservation Form

January 12th, 2024

Theme: **GAME ON!**

Club Name: _____ Contact: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Include my hospitality room on public poster (circle one) YES NO

FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY

Hospitality rooms will cost be \$250 + tax (14.875%)

Team up with another Club and have some Fun!

Setup: Friday, January 12, 2024 | 1 – 6 PM

Hospitality Suites Open: 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Teardown/checkout: Saturday, January 13 before 11:00 am

Decorate your room with your theme. Create a FUN game for other Lions to participate. A participation passport contest for ALL! A contest for the best HOSPITALITY room too!

The following items are NOT allowed in Hospitality rooms:

- Open flames, cooking equipment (hot plates, burners, griddles, etc.)
Crockpots and warming devices ARE acceptable.
- Nails, push pins, tape on walls. The only tape that is acceptable to use on hotel walls is Masking / Painters Tape
- Dangerous materials, glitter, confetti, and fog machines

Each hospitality room is responsible for providing their own:

- Food and Beverage
- Serving utensils (forks, knives, spoons, plates, bowls, napkins, cups, etc.)
- Coolers

Deadline: December 20, 2023

Please email form to: PDG Carol Farley. Once form has been received, hotel will reach out to Club for payment. Carol's email: csfarley46@gmail.com

CONVENTION MENUS

SATURDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET \$40 | \$50 after Dec. 15 | Save by purchasing convention pkg.

All American Breakfast

- Cage free scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese
- Herb roasted breakfast potatoes
- Wood smoked bacon
- Hot tea and caffeinated coffee service

SATURDAY LUNCHEON BUFFET \$50 | \$60 after Dec. 15 | Save by purchasing convention pkg.

The Smokehouse

- Field greens salad, grape tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, and buttermilk ranch
- Pasta salad, roasted sweet corn and peppers, and scallions
- Hard wood smoked beef brisket, BBQ sauces
- Smoked pulled pork, creamy coleslaw and Hawaiian rolls
- Cheddar au gratin potatoes
- Maple baked beans
- Water, lemonade & tea

SPECIAL GUEST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Hans Neidhardt from Potwin, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Neidhardt is a retired Colonel with 39 years of service in the United States Air Force. After retiring from his career in the military he served another eight years as a special education paraprofessional/substitute teacher. Since 2020, he has been fully retired.

Inspired by their community service and camaraderie, Director Neidhardt became a Lion in 1981 after joining the Potwin Lions Club. Since 2015, he has served with the Towanda Lions Club. He has held a number of offices within the association including more than 15 years of service as multiple district council treasurer. He has also served as the Great Plain Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) curriculum coordinator and registrar as well as a GPLLI facilitator.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including multiple International President's Awards, International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Neidhardt is active in numerous professional and community organizations including more than 40 years of membership with the American Legion. He is the recipient of several military distinctions and honors including KSANG Company Grade Officer of the Year, the USAF Legion of Merit, and the Kansas Medal of Excellence. Director Neidhardt and his wife, Shari, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.





**46th Annual Mid-Winter Convention
District 5M6 Annual Meeting
January 12 – 13, 2024**

Delegate Registration Form

Lions voting on issues at the convention must be designated by their Club as a voting delegate. Each club is Allowed one delegate for each 10 members. Five or more club members, rounds up to ten. For example, a club with 33 members is allowed 3 delegates; and a club with 36 members is allowed 4 delegates. Please list alternate delegates as well.

To be a delegate, each Lion must be a member for one year and one day based on LCI records.

Delegates must pick up voting cards at the Convention Registration table no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the business meeting, which is Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 3:00 PM

Past District Governors automatically receive a voting card and are not counted or listed on your delegate registration form.

CLUB NAME: _____

CLUB SECRETARY SUBMITTING FORM: _____

CELL NUMBER: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

LIST OF VOTING DELEGATES:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ALTERNATIVES:

_____	_____
_____	_____

MAIL TO: Lion Ann Jacobson, Cabinet Secretary, 1827 7th Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, or **EMAIL TO:** amjacobson0925@gmail.com

DEADLINE: January 5, 2024

Celebration of Life Service

January 12, 2024

District 5M6's Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, January 12th, 2024 at our Mid-Winter Convention. If your club is honoring a deceased member, please fill out the below information. We would also ask that you email or mail a high-quality photo. Digital photos should be 300 dpi/ppi in size if possible. If the picture you are submitting is a group shot, please identify the deceased person in the photo. A formal or candid photo is fine.

Please include 3 or 4 bullet points about your deceased member, such as:

- Charter or regular member and number of years as a Lion
- Club / offices and awards
- Favorite projects or notable accomplishments
- Why member was special to your club

All photos and bios need to be received no later than **December 30, 2023**. This is the deadline so that photos can be incorporated in the Celebration of Life Service.

Name of Deceased member: _____

Comments about your deceased member: _____

Club Name: _____

Person submitting: _____ Email: _____

Contact of Deceased Lion:
Name _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code: _____

Please email photos (digital photos preferred) and bios to Lion Lynnette Welsch at scandia1@yahoo.com

Lynnette Welsch
20543 Olinda Trail North
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Lion Lynnette

**RULES OF PROCEDURE
MIDWINTER CONVENTION OF
DISTRICT 5M-6, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
JANUARY 12 -13, 2024**

Rule 1

The District Governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention. Except for registration and certification hours, which may not be changed, deviation from the announced order of business shall be made only by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the certified delegates assembled at any session at which a quorum is present. A majority of those certified delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 2

Except as otherwise provided in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, Multiple District 5M Constitution and By-Laws, District 5M-6 Constitution and By-Laws, national custom and practice or these rules, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all questions of order and procedure.

Rule 3. Credentials

- (a) The Credential committee shall be composed of the District Governor, as chairperson, the cabinet secretary and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the District Governor each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office either by election or by appointment; provided, however, the District Governor may designate any other committee member as chairperson. The credentials committee's primary responsibility shall be to verify club delegate credentials. In carrying out this responsibility, the credentials committee shall have the powers and shall perform the duties as established by national custom and practice or as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- (b) The registration and certification of delegates shall occur on January 12-13, 2024

Rule 4. Nominations

- (a) 60 days prior to the convening of the convention, the District Governor, unless otherwise provided, shall appoint, and designate the chairperson of a nominations committee consisting of three (3) members. It shall be the committee's responsibility to review the qualifications of each nominated candidate within thirty (30) days prior to the election and rule on the eligibility of the same. In reviewing the qualifications for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor, the committee shall use the qualification forms set out in the Standard District By-laws as Exhibits D, E and F respectively.
- (b) Candidates may withdraw from contest at any time prior to the issuance of the final report of the nominations committee.

Rule 5. Replacement of delegates and alternate delegates

- (a) To replace a delegate and/or alternate delegate already certified, the replacement must provide a certificate signed by two officers of the club, certifying that the replacement is eligible as an alternate delegate.
- (b) On the day of voting, a duly certified alternate delegate shall be allowed to obtain a ballot and vote in lieu of a duly certified delegate from the same Lions club by presenting his/her copy of his/her alternate credential certificate together with the copy of the certified delegate's credential certificate to the voting personnel at which time the voting personnel will make the necessary notation on the credential records marking that a substitution has been made on the respective club's delegate entitlement. Alternate delegates who were not certified cannot replace a certified or uncertified delegate.

Rule 6. Nominations

Nominations for the offices of District Governor and Vice District Governors and such other offices to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one nominating speech not to exceed five (5) minutes for each nominee, and one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes for each nominee.

Rule 7. Elections Committee

- (a) Prior to the convention, the District Governor shall appoint, and designate the chairperson of an elections committee consisting of three (3) members. Each duly nominated candidate shall also be entitled to designate one (1) observer through his/her club. The observers may oversee election procedures only, but may not participate directly in the committee's decision making.
- (b) The elections committee shall be responsible for the preparing of elections materials, vote tabulation, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots. The committee's decision shall be final and binding. The committee shall prepare the ballots in conformity with the forms set forth in Exhibit G of the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws.
- (c) The elections committee shall prepare a comprehensive report of the election results containing the following components: date, time and place of election; specific voting results by candidate; signature of each committee member and observer. The District Governor, council chairperson, and all candidates shall be provided a copy of the committee's report.

Rule 8. Voting

- (a) Voting will take place at the business meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Election for the District Governors, Vice District Governors and MD5M Hall of Fame shall be by secret ballot.
- (b) To secure the right to vote, the delegate shall present his/her credential certificate to voting personnel for verification. Once verified, the delegate shall be issued a ballot.
- (c) The voter shall indicate his/her vote by placing a mark in the appropriate location by the name of the candidates of his/her choice. The mark must be placed in the proper location to constitute a vote. Any ballot containing votes for more than the specified number of offices to be filled in any section shall be declared invalid to that particular section.
- (d) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect the district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor and MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. If a majority vote is not received in the unopposed election of district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor, a vacancy shall occur and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-Laws shall apply. However, if there is more than two (2) candidates for any such position and none of the candidates receives a majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped off the ballot and a revote shall be taken. This process shall be repeated until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.
- (e) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect all other candidates. In the event any one candidate shall fail to receive the required number of votes to be elected or endorsed, additional balloting as described in (d) above shall take place until such time as one candidate secures a simple majority vote.