

# District 5M6



# VISION



## We Serve...A Changing World



District Governor Paul Williams

May 2022

## Cabinet Meeting Wraps Up Fantastic Year



On May 11, I held my last Cabinet meeting as a District Governor. In recognition of the awesome job that PDG Carol Farley did as District 5M-6 Treasurer, she received the PowerBar® Performance Achievement Award.

The District 5M-6 Zone Captains (Lions Richard L. Graner, Doug Olson, Paul Jacobus, and Kea Knox Behnke) received the Zone Perfect® Performance Award from DG Paul Williams.

The gavel was also transferred to DGE Pete Kelzenberg.



For additional photos, please see page 6. For a wrap-up of the year, please see page 3.

*If you volunteer for something  
that you really care about, you  
don't have to be pushed, the  
Vision pulls you.*

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**We Serve**



### Presidential Message

Dear Lion,

You know that it takes hard work to achieve great service. And protecting the environment is one of the most challenging—and rewarding—ways that you can help your community thrive. To celebrate Earth Day, let's get our hands dirty and work together to make our communities cleaner and more beautiful places for the people around us.

As one of our global causes, protecting the environment is about more than just preserving our world today. It's about building a safer, more sustainable world for future generations. Every tree you plant or garden you sow is a seed of hope that will grow and benefit your community—and our world—for years to come.

Yours in service,  
Douglas X. Alexander  
International President

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### Protecting Our World Through Campaign 100

It takes a lot of work to keep your community healthy, safe and clean. But every day, you can see how much of a difference it makes in people's lives. That's why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is always ready to support your next project to beautify your community, protect the environment and respond to natural disasters.

Right now, we are more than 90% of the way toward making history by successfully reaching our Campaign 100 goal. Help us support the service of Lions around the world and make a donation today. And if you haven't already, find out what it takes to become a Model Club and consider making a commitment to our service for years to come.

Read An Environment of Action to learn about how your donations helped Leos in Mumbai, India clean up train stations and raise awareness of the environment. Because your donation is more than a gift to our foundation, it's a gift to your community—and communities around the world.



# Writings from DG Paul

In preparing for my last cabinet meeting as district governor, I spent some time reviewing the goals I set at the beginning of the year. And thanks to you, we came close to achieving or surpassed most of the goals for the year and we had fun in the process.

Let me provide a snapshot goals and our accomplishments this year. They are as follows:

1. **Establish a web site that enhances our ability to communicate with our members and with the general public.** The website needs some refinements, but it is up and running. We are also using the District Facebook Page to publicize events more than we have in the past.
2. **As a district, we will increase our reporting service hours in MyLion from 51% to 75% of our clubs by June 30, 2022.** By my reckoning, LCI seems to be assuming that we have 40 clubs instead of 34. The reporting rate is 25/34, or a reporting rate of approximately 73.53%. Consequently, I consider this goal to be met.
3. **By June 30, 2022, District 5M6 Lions will serve 160,000 people in their community (as reported in MyLion).** Surpassed.
4. **By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership numbers). Our team will charter 2 new clubs with 40 charter members.** LCI required a specific breakdown of the goal, so this was listed going into the year: Fiscal Year New Members (100)+ Fiscal Year New Charter Members (40) - Retention Goal (losing only 80 members) = Net Growth of Plus 60.

What we actually did was (145 +45 over goal) + New Charter Members (No charter members) -Dropped Members (102 - 22 over-)= Net Growth of Plus 43. We are seeing positive growth \from last year's totals and we have a Apple Valley Club that is moving towards being a charter Club.

5. **By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, District 5M6 will support LCIF Campaign 100 with 85% club participation and total 5M6 contributions of \$40,000.** With two months left, we have doubled this goal.

6. We also had a training goals for Zone leaders (nearly met) and a separate one for club officers (which could be met at the upcoming ROAR college.

We also added a KidSight goal late in the process. We've seen an increase in interest regarding vision screening. And in spite of COVID, we were able to screen kids in several key areas including the Apple Valley and Woodbury school districts. A quick shout-out to Woodbury—as they are the only club in District 5M-6 that currently conducting screening.

But there was also progress on other fronts.

I'm excited that the District held its first membership summit. Specifically, in April, approximately 45 Lions representing three districts and 26 clubs attended a summit that explored moving from a membership paradigm involving not based on traditional recruitment methods to one based on attraction. The summit also addressed new approaches to using Facebook and Facebook analytics to publicize new upcoming events.

I'm excited that local clubs have tried new service projects, projects such as Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Project Sole Hope.

I am also excited about the spirit of cooperation that is manifesting itself between Lions and other service organizations. I love how Lions Clubs (and in particular the St. Paul North Ramsey 500 Club) worked with major service Club organizations – Kiwanis International, Optimist International and Rotary International, as well as other groups, ranging from tackling hunger to cleaning up neighborhood parks.

This combination of fun, a new membership paradigm, better publicizing of club events, and a greater emphasis on pairing service projects with other service has paid off in dividends for the district.

District 5M-6 is approaching a net growth of 50 members this year. And even though there are two months left in my term, we have doubled our service hours and the number of people served from the previous year.

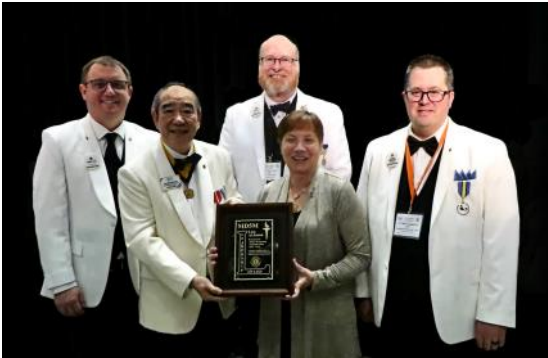
I appreciate having the opportunity to serve you as your district governor.

It has been a fantastic year, and I know that the DGE Pete Kelzenberg will keep continue expanding our membership base.

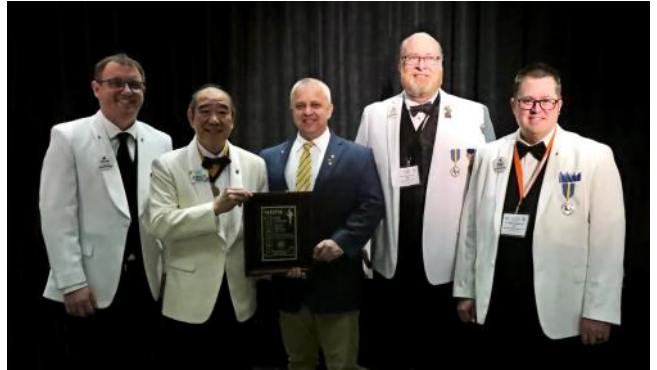
I know that by working together, we can continue the momentum that has manifested itself in the District this year and we can meet all challenges ahead of us!

Keep up the great work!

## MD5M Convention Highlights



PID Deb Wasserman (left ) and PDG Rob Hed (right) received the MD5M AI Jensen Leadership Award.



**Left** PDG Dave Moen became the newest member of the “Cap Baker” (aka “Red Cap”) award.

**Right:** PCC Nancy Mathwig and PCE Glenn Kaufmann hold the winning Peace Poster entry from MD5M.



The current District Governors for MD5M caught in a moment of frivolity.

## MD5M Convention Highlights



International President's Certificate of Appreciation presented to PDG Anna Wickenhauser.



Visiting Guest Lion Joyce received the children's book, "Betty Becomes a Lion."



The International Guest was Wing-Kun Tam, of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), The People's Republic of China. He was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs in 2011.



Jack Zimmermann was the motivational speaker for Sunday morning. After spending nine months in heavy combat, he stepped on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and suffered catastrophic injuries. Today, Zimmerman is a devoted husband and father and is a strong part of his community.

## Cabinet Meeting Honors (from Page 1)



**Above:** Zone Chairs Richard Graner and Doug Olson reminisce about the past year.



**Top Right:** DGE Pete Kelzenberg is given a Lions Membership Kit as a reminder of the importance of membership growth and membership retention.

**Across:** Zone Chair Ann Jacobson received the Zone Perfect Performance award the next day at a club meeting.

**Bottom Right:** KidSight Trustee Lion Dave Meyer received the KidSight award on behalf of Trustee Lion Jim Curnow who was unable to attend the meeting.

**Below:** FVDGE Judy Zewers received the Glass Light Bulb Terrarium Award.



# Scandia-Marine Lions Looking for Club Vendors

The Scandia-Marine Lions' 46th annual Taco Daze will be held on Saturday, September 10th from 10-4 in Scandia. We have a few different opportunities that may be of interest to clubs that are interested in raising money.

## FOOD TRUCKS/TRAILERS

Last year, we introduced food trucks/trailers and they were a huge hit! People wanted to see more food trucks/trailers this year. We want to invite other Lions Clubs in 5M-6 to sell food and raise money for their clubs. More information about being a food vendor is at the link below.

## VENDORS

Clubs that have items to sell are encouraged to become vendors. Vendors have 10' x 10' of space to sell items and/or raise awareness about their organization. Think, too, about other environmentally-themed activities you could do, such as doing a plant or bulb fundraiser for your club, showing a variety of native plants and shrubs to help pollinators and wildlife, etc.

## HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

This year's theme is "Go Green" which fits perfectly with the Lions' global cause of the Environment. We are looking for hands-on activities that visitors can do while they are at Taco Daze. There are people of all ages - children to seniors. Your hands-on activity could be anything environmentally-related: doing upcycled arts/crafts projects, having displays about different environmental subjects (e.g., helping pollinators, planting trees, recycling, upcycling, reusing), sustainable fashion, a scavenger hunt to win a prize, or perhaps work with a wildlife organization to have a raptor or other birds/animals at your booth.

## SERVICE PROJECT/ACTIVITY

If your club participates in Taco Daze and does anything related to one (or more) of the global causes (Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Pediatric Cancer, and Vision) - you can count that towards your club's service projects/activities for 2022-23! This is an easy - and fun - way to reach literally thousands of people!

## SIGN UP SOON!!

Space for vendors and food trucks/trailers is on a first-come, first-served basis. Last year, we had to turn people away from both the vendor area and food truck/trailer area. So, if your club is interested, please sign up soon. More information and the application can be found here: <http://www.scandiamarinelions.org/event/scandia-taco-daze-2022/>

## COST

1. The cost of a vendor booth (with 10 frontage feet) is \$60 and the cost for the farmers' market is \$30. The fee for non-profits that are selling items is \$60 and for those not selling items it is free. Vendors are welcome to purchase two booth spaces for \$120 (\$60 for the farmers' market).
2. There are spots for six food trucks/trailers. The fee is \$125.
3. There are a limited number of spaces available for vendors and food trucks; and they are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you know you want to participate in Taco Daze, please submit your application right away.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Ann at [annmarierink@hotmail.com](mailto:annmarierink@hotmail.com).

## HELPFUL LINKS:

Information about Taco Daze and the link to the Vendor Application to download and print: <http://www.scandiamarinelions.org/event/scandia-taco-daze-2022/>

Operator Certificate of Compliance: <http://www.scandiamarinelions.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/ST19-Minnesota-Operator-Certificate-of-Compliance-2022.pdf>

# **2023 International Dues Adjustment: Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Why was an international dues adjustment proposed?**

In recent years, it has become clear that our current international dues are not sufficient to meet our rising costs. We are currently operating in a budget deficit, and it will continue to increase as inflation and the cost of doing business increase.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust international dues.

## **What is the proposed international dues adjustment?**

The proposed dues adjustment includes a \$7 increase to the current \$43 international dues, spread out over three years. Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

## **When were international dues last adjusted?**

International dues have not been adjusted in 10 years even though annual inflation has been increasing the cost of operations required to do business around the world.

## **How do Lions Clubs International dues compare to other service organizations?**

Currently, Rotary International dues are \$70 per year. Kiwanis International charges \$60 per year for most countries, which includes an \$8 premium to receive their magazine.

## **What are international dues currently used for?**

Lions Clubs International is a global organization that supports more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of Lions International staff and programs, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources and programs, training events and software, club operational support, international convention and meetings, language services in 14 languages, technology and digital products, global marketing, PR and advertising, leadership support, and legal support and liability insurance.

## **How will the funds be used if the international dues adjustment is passed?**

A dues adjustment will help bridge the current deficit and ensure our association continues to invest in programs, initiatives and technologies that enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

# **2023 International Dues Adjustment:**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who will decide whether or not international dues will be adjusted?**

The International Board of Directors approved a resolution to adjust international dues. The proposal will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention by the official convention delegates. If the resolution is passed, the change will take place on July 1, 2023.

### **Has Lions International taken steps to reduce expenses?**

Lions Clubs International completed a rigorous financial review and took the following steps to reduce expenses:

- Operating budgets were reduced.
- Vendor contracts were renegotiated to yield savings.
- Programs were cut after thorough review and consideration of value to members and return on investment (ROI).
- International staff was reduced in 2020 to align costs and revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Will this change my local club dues?**

The adjustment to international dues is independent of your club, district or multiple-district membership dues. It is up to each club, district and multiple district to establish dues that allow them to operate and serve as needed in their communities



PCC David Dominick, Lion Lynnette Welsch and DG Paul Williams were District 5M-6 Lions receiving a Certificate for participating in the Lions Faculty Development Institute (FDI) held April 8-10, 2022 in Shakopee, MN.



# 5M6 Service from the Heart



**Clockwise (Above): Cottage Grove Lions** participated in the Adopt A Road Clean Up on May 7.

**Immediate Top Right: Some of the Cottage Grove Lions** who participated in the Adopt-A-Road Clean-up. All told, 3 1/2 miles of highway were cleaned up.

**Second Page Top Near Right:** On April 30, the **Lakeville Lions Club** and the community made 150 bead animal kits, 182 Hope Bracelet kits, and 133 weaving kits for the children undergoing treatments at the U of M Masonic Children's Hospital and Children's Minnesota. They also made 24 fleece tie blankets to benefit the children impacted by Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed donations!

**Second Page Top Far Right:** The **Maplewood North Lions Club** picked up trash in Joy Park.

**Second Page Bottom Right:** **North Ramsey 500** has an active group of crafters ( sewing, knitting, crocheting): masks, hats, quilted blankets, fleece throws, crocheted quilts, Wheel chair "aprons", isolation gowns and pillow-cases have all been made. These blankets and pillowcases will be donated to the Ronald McDonald house today.

**Second Page Bottom Near Right:** The **St. Paul East Side Lions Club** grilled hot dogs and brats at Keller Lake.

**Immediate Right:** The **New Brighton Lions Clubs** held a BBQ on May 1.





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**Clockwise (Above): The Apple Valley Lions** held their first fundraising event. They are building a new club and working toward being officially chartered. If you or someone you know lives in Apple Valley and might be interested in checking them out, they'd love to hear from you! Please see the most recent article on the forming club by clicking [here](#).

**Immediate Top Right: Vadnais Heights Lions** supporting the White Bear Center for the Arts. Celebrating Art - Inspiring Creativity - Connecting People. 2022 Heart 4 Art.

**Second Page Top Near Right: A Maplewood North Lion** planting trees at Garlough Park in West. St. Paul.

**Second Page Top Far Right: The Maplewood North Lions Club** and friends spent several hours planting trees and pollinator friendly shrubs at Garlough Park in West St. Paul. They also tore apart some buckthorn!

**Second Page Bottom Right: Some of the many Scandia Marine Lions** who volunteered for the Scandia Marines Lion's Club Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

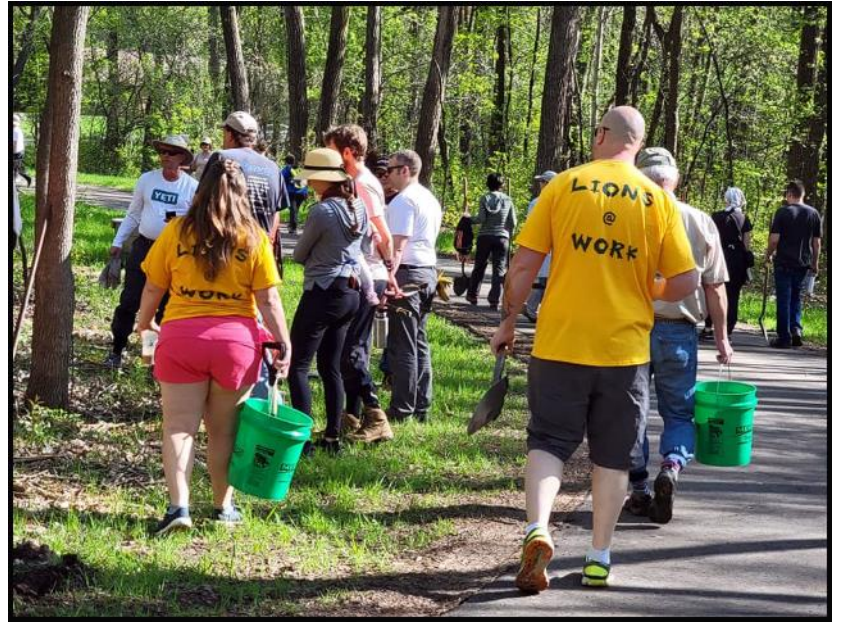
**Bottom Right: Afton Bayport Lakeland (ABL)- Lions** participated in Meals from the Heart, which distributes food to Minnesota and Wisconsin Areas. Their small but mighty team packed a total of 1,543 meals, which is about 171 meals per person!

**Middle Right: The Shoreview Arden Hills Lions Club** participated in their first park clean up of the year.





# 5M6 Service from the Heart



# Attend the Rodeo and Fight Cancer



On July 7-10, 2022, the Hamel Rodeo teams up with the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. The Rodeo is in Hamel, MN (3 miles North of Highway 55 on County Road 101).

Thursday, July 7 is the Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (MNLCCF) night. The Rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. The gates open two (2) hours before the show. Tickets may be ordered online at <https://www.hamelrodeo.org> There are five (5) shows throughout the weekend.

Enjoy the rodeo and stop by and get your MNLCCF swag on too.



District 5M6 Invites

You to attend our Club Officer Training for:

Club Presidents/VPs   Club Treasurer   Club Secretary   New Lion Orientation  
Club Membership Chairs

### 2022 ROAR COLLEGE

Maplewood Community Center  
2100 White Bear Ave  
Maplewood, MN  
55109



Date: June 1, 2022

Time: 5:45 pm

A light dinner will be served  
from 5:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Training 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
(Free will offering)

Please RSVP

Lion Dave Dominick 651-259-6181  
[David.dominick@ymcamn.org](mailto:David.dominick@ymcamn.org)

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022



**The Roseville Area Lions Clubs  
Invite You To**

## Lions Night

**Monday, June 6 2022**

**5 to 7 PM**

10% of Sales proceeds donated to

**Kids in Need**

## Join Us

2880 Rice Street, Little Canada, MN



# Can Do Canines Open House

Saturday, May 21, 12-2 p.m.



### Through a self-guided tour:

- watch a trainer working with an assistance dog,
- talk with a Puppy Program volunteer and staff members, and
- meet assistance dog teams.

### Join us at our campus

9440 Science Center Dr.  
New Hope, MN 55428

[candocanines.org](http://candocanines.org)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPENING EYES

*Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games is at the Stillwater Area High School from June 25-26.*

Stillwater Area High School will host the annual Special Olympics Minnesota Summer Games! Roughly 2,500 athletes will be competing in basketball and track and field throughout the weekend. Outside of competition, there will be entertainment in Victory Village, health screenings for athletes, Celebration Ceremonies, and many other activities for everyone! Summer Games is open to the public and family friendly!

The Lions have played a major part in this competition for many years, and will once again host the Opening Eyes screening. As part of the Healthy Athletes program offerings, Opening Eyes provides a complete eye exam, conducted by eye doctors and eye care professionals. During the Opening Eyes screening, Athletes have the opportunity to receive new eye glasses, sunglasses or sports goggles, free of charge! Opening Eyes is presented by Lions Club International.

Opening Eyes in Minnesota was first undertaken by Lions Clubs of SM5, but we need you to make this screening happen! Opening Eyes volunteers directly impact the health of SOMN Athletes! Volunteers will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with Special Olympics Minnesota Athletes, and also meet Lions from other clubs and other districts. Volunteers will receive a Summer Games Volunteer t-shirt and Volunteers working over six hours will also receive a complimentary lunch.



## **Summer Games volunteer shifts available:**

- Friday, June 24, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (set up only)
- Saturday, June 25, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Saturday, June 25, 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- Saturday, June 25, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (tear down only)

## **Lions Club volunteers are needed for a number of roles, including:**

- Assisting doctors
- Conducting initial eye chart exam
- Directing and escorting athletes
- Athlete registration

TO REGISTER VISIT:

**[SOMN.ORG/LIONS](https://somin.org/lions)**

These volunteer shifts are reserved for Lions & Friends of the Lions registration. Lions Club members, family and friends are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer!

Questions? Please contact:

Lion Ray Moonen, 952.201.7031; moonen@myinffmail.com

Lion Jim Cain, 763.232.0790; jhcain2@gmail.com.

Special Olympics  
Lions Clubs International  
**Opening Eyes®**



# Lions Clubs International

## Youth Camp & Exchange Minnesota

We Serve

### 5M-6 Host Families Needed



Camp Spicer is scheduled for July 22 – July 30. Host families are needed for youth during the month of July when the youth are not at camp.

Seventeen of twenty-one youth that have applied for our 2022 MD5M Youth Exchange experience are still in need of a host family:

Brazil – female (2)	Mongolia – female (1), male (2)
Estonia – male (1)	Poland – female (1)
France – male (2)	Spain – female (1)
Germany – male (1)	Tunisia – male (2)
Mexico – female (2), male (1)	Turkey – male (1)

For more information, please click [here](#). Please let me know if you have any further questions about this hosting opportunity! Thank you for all your ongoing support of Lions International Youth Exchange.

-Lion Laurie

### 2022 YCE Program in Minnesota USA Guidelines

Unfortunately, Covid-19 continues to play a major role in the World, and the situation must be considered when planning the YCE Programme for 2022.

We will be requiring documentation for full Covid-19 vaccination of all YCE Students together with a negative test when entering the United States.

Camp Officials and Host Families will need to be vaccinated in accordance with the national vaccination program, approved by the CDC, in the United States.

These difficult decisions have been made in cooperation with other countries, taking part in Youth Exchange Program in 2022, and we hope that this situation will return to normal in 2023, allowing the YCE Program will be able to be held as before.

# A Herding Dog and His Hearing Job

Training her fourth successful successor assistance dog has been an adventure for Becky Thomas, who was partnered with three dogs from Can Do Canines before Jasper came into her life.

It all started back in the early 2000s. Becky's father had been a Lion in Ham Lake, and the club had done some fundraising for Can Do Canines. Having learned about their assistance dogs, he suggested that Becky apply for a Hearing Assist Dog, and her journey began!

Jasper, now a 5-year-old miniature Australian Shepherd, has been with Becky since he was 12 weeks old. Becky loved her previous Hearing Assist Dog, a mini-Aussie named Caremyl, so she purchased Jasper from the same breeder who had donated Caremyl to Can Do Canines. Her goal to train him as a Hearing Assist Dog worked perfectly because Jasper joined the family as his female predecessor was easing into retirement. Jasper watched Caremyl's alert work and would copy her behaviors, eventually taking over the job while she napped.

Becky continued training with him to sharpen his assistance dog behavioral and public skills. After years of an evolving assistance dog experience with the organization, Becky was still nervous about being accepted with Jasper because she knew it took work to succeed as an owner-provided team. Since training questions or behavioral issues arise throughout the lifetime of a team, she shares, "It's nice to have somebody to rely on. Just knowing the organization is still there after graduation really helps."

Becky grew up hard of hearing until she was about 21, when she lost most of her hearing. Even though she was accepting of the change, she got frustrated with missing important sounds, and she felt her independence slipping away. Her first Can Do Canines dog was placed while she was living alone and had to use a lot of unreliable adaptive equipment. Now, she has a family that she gets to take care of rather than depending on them to communicate environmental noises to her, thanks to Jasper's enthusiastic alert skills.

Becky calls Jasper her "wild child" and loves seeing his lightbulb moments when he gets a behavior right. She says, "I enjoy the challenge of his high energy because it makes me grow as a trainer." Jasper alerts Becky to the microwave, the phone, a knock at the door, the smoke alarm, her children when they call her



name, and a falling item. After prompting her with the touch of his paw, he rushes to the source of the sound to let her know what needs attention.

Becky's family and friends are so happy for Jasper to be a part of her world, helping to expand it for her. She also feels "more included and safe" thanks to his vigilant presence. He's even been alerting to new sounds they had not trained for, and she didn't know existed until he responded to the noise. She explains, "[Jasper] fills in that puzzle for me."





**APRIL/MAY**

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Roseville	4/20/1955
North Suburban Evening	4/26/1973
Afton/Bayport/Lakeland	4/30/2015
Scandia Marine	5/5/1982
Burnsville Savage	5/12/1966
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale	5/14/1986
Stillwater	5/25/1928
Inver Grove Heights	5/26/1966

## Lion Spirit Award



**For May  
is presented to:  
Lion Kathy Schug**

Inviting people to a party takes a lot of thoughtful planning especially when you are expecting over 1000 guests.

Lion Kathy Schug, Event Chair managed all aspects of this for the Vadnais Heights Lions Belgium Waffle Breakfast. To make this event such a big success she shared her many talents and her "Let's Get it Done" attitude.

Her Spirit of Lionism helped gather Lions and Others together to share their energy on this event. She was found finishing the morning in the kitchen doing dishes – as she so often does.

Thank you, Lion Kathy!



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

Fellow Lion,

The generosity of Lions and Leos, through individual and club support, make it possible for LCIF to magnify our service around the world – especially in times of crisis. For those who have made individual donations to the foundation, I thank you. Is your club a Campaign 100 Model Club? If so, thank you for continuously supporting Lions efforts and collectively supporting those in need.

Your donations to LCIF help make so much of our service possible, as the needs continue to increase around the world. As humanitarians, our organization continues to grieve for those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine and surrounding countries in Europe. LCIF is awarding grants to Lions supporting Ukrainian refugees who have crossed their borders. Lions in Ukraine have also received LCIF grants to address the critical needs of people who remain in the country. To date, 30 LCIF grants totaling US \$934,015 have been awarded as of April 2022. To view the grants, click [here](#).

As Campaign 100 enters its final two months, and we strive to meet our US\$300 million goal, we ask you to continue to commit your participation as we help build bridges across borders and our differences.

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
LCIF Chairperson

**We want to promote your club's events! Don't see your event here?  
Please submit details to [events@lions5m-6.org](mailto:events@lions5m-6.org) to get your event listed.**



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Checks payable to:

**Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation**

PDG Mike Vos, Treasurer  
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation  
20472 371<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Green Isle, MN 55338-2171

**Virtual Walk Date**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## DFEET WALK

### 2022 MN Lions Hearing Foundation Fundraiser

Dear Lions and Friends:

Your Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation 2022 Walk to DFEET Hearing Loss is just around the corner, on June 4, 2022.

It is not too late to help those with hearing-related issues.

Please consider participating in our 2022 Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, MN. If you or your club cannot participate at either site, you can take a walk at your local park, bring some club members together for a walk in a park, jump on your treadmill, or ride your bike.

#### Levels of Support (please check appropriate box)

- ☐ \$25
- ☐ \$35 includes walk t-shirt mailed to you.
- ☐ \$100
- ☐ \$250
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$1000 gets your Club name on back of the t-shirt
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 12 will receive a free walk shirt.

We challenge your club to create a team to help raise funds for this important event. Please complete your registration form and mail to PDG Mike Vos.

We hope you will support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation to raise the much-needed funds to support our mission of research, education, and clinical support to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

With regards,

*PDG Bob Jechorek*

Board Chair  
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation  
[rpjech@gmail.com](mailto:rpjech@gmail.com)



## D-FEET WALK REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

*Club Sponsorship at \$1000 level gets Club's name on the back of the t-shirt.*

Donation is on behalf of your club \_\_\_\_\_

Personal donation \_\_\_\_\_

*\$25 donation with no t-shirt.*

*\$35 donation includes a t-shirt. Registration form must be received by **May 10** to receive a t-shirt.*

Adult sizes: small \_\_\_\_\_ medium \_\_\_\_\_ large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_\_\_

Youth sizes: small \_\_\_\_\_ medium \_\_\_\_\_ large \_\_\_\_\_

Youth under the age of 12 will receive a free shirt.

Attending the Dfeet Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum \_\_\_\_\_

Attending the Dfeet Walk in Bemidji \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check and registration form to:

PDG Mike Vos, Treasurer  
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation  
20472 371<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Green Isle, MN 55338-2172

Please make check payable: Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation



## 46th USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum

**Where:** Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
**When:** September 15-17, 2022



**Register:** [lionsforum.org](https://lionsforum.org)  
**Early Registration Ends:** May 31, 2022  
**Early Registration:** \$285.00

The Forum's mission is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI)."



Join us on our adventure as we  
**"Stampede to Lead!"**

**Register:** [lionsforum.org](https://lionsforum.org)



Greeting, fellow Lions,

Although this is going to be close to the time of the **D-Feet Hearing Walk**, I just wanted to remind you again that it will be held in both Bemidji and at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska on JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>. If you are **unable to attend** but still want to support this special fundraising activity, you can still hold your own walk in your community or donate to the Hearing Foundation separately with the words "D-Feet walk" in the memo.

And if you have already donated or signed up, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

All the Hearing trustees in your district **thank you** so much for your donations, both club and individual. We have so much we can do for those with hearing needs.

Several of us just visited the **Starkey Labs** where new hearing aids are manufactured and used ones are repaired to be redistributed for those in need. Just a reminder to recycle hearing aids by putting them in the same box as the glasses.

Don't forget to ask for an **affordable hearing aid application**. There is probably someone in your community who needs help in getting one.



The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's - STRIDES for Diabetes Awareness - Fitness Challenge and Fundraiser is complete. – Thank you. For all who took the Challenge to be aware of your health, for all who created a Team to engage others, and for clubs and individuals who donated, Thank you. Many hours of Fitness were achieved and our funding goal was exceeded!

Lion Eileen and Lion Robert MLDF D5M-6 Trustees

Catch the Dream – Life Without Diabetes!

[www.MNLionsDiabetes.org](http://www.MNLionsDiabetes.org)



# REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE RLLI

October 13-16, 2022

Hilton DoubleTree Hotel Roseville MN

Registration is now open for the October 2022 MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

The institute is open to all lions who are members in good standing of a Lions Club except for Past District Governors, District Governors, or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors.

The \$150 USD registration fee for RLLI includes the cost of materials, facility, staff, and four (4) meals. Room costs, \$129 USD excluding tax, and additional meals are not included.

A \$75 rebate from MD5M, through a grant from LCI, will be given to each participant that completes the program.

**Early Bird Discount: Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$25 USD**

Participants must attend all sessions beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

Each district can send six (6) participants; however, if other districts do not meet their allotment, your district may send additional Lions.

Applications are available from your District Governor or District Global Leadership Team Chairperson as well as on the MD5M website: [lionsmd5m.org](https://lionsmd5m.org) under resources. Completed applications must be submitted to your District Governor, without fees by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Your District Governor will make the final participant selection and you will be notified by September 15<sup>th</sup> if you were or were not accepted.

If you have any questions concerning the Institute please email Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at [dkellylion@gmail.com](mailto:dkellylion@gmail.com)

***Ask an Institute Graduate, they will tell you that the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is beneficial for you in every facet of your life and not just in your role as a Lion, and it is a lot of fun!!!!!!***

Click here to view a video testimonial: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/10INpegy-iJYw-UTt1q5-\\_dqDBm\\_TdF2G/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/10INpegy-iJYw-UTt1q5-_dqDBm_TdF2G/view?usp=sharing)

**MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

**October 13-16, 2022, Hilton Doubletree Roseville MN**

**PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

**MUST BE SUBMITTED to your DISTRICT GOVERNOR no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE JOINED LIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT OFFICE HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I WAS REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

WHY DO YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MD5M REGIONAL LIONS' LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE?

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Any food or other allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB PRESIDENT OR ZONE CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you are selected to attend the Leadership Institute, your District Governor will require a check for \$150.00 before your registration can be forwarded to MD5M. Your District Governor must send the registration and check to MD5M Executive Secretary Cindy Walters by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Early Bird Discount: Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$25.00**

# It's All About Our Clubs



## Our New Members

**Brandon Schaner**  
Sponsor: N/A

**Burnsville Savage**

**Lisa Pothén**  
Sponsor: Mike Benson

**Scandia Marine**

**Katie Miller**  
Sponsor: Sean Poppoff

**Cottage Grove**

**Leah Rynders**  
Sponsor: Perry Rynders

**Scandia Marine**

**Brenda Donkers**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Mike Rynders**  
Sponsor: Perry Rynders

**Scandia Marine**

**Patrick Donkers**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Patty Sjoquist**  
Sponsor: Dean Sjoquist

**Scandia Marine**

**Sara Schulte**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Tom Hadler**  
Sponsor: Stephen Doody

**South St. Paul**

**Joseph Schulte**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Debra Bland**  
Sponsor: Debra Pedro

**St. Paul East Parks**

**Mary Trainer**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Gary Bland**  
Sponsor: Debra Pedro

**St. Paul East Parks**

**Lori Wendolek**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Jennifer Nietz**  
Sponsor: Dotty Norgard

**St. Paul Midway**

**Randy Wendolek**  
Sponsor: Matt Trainer

**Eagan**

**Rita Murphy**  
Sponsor: Cathy Butzler

**Hastings Rivertown**

**Thomas Malaskee**  
Sponsor: Jason Demoe

**Maplewood North**

**Caitlin Searles**  
Sponsor: Michelle Norman

**New Brighton**

**Bill Krejce**  
Sponsor: Perry Rynders

**Scandia Marine**

5M6 Membership	This Month	YTD
Opening Balance Number	1,263	1,232
Added Members	21	145
Dropped Members	9	102
Closing Balance	1,275	1,275
Net Gain/Loss	+12	+43



# Important Links

- ▶ District 5M6 Website: [5M6 Website](#) (Newly Designed)
- ▶ District 5M6 Intranet: [5M6 INTRANET](#)
- ▶ Lions Clubs International: [Lions Clubs International](#)
- ▶ Multiple District 5M (MD5M): [MD5M Website](#)
- ▶ Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: [MD5M Hearing Foundation](#)
- ▶ Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation: [MN Lions Diabetes Foundation](#)
- ▶ Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation: [MN Lions Vision Foundation](#)
- ▶ Leader Dogs for the Blind: [Leader Dogs](#)
- ▶ MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: [MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation](#)
- ▶ Lions MD5M KidSight Foundation: [MD5M KidSight Foundation](#)
- ▶ Can Do Canines: [Can Do Canines](#)
- ▶ Lions Gift of Sight: [Lions Gift of Sight](#)
- ▶ Project New Hope: [Project New Hope MN](#)
- ▶ Special Olympics: [Special Olympics MN](#)

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## DISTRICT 5M6

Lions Clubs International extends our mission of service every day – in local communities, in all corners of the globe. The needs are great and our services broad, including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 25<sup>TH</sup> of each month

Submit your club events, club awards,  
and Lions program articles to:  
[events@lions5m-6.org](mailto:events@lions5m-6.org)

If you have any questions / concerns, please contact your  
Newsletter Editor DG Paul Williams at  
[paulwilliams@lions5m-6.org](mailto:paulwilliams@lions5m-6.org)

Thank you!!