

Welcome!

LIONS DISTRICT 5M6

46th Annual Mid-Winter Convention

January 12th & 13th, 2024

DoubleTree Hilton, St. Paul East
2201 Burns Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55119



Fun ♦ Fellowship ♦ Service ♦ Seminars



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://group.doubletree.com/hwokm9>



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
- Lion's Foundation Updates



**Lions District 5M6
46th Annual Mid-Winter Convention
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 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:

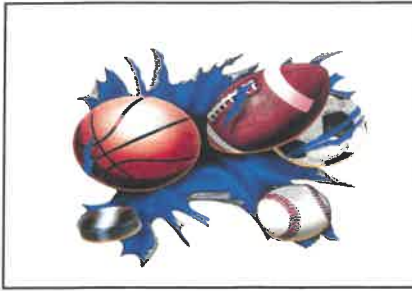
PDG Carol Farley, District Treasurer

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.



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 26, 2023

Please send form to: PDG Carol Farley, 1835 Fifth Street, White Bear Lake, MN 5510-2967. 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.





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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, 2309 Dorothy Ave., 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



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“Changing the World”

January 12-13, 2024

DOUBLETREE St. Paul East

Parade of Green

The Parade of Green is an important feature at our Convention. Listed below are the organizations that Clubs of District 5M-6 support on an annual basis.

Please mail checks to PDG Carol Farley 1835 5th St. White Bear Lake, MN 55110 by no later than Monday January 8th, 2024.

501(c)(3) Organizations: *Checks payable to the Organization*

(Additional information can be found on the 5M6 website)

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF) - Melvin Jones Fellowship

Empowering Service Fund – Supporting ALL LCIF causes (nothing on check MEMO line)

Disaster Relief Fund – can specify a specific disaster on check MEMO line

CAMP CONFIDENCE

CAMP NEEDLEPOINT

CAN DO CANINES, INC – Awards Available – Top Dog

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND, INC.

MINNESOTA LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION, INC. – Research Fellowship Award

MINNESOTA LIONS DIABETES FOUNDATION, INC. – Dream Catcher Award

MINNESOTA LIONS VISION FOUNDATION, INC. – Helen Keller Sight Award

MINNESOTA LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION, INC.

MINNESOTA LIONS MISSIONS INC.

MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION, INC. – Sight Saver Award

MD5M LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE FOUNDATION

PROJECT NEW HOPE

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA, INC. – The Believe Award

TRUE FRIENDS INC. (Formerly Camp Courage & Camp Friendship)

TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

501(c)(3) Organizations with Gambling:

CAMP CONFIDENCE - **Donations from Gambling accounts must have a GCB approval with a LG270 form**

NON-501(c)(3) Organizations: *Checks payable to District 5M6*

Write in MEMO LINE:

LEOS – Lion Leaders of Tomorrow

PEACE POSTER / ESSAY CONTEST

YOUTH EXCHANGE FUND

revised 10/8/2023

District 5M-6 Parade of Green - January 13, 2024

Club Name:		
501 (c)(3) Organizations: Checks payable to organizations	EIN Number	Amount
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) (see below info)	23-7030455	
<i>Empowering Service or Disaster Relief on Memo Line</i>		
Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, Inc. (see below info)	41-6026488	
<i>Gift of Sight : MAC : Childrens Eye Clinic or Eye Surgery Center on Memo Line</i>		
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, Inc.	41-6172730	
Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.	26-3238179	
Minnesota Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.	83-2970348	
Leader Dogs for the Blind	45-4529860	
MD5M Lions Kidsight Foundation, Inc.	81-3338106	
MD5M Lions Youth Exchange Foundation (For Camp Spicer)	46-4182698	
Can Do Canines, Inc.	41-1594165	
Project New Hope	53-0242962	
Special Olympics Minnesota, Inc.	41-1228157	
Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation	88-1542839	
Camp Confidence	41-0985513	
Camp Needlepoint	13-1623888	
True Friends Inc.	41-1543013	
501 (c)(3) Organizations with Gambling:		
Camp Confidence-Donations from gambling accounts must have a GCB approval with a LG270 form		
Non 501 (c)(3) Organizations: Checks payable to 5M6		
Write in MEMO LINE:		
Leos		
Peace Poster/Essay Contest		
Youth Exchange Fund		
TOTAL		

Note: Each Club should complete this form and return it with checks to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Carol Farley by no later than Monday January 8, 2024. **Mail to:** Lion Carol Farley

1835 5th Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110