

2026 - 2028

LONG RANGE PLAN



District 5M-8
77 Lions Clubs



4 Leo Clubs



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Preface:

The future does not just happen; it is created and shaped by people of vision!

District 5M8 has a rich history of accomplishment through humanitarian service. We have grown from a handful of people with a vision to our current membership of 2,773 members. Our accomplishments, through humanitarian service, have reached far beyond any expectations that our early Lions might have had. However, we also are not without problems. Our membership and growth in the multiple has diminished as well as membership in 5M8. We also find that our loyal Lions are in many cases growing older and we badly need influx of new leaders, younger people with new ideas and energy. Our outreach and the opportunity for women in Lionism also have a long way to go. The early Lions in 5M8 had a vision, a vision that has shaped Lionism for today. But what about the years 2026/2028 and beyond?

Introduction:

This document is being developed by the 5M8 Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee to produce a vision for 5M8 that extends to the year 2028. The document also defines a plan for implementing that vision. This document is arranged in two sections.

5M8 Operating Committees:

- Constitution, By-Laws & Policy Manual
- Conventions and Forums
- District Advisor
- GET – Global Extension Team
- GLT – Global Leadership Team
- GMT – Global Membership Team
- GMT – Family and Women’s Specialist
- GST – Global Service Team
- LCIF – Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Long Range Planning
- Protocol
- Publicity/Newsletter
- Technology
- Technology, e-clubhouse

5M8 Program Committees

- Can Do Canines
- Diabetes Foundation
- Environmental
- KidSight
- Leader Dog
- Leo Club Formation & Support
- MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.
- MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (MNLERC)
- MN Lions Hearing Foundation
- MN Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)
- Project New Hope
- Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation
- Youth Exchange/Youth Camps
- Youth Outreach (Peace Poster/Essay)
- Youth Outreach (Quest)

The Long Range Plan for each of the above committees contains three sections, they are as follows:

A list of **VISION** statements that will inspire and guide the future of Lionism in 5M8.

A **Plan Description** section where the specific Long Range Plan is explained.

An **Action Plan** section where the specific actions required to accomplishing the plan are Listed and Evaluated.

5M8 Long Range Planning Process:

- This 5M8 Long Range Plan will be managed as a ***living document***. Each two years the Long Range Planning Committee will add to and update the document as needed for implementation, and each time the 5M8 Cabinet will approve the updated document and use it to help direct the work of District 5M8 year.

- The updated plan will be presented to the 5M8 Cabinet at or before the final Cabinet Meeting.

- The updated and revised Long Range Plan and document will be effective for the Lion year following its approval by the 5M8 Cabinet.

2025 - 2026 5M8 Long Range Planning (LRP) Chair:

Lion Bob Harms

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5M-8 Operating Committee
Constitution & By-Laws
2026-2028

Vision

All actions in District 5M8 follow the Constitution and By-Laws in District 5M8 matters.

Plan Description

1) Annual review of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy Manual to provide amendments and/or revisions as necessary.

2) Offer advice to the District Governor and Cabinet as concerns our District 5M8 Constitution and By-Laws. To assist all officers of District 5M8, as well as all Lions Clubs within District 5M8, in being knowledgeable on the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 5M and District 5M8.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Post District 5M8 Constitution & By-Laws And Policy Manual on the District 5M8 Website	Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Webmaster	Annually in August	Existing Constitution & By-Laws as well as new amendments passed & updated at annual district Meeting
Review the 5M8 Constitution, By-Laws, & Policy Manual for any Revisions	Constitution & By-Laws committee	Before the 2 nd Cabinet meeting	
Review any changes to the Constitution & By-Laws as Passed by MD5M Convention	Constitution & By-Laws committee	Annually following passage at the MD5M Convention	Communication from the MD5M Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson
Review adopted changes of Lions International and/or MD5M Constitution and/or By-Laws	Constitution & By-Laws committee	Annually by 2 nd Cabinet meeting	Electronic copies of International Board of Directors changes to International Constitution And/or By-Laws posted Effective as of July 1 st of The new Lions year
Prepare and post in District 5M8 newsletter proposed Amendments to be voted on At the next 5M8 annual Business meeting	Constitution & By-Laws committee. 5M8 Newsletter Editor	Annually by 2 nd Cabinet meeting	Drafted copies of proposed changes with rationale

Reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Constitution & By-Laws Committee
PCC Jack Breitreutz, Chair

5M8 Operating Committee
CONVENTIONS AND FORUMS

2026-2028

Vision

Since Lion conventions and forums provide Lions club members with invaluable opportunities to network, learn, and grow; it is vitally important that the information about attending conventions and forums be made available to all Lions club members of District 5M8.

Plan Description

To ensure that information and registration forms related to attending conventions and forums gets distributed to all Lions clubs and members of 5M8. To be certain that the information is getting out to all Lions clubs and Lion members, the 5M8 Conventions and Forums Chairperson will check annually, and periodically, throughout the Lions year, to make sure the appropriate information related to attending conventions and forums is being distributed to all Lions clubs and Lion members in a timely manner.

Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Information Received From</u>
Compile a list of Conventions and Forums with dates, locations, registration forms and contact information for inclusion in the 5M8 newsletter, District Website and District Facebook page and report to the 5M8 Cabinet	Monthly for newsletter; District Facebook page and for each cabinet meeting	Chairpersons for the various Conventions and Forums
Answer questions related to attending a convention or forum as asked	On-going	Self knowledge, or refer to the appropriate chairperson

GOALS

Lions members who attend social and training events outside their individual club, such as conventions and forums, have a better understanding of what Lions Clubs International is about and what they can accomplish in their own communities, as well as worldwide. Therefore, some goals of the position of 5M8 Conventions and Forums Chairperson are to:

- * ensure that every Lion within District 5M8 has an opportunity to attend any and all conventions and/or forums that they desire
- * endeavor to help the Lions within District 5M8 have an understanding of how they can personally benefit from attending a convention and/or forum
- * endeavor to help Lions clubs understand how having their members attend conventions and forums will benefit their club and the services they provide

Note: The Conventions and Forums Chairperson is appointed by the District Governor and is normally the Immediate Past District Governor for District 5M8.

This Document was reviewed
and approved by 2025-2026 Program
Chairperson

5M-8 OPERATING COMMITTEE
DISTRICT ADVISOR
2026 - 2028

VISION

The District Advisor will prepare, update and present a topic(s) of general information upon Request to Lions of District 5M8. A presentation may be scheduled for presentation at any gathering of Lions or Leos.

PROCEDURE

A mutually agreeable date for presentation will be established between the presenter and the requesting group.

TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION.

The topics will be general in nature and related to Lionism. The presentation topic will be determined between the presenter and the requester.

ACTION PLAN

- a. The District Advisor is the only member of the presenting group.
- b. The District Advisor may seek information and guidance from any source available, including Lions Clubs International.
- c. The presentations should be limited to approximately 30 minutes and only one subject per presentation. Questions and discussion will be encouraged.
- d. The District Advisor will seek advice from the current District Governor of District 5M8 as may relate to subjects felt current by the Governor.
- e. Power point Programs may be used for aid in any presentation.
- f. Club meetings and Leo meetings will be the main groups at which to present but may well be adapted for a Mid-Winter or other conventions at the request of the program committees.

GOALS

The goal will be to inform Lions and Leos, in some depth, on subjects often needed, overlooked or neglected in the course of "routine" Lions gatherings.

This Document was reviewed
and approved by 2025-2026 District
Advisor.

GET – Extension Development

2026-2028

VISION

- 1.) To effectively seek communities within our district that could benefit by forming a new lions club. With the goal of recruiting new service-minded people, looking for needs that aren't being met and forming new clubs.
- 2.) To follow up on any leads given to the team and ignite the spark of passion for serving. We will learn about the community's local projects to help create a mission for the said new club. This will be done while maintaining the community's respect for the local Lions club through service and fund-raising projects.
- 3.) When there is an existing club in the same area of focus, the plan would be to contact them first. The intent here is to get their support and help with the new club. Always ask them first if they are interested in being the club sponsor.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

- 1.) Plan, promote and implement research efforts such as communicating with community leaders, business owners and other service clubs. Participation in local media and attend public events, when appropriate, to meet the goal of a one new club per year achieving growth within the extension goals.
- 2.) Conduct new club informational meetings, including establishing support programs to recruit family members.
- 3.) Always finding ways to connect with locals and striving to inspire them to get active in making their home area a better place. Promoting new and innovative ways to serve and belong to a club that truly makes a difference.
- 4.) Encourage new clubs to invite members by providing information and strategies used by Lions Clubs successful in membership growth.

ACTION PLAN

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Reach out to communities that had former clubs & review join-together/club branch opts	GET, GAT & District Zone Chairs with DG assistance	By June 30 th	Google, Chat GPT & club health assessment
Encourage Zone Meeting presentation by GET or Zone Chairs	GET & District Zone Chairs	By June 30 th	Zone Meeting Schedules
Determine possible areas of need- Turn area needs into opportunities for clubs	All Lions, GET, GMT,GST,PDGs & Zone Chairs	By June 30 th	Map of the district, Google & Chat GPT
Meet with key members of the area – Mayor, City Council, Business Leaders	GET, GAT & any motivated Lion	By June 30 th	Local media, Chamber of Commerce & City Council
Identify Guiding Lion/ Host Club relevant to selected area. Plan charter night	GET, GAT, Host Club & Guiding Lion with DG assistance	By June 30 th	Guiding lion certification, zone chair advice & newsletter for charter night

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairs.

5M8 Operating Committee
GLT – Leadership Development
 2026-2028

Vision

That Leadership Development is given top priority in 5M8 with the goal of enhancing the leadership skills of all Lions and Leos with specific emphasis on Club Officers.

Plan Descriptions

That a training curriculum and materials be developed, maintained and updated for all club officers and any other Lions and Leos who wish to participate. Zone Chair Training will be developed and provided for District 5M8 Zone Chairs.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Develop a training Curriculum and To use in training Club Officers	DG, 1VDG, 2VDG and 5M8 Leadership and Development Chairs	Annually	Information and Materials from Lions Clubs International, Budget Allocations, On line Training & Information And Materials from MD5M
Officer Training at Several sites in April & May for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Other Club Officer Positions may be added and all Members are invited.	Leadership Chairs and Instructors who are experienced in the in the position they address	One evening per site per year	3 laptops, 3 projectors, PowerPoint software and student manuals Budget Allocation by District 5M8
Zone Chair Training	DG, GLT, 1VDG, 2VDG Leadership Chairs	Annually in April or May	Laptop, projectors, Power-Point software and Zone Chair manuals
Promote MD5M LCI Emerging Lion and LCI Lions Leadership Institute	DG, 1VDG, 2VDG & GLT	MD5M Bi-Annually and LCI Annually	Refer to LCI and MD5M Procedures
Lions Orientation Program. Develop a PowerPoint presentation Lions organization at the International, Multiple, District, Zone And Club Levels	District 5M8 GLT Team	Annually-available presentation as Club's request	Laptop, projector, Power-Point software
Promote LCI Webinars For Club Officers	LCI	As available from LCI	Computer and Internet Access

This Document was reviewed
 and approved by the 2025-2026
 Program Coordinator

GMT – Membership Development

2026-2028

VISION

- 1.) To effectively serve communities of our district by increasing membership through recruiting new service-minded people and forming new clubs.
- 2.) To encourage recruiting new service-minded people and forming new clubs. Maintaining the community respect of the local Lions club through local service and fund-raising projects. Maintain the community respect of the local Lions Club through local service.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

- 5.) Plan, promote and implement successful membership programs such as participation in local media, parades, public events when appropriate, to meet the goal of a 1% per year compound growth in membership goals.
- 6.) Conduct membership growth workshops, including establishing support programs to recruit family members, and women as Lions.
- 3.) Help clubs to recruit members and women as Lions.
- 4.) Encourage clubs to invite new members by providing information and strategies used by Lions Clubs successful in membership growth.

ACTION PLAN

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
+ 1 growth, per club, annually	District & Club Membership Chairs & District Zone Chairs	By June 30 th	LCI Health Assessment report, M&A's
Encourage Zone Meeting presentation by GMT or Zone Chairs	District & Club Membership Chairs & District Zone Chairs	By June 30 th	Zone Meeting Schedules
Encourage Zone Meeting presentation to at least one club per year per Zone	District GMT and Zone Chairs	By June 30 th	Club Meeting Schedules
Help clubs solve membership problems	District GMT and Zone Chairs	By June 30 th	Zone Chair input, M&A reports, LCI Club Health Assessment Report
Yearly Membership Goals to be set by District Governor	District Governor with GMT Coordinator	Annually	District Governor & Membership Chair goals

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Coordinator.

DISTRICT GMT- FAMILY AND WOMEN'S SPECIALIST

2026-2028

VISION

- 1.) To effectively serve communities in our district by increasing membership in Family and Women. Recruiting new service – minded people and forming new clubs.
- 2.) Maintain community respect for local Lions Clubs through service and fund raising projects.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

- 1.) Plan and publicize membership programs with the help of local media for public events when appropriate in order to meet the goal of increasing family and women in clubs.
- 2.) Overseeing membership growth through establishing new clubs in the 5M8 District including recruitment of family members and women as Lions.
- 3.) Help clubs to increase membership growth by adding family members and women to the roster.
- 4.) Providing information along with strategies to clubs so they can increase Family & Women participations resulting in membership growth through articles in the 5M8 monthly Newsletter.

ACTION PLAN

Action Plan	Who is Responsible	Time Frame	Resources needed
+1 growth per club annually	Club Membership chair, Zone Chair, District Family & Women Specialist	By June 30 th of Lion year	LCI Health Assessment; M&A Reports Summary of membership types & genders by clubs
Encourage attendance at Zone Meetings	District & Club	By June 30 th	Zone Meeting Schedules
Orientation of Members	Club membership Chair	Within 2 months of new member joining	Orientation Power Point on the 5M8 Lion website under Resources
District Family & Women Presentations	Family & Women's Specialists/ Zone Chairs/Lions Clubs	Within Lions Year	Requests from Lions Clubs as a speaker at their meetings
Encourage Meeting presentation to at least one Club per year/per Zone	District GMT/ Zone chair/ Family & Women's Specialist	Within Lions Year	Club/ Zone meeting schedule
Help clubs resolve membership issues	District GMT, Zone Chair	By June 30 th	Zone chair club visit report, GMT assisting the club
Yearly membership goals to be set by District Governor	District Governor; GMT Coordinator; Family & Women's Specialist	Annually	District Governor- Membership Chair goals with Family & Women Specialist

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Coordinator.

5M8 Operating Committee

GST – Global Service Team

2026-2028

Vision:

The Global Service Team (GST) will champion the service framework of LCI and LCIF and empower Lions and Leos in 5M8 to maximize impactful services, action and growth.

Plan Description:

GST 5M8 Coordinator will provide resources to Zone Chairs and Club Service Chairpersons, empowering Lions to meet the priority needs of their communities and elevate the member experience through impactful service growth.

Action Plan:

Action Steps	Who Is Responsible	Timeline	Resources Needed
Ensure Zone Chairs and Club Service Chairpersons are aware of our LCI Service Framework	GST 5M8 Chairs District Governor Newsletter Editor	Ongoing	Newsletter E-Mails as needed Social Media
Increase club level service activity reporting through Lion Portal	GST 5M8 Chairs Zone Chairs 5M8 District & Club Service Chairs & Club Secy.	Ongoing	Lion Portal Activity Reports E-Mails as needed LCI Health Assessment Report Zone Chairs Social Media
Increase the percentage on service projects delivered by clubs with special focus on LCI Service Projects including Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Youth, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian projects	LCIF Coordinators District Governor District & Club service Chairs Zone Chairs	Ongoing	Assistance from LCIF Coordinators Material from LCI
District Governor’s Service Project Support DG’s and Multiple District Service Projects	GST 5M8 Chairs Zone Chairs Club Service Chair	Ongoing	From DG 5M8 GST Coordinator
Promote the usage of Lion Portal mobile app to help plan Service activities	Technology Chairs Zone Chairs District Governor	Quarterly zone meeting Mid-Winter Conv.	Information from LCI Laptop and Projectors
Promote LCIF with	5M8 Coordinators	Ongoing	Material from LCIF

This Document was reviewed and approved the 2025-2026 Program Coordinators.

5M8 Operating Committee
Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)
 2026-2028

Vision

- 1.) Promote the increase of LCIF's contributions and growth in Melvin Jones Fellows in 5M8.
- 2.) That LCIF funding (Standard, International Assistance, Emergency, Major Catastrophe and Core 4 grants, be obtained for new projects in 5M8.
- 3.) Do Club presentations and encourage members and clubs to become LCIF donors and promote the importance of all District 5M8 Lions to become LCIF donors.
- 4.) Encourage All Lions to become Lion Legacy Donors.

Plan Description

- 1.) Develop a system in which opportunities for LCIF grant funding are identified in 5M8, grant applications that meet the criteria established by LCIF are prepared, and applications are reviewed by the 5M8 Coordinators to enhance their chances for funding by LCIF..
- 2.) Through the LCIF Coordinators, assist and promote contributions to LCIF especially to earn Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Do LCIF Club presentations and encourage contributions to LCIF at the club level, at 5M8 District Convention, and to promote individual LCIF donations	5M8 LCIF Coordinators	Ongoing	Curriculum materials, expenses by rules of audit
Ensure that information is Distributed about the LCIF grant process and how to prepare effective LCIF grant applications to the District LCIF Coordinators.	5M8 LCIF Coordinators	Annually	Written materials, photocopies, and power point presentations.
Maintain records for LCIF Standard International Assistance, emergency Sight First, Major Catastrophe, and Core 4 grants in process, submitted and received by District 5M8.	5M8 LCIF Coordinators	Ongoing	Filing system and photocopies
All club LCIF grant Applications will be reviewed by LCIF Coordinators before presentation to 5M8 Cabinet for LCIF approval.	5M8 LCIF Coordinators and District Governor	Ongoing	
Achieve 100% Club participation in LCIF contributions	5M8 Coordinators, District Governor, and Zone Chairs	Annually	Promote by DG, Newsletter and Social media

5M8 Operating Committee
Long Range Planning
 2026 – 2028

VISION

The Long Range Planning Committee will continually update the District 5M-8 Long Range Plan and Document, providing a road map for and communicating it to the Lions and Leos of 5M-8.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

- 1.) 5M8 will update the Long Range Plan and document on a required basis, preparing the plan for the necessary Lion years.
- 2.) Every Lions Club will be educated and updated annually about the 5M8 Long Range Plan and Document.
- 3.) Each Club in District 5M8 will be encouraged to prepare a strategic plan and will be provided with the information and tools necessary to accomplish it.

ACTION PLAN

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Review and update the 5M8 Long Range Plan and Document.	5M8 Long Range Planning Chairpersons	Semi-Annually - Final Draft to Cabinet by 3 rd of audit Cabinet Meeting	Materials, expenses by rules of audit Commitment of the Cabinet and committee members
Educate 5M8 Lions Clubs in regard to the Long Range Plan, updating them when changes are made.	5M8 Long Range Planning Committee, District Representatives and Zone Chairs.	Annually	Commitment of the Cabinet and committee members
Each Program Chairman will receive a copy of their LRP when appointed by the District Governor elect.	5M8 District Governor elect	Prior to July 1 st	Commitment of 5M8 District Governor
Discuss Long Range Plan and how it is to be implemented	District Governor and Long Range Planning Committee	First Cabinet Meeting in 2026-2027 and beyond.	Time at Cabinet Meeting
Hold progress review during Lion year.		2 nd or 3 rd Cabinet Meeting and beyond	
Evaluate the success or lack of success of the Long Range Planning process and its usefulness	District Governor and Cabinet	5M-8 Cabinet Meeting during the 2025-2026 Lions years	Commitment by 5M8 Cabinet, at select times, for effective evaluation. Determine the effectiveness of the plan and decide on future direction.

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairs.

5M8 Operation Committee
PROTOCOL
2026-2028

Vision

The District 5M8 Protocol Chairperson will serve as a resource and source of information for the District, the Zones, and for Lion Clubs within the District.

Plan Description

The Protocol Chairperson will check "The Lions International Visitor: A Hosting & Protocol Guide" found on the Lions International website for yearly changes and updates.

The Protocol Chairperson will communicate any changes or updates to the District, the Zones, and Clubs within the District via reports submitted, and placed into the recorded minutes of the 5M-8 Cabinet meetings.

The Protocol Chairperson will have a prepared presentation on protocol that can be presented at conventions, zone meetings, officer training, and club meetings.

Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Look for protocol changes and updates	Protocol Chairperson	Annually	Access to Lions International Website
Communicate changes and updates at conventions, Zone and club meetings	Protocol Chairperson	Ongoing	Computer and data projector
Prepare and/or update protocol presentation	Protocol Chairperson	Annually	Computer and power point
Report protocol activities	Protocol Chairperson	Quarterly Meetings	Attend Cabinet

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairs.

5M8 Operating Committee
Publicity/Newsletters
 2026-2028

Vision

- 1.) That the Lions of District 5M8 develop a public relations program to educate Lions and their communities on the objectives and service of Lions.
- 2.) That the 5M8 Public Relations Program be used to promote Lions as a tool to achieve the goals of the 5M8 operating and program committees.

Plan Description

- 1.) Develop and maintain an organized public relations program.
- 2.) Encourage each Club to appoint a newsletter editor and/or public relations chair.
- 3.) That encourages each Club in 5M8 to have a newsletter which is sent to their Club members, the Public Relations/Newsletter Chair, District Governor, and their Zone Chair.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Maintain a cabinet level position for Public Relations	District Governor	Ongoing	Cabinet commitment and Budget Allocation
Preparation of the District 5M8 Newsletter	5M8 Public Relations Chair	Monthly	Budget Allocation
Encourage clubs to insert portions of the District 5M8 newsletter in their club newsletter	5M8 Public Relations Chair & Club Chair	Monthly	
Club Public Relations Chairs send local Club newsletters and news releases to 5M8 Public Relations Chair	Club Public Relations Chair or Club Secretary	Monthly	Club Commitment
Encourage Clubs to utilize the Lions Clubs International website for materials available to Clubs	5M8 Public Relations, Club Chair, & Club Secretary	Monthly	Access to website

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairperson.

5M8 Operating Committee
Technology & Marketing
 2026-2028

Vision

- Leverage modern technology and strategic marketing to:
 - Expand public visibility.
 - Improve internal communications.
 - Build a recognizable and consistent District brand.
- Promote the values and service of Lions through clear, unified messaging across digital and physical platforms.
- Equip the District with tools and systems to:
 - Boost productivity.
 - Support event promotion and club communications.
 - Attract and retain new members.

Plan Description

- Rebuild and maintain a mobile-friendly, accessible website as the central hub for district communications and marketing.
- Develop a consistent District brand for use in digital content, print materials, promotional items and apparel.
- Identify and maintain a list of effective marketing avenues, both digital (e.g., social media) and physical (e.g., Billboards, events).
- Evaluate and recommend a tool kit of productivity and marketing platforms (e.g, Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, Canva, Zoom, Mailchimp and a post scheduler).
- Support and encourage clubs in adopting technology and marketing best practices to better engage their communities and grow membership.

• **Action Plan**

Action	Who	Timeline	Resources Needed
Rebuild and maintain the District website	Marketing & Tech Chair, Marketing & Tech Team, and Website Agency	Start in 2025, ongoing updates monthly	Hosting & web tools
Create a unified branding	Marketing & Tech Chair, Marketing & Tech Team	2025	Design tools (e.g., Canva)
Make a list of marketing channels	Marketing & Tech Chair, Marketing & Tech Team	Start in 2025, Review annually	Google, ChatGPT
Recommend digital tools (Google, Canva, Mailchimp, etc.)	Marketing & Tech Chair, Marketing & Tech Team	Evaluate in 2025, update as needed	Software demos, budget
Set up digital analytics for website and social media	Marketing & Tech Chair, Marketing & Tech Team	Start in 2025, Review quarterly	Analytics tools

5M8 Operating Committee
Technology, e-Clubhouse
 2026 – 2028

VISION

The 5M8 e-Clubhouse Committee will promote and assist Clubs within the District with the implementation and usage of their own “e-Clubhouse” websites. This committee will also work with the District’s social media “Facebook” page, the District’s public relations committee and the District’s Newsletter. The Committee will continually update the District 5M8 e-Clubhouse plan and Document, providing a road map for and communicating it to the Lions and Leos in 5M8 and promoting Lions to the public.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

- 1.) 5M-8 will update the e-Clubhouse Plan and document on an annual basis, each year preparing the plan for the following Lion year.
- 2.) Each Club in District 5M8 will be encouraged to maintain their own e-Clubhouse Site, updating it monthly (at minimum), and will be provided with the information and tools necessary to accomplish that.

<u>Action Plan</u>			
<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Review and update 5M8 e-Clubhouse Plan	e-Clubhouse Chairperson	Ongoing	Direction from District Governor
Educate 5M8 on e-Clubhouse, updating when changes are made.	District Governor, Zone Chairs and e-Clubhouse Committee	Ongoing	Commitment from District Governor
Discuss e-Clubhouse and its advantages.	District Governor, Zone Chairs and e-Clubhouse Committee	Ongoing	Full access to District Governor and Zone Chairs
Promote e-clubhouse through Governor’s Newsletter	e-Clubhouse Chairperson	Ongoing	Access to Editor
Hold progress review during Lion year.	e-Clubhouse Chairperson	Quarterly Cabinet Meetings	Time on Agenda

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Can Do Canines 2026-2028

Vision

That all Lions and Leos in 5M8 understand the purpose and vision, current needs and goals, and be educated and updated on the Can Do Canines programs throughout the year.

Plan Description

To assure that all 5M8 Lions and Leos are furnished with programs and materials to understand the program and who is served by the program and to know where their donations are used.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Present programs to Clubs, Zones and Conventions	District Chairs, Can Do Canines and Can Do Canines Graduates when available	Ongoing	Presentation Materials, Brochures, Speakers from Can Do Canines as requested
Establish a team for "Can Do Woofaroo" from the District and 10% of District Clubs	District Chairs and Clubs	By August	District Chairs, Clubs, Donations
Increase the number of graduating teams	Can Do Canines, District Chairs and Clubs	Ongoing	Materials, Brochures, Presentations
Increase donations from clubs	District Chairs, Lions, and Leos	Ongoing	Presentations, Brochures and Materials

This Document has been reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairs.

Diabetes Foundation

2026-2028

Vision

- 1.) To promote diabetes awareness, screening by medical institutions, and education within our district.
- 2.) Lions of 5M8 will be updated on the current needs and goals of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.
- 3.) Diabetes Chairs will have an informational display at the Mid-Winter Convention.
- 4.) 5M8 Lions will work to help fund research to find a cure for diabetes.
- 5.) 5M8 MLDF Directors will work with the Diabetes Board in promoting volunteers for trial tests for various diabetes possible cures

Plan Description

- 1.) Increase awareness of the residents of our District about diabetes.
- 2.) Use materials and personnel from the University of Minnesota to train trustees and clubs about diabetes and research being done at the University of Minnesota.
- 3.) Promote the Lions Annual Diabetes Research Update held every spring at the University of Minnesota.

Goals

- 1.) District Chairs will present programs at Zone Meetings and Club Meetings when requested to attend.
- 2.) District Chairs will distribute power points and written materials when presenting at Club Meetings.
- 3.) Work to find undiagnosed diabetes by using the ADA's "Are You at Risk" test.
- 4.) Distribute more information, flyers, and promotional products to District Clubs.
- 5.) Financially support diabetes research at the University of Minnesota.
- 6.) Work to create more fundraising opportunities.
- 7.) Help provide money for screenings done by professionals.
- 8.) Encourage district clubs to support the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc.

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and approved by the 2025-2026
Program Chairs.

Environmental

2026 – 2028

VISION

The 5M8 Environmental Committee will develop, promote and assist Lions in 5M8 to Foster Environmental Programs. Environmental programs encompass many areas and, to that extent possible, these programs will be encouraged in all clubs.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

- 1.) Develop and maintain an organized Environmental Program.
- 2.) Encourage and assist clubs in the District with Local Environmental Programs.
- 3.) Provide Materials and needs to Lions clubs in District 5M8. As of December 15 2023, LCI has updated global cause resources available for Tree Planting and Tree Care; Environmental Cleanup and Restoration; Recycling and Waste management; Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy; Clean Water and Sanitation.

ACTION PLAN

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Maintain cabinet level position for Environmental Programs.	District Governor	Annually	Information, LCI Resources and expenses by rules of Audit.
Develop District plan	District Governor and Environmental Chair	Annually	Local & LCI Resources
Involve Zone Chairs in Promoting program.	District Governor and Environmental Chair	Ongoing	Handouts for supporting programs.
Evaluate the Program's success Through the year.	District Governor and Environmental Chair	Quarterly	Reports from clubs, Zone Chairs and Environmental Chair.

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairs.

KidSight Committee

2026-2028

Vision

To provide all lions clubs within District 5M8 the support and ongoing training to encourage and enhance the vision screening of our youth, focusing on the school-aged children, six months to eighteen years of age in our communities.

Description

Our goal is to supply the necessary support and required training to lions clubs members and individuals so as to keep the focus on the benefits of screening our youth, while inviting interest among our clubs to continue holding KidSight screening service projects within their communities.

Our training and screening support has evolved into our community school districts as well as our clubs to assist the screening of Early Childhood and Elementary aged students within our schools. Several clubs have fundraised for the purchase of KidSight screeners and related equipment and have donated this equipment to their local schools. This requires contact with the school to assist their efforts in supplying our volunteers to hold screenings when the new school year begins each fall. This requires our attendance to assist our lions clubs and school officials in their experience to assure a smooth screening process. We continue also to encourage our lions clubs to continue their efforts to perform community screenings as well.

District 5M8 owns eight Welch Allyn Spot Screeners, including printers and wheeled travel bags. Also, District 5M8 owns 2 canopies for events. This assists our distributing screeners to lions clubs as they schedule their screening events. Travel by the committee members is required to move the screeners throughout our district as requested. Also, when clubs request, a committee member still needs to be present assuring an excellent screening process, especially within our schools.

Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Continue support/training To Clubs and Schools as Requested	KidSight Committee	All Year - as needed	KidSight Committee
Coordinate Club Screenings and screeners	KidSight Committee	as requested by clubs, if available	KidSight Committee
Clubs collect screening Data	Clubs submit to KidSight Chairs	Immediate upon screening conclusion	KidSight Committee

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LEADER DOG

2026-2028

Vision

The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to enhance the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired.

Our intent would be to continue to spread the word about the tremendous work that goes on at Leader Dogs for the Blind and help people who need our services to find them and find their new four-legged best friend. We, as a 5M8 Lion Program, will continue to go the extra mile for Leader dogs so that they can go the extra mile for their students.

Plan Description

- 1.) We will continue our efforts to increase the number of Leader Dogs placed with the blind and visually impaired.
- 2.) Although these are challenging economic times, we will continue to encourage 100% participation in the District, both financially and program wise.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Increase the number of Leader Dogs in our area (Clubs must be well informed)	District Governor and Leader Dog Chairs	Ongoing	Information and assistance from 5M-8 clubs and Leader Dog representatives
Encourage all Minnesota Lions Clubs to financially support Leader Dogs	District Governor and Leader Dog Chairs	Ongoing	Support of 5M-8 Cabinet, Zone Chairs and Clubs
Maintain & update accurate presentation materials and continue to have accurate information for 5M-8 Clubs	Leader Dog Chairs	Ongoing	Assistance from Leader Dog Headquarters

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LEO CLUB FORMATION AND SUPPORT

2026-2028

Vision

LEO Clubs provide the opportunity for young people to learn about service projects, to have leadership opportunities and to learn social skills, therefore, each Lions Club in the District could have the opportunity to sponsor a LEO Club. Lions Clubs will have support from the District to learn about sponsoring a LEO Club and to have on-going support from the District to keep their LEO Clubs healthy and active.

Plan Description

Every Lions Club in 5M8 will be contacted by the LEO Clubs Chairperson at least once per year to make sure the clubs are aware of the LEO Club program and offer assistance in setting up a LEO Club. Lions Clubs that sponsor a LEO Club will be supported and educated on new ideas and information by the District. The LEO Club Program Chair is appointed annually by the District Governor.

Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Visit as many Lions Clubs in the District to make sure they are aware of the LEO Club Program.	Annually, early in Lions year	Self knowledge, or contact Lions Clubs International LEO Clubs Program for information to share with Lions Clubs
Send a communication to each Lions Club in the District that currently sponsors a LEO Club to offer assistance, if needed.	Quarterly	Self knowledge, or contact Lions Clubs International LEO Clubs Program for assistance in answering questions
Attend District Cabinet meetings and report on LEO Clubs activities at each meeting.	Cabinet meetings	Report on activities since the previous Cabinet meeting
Attend Zone Meetings to speak on LEO Clubs and the opportunities they provide our young people.	As requested by District Zone Chairpersons	Self knowledge, or contact Lions Clubs International LEO Clubs Program for information to share with Lions Clubs
Promote the MD5M Leo Leadership Conference and plan Leo day for the 5M8 Mid- Winter Convention.	October and February	MD5M Leo Club Chairperson Leo District Chair
Promote the MD5M LEO Youth Conference	Annually, as soon as dates are known	MD5M LEO Clubs Chairperson

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairman.

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

2026-2028

Vision

1. The Lions of 5M8 are continuously aware of the progress of the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.
2. The Lions of 5M8 are continuously aware of the current and future needs and goals of the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.
3. The lions of 5M8 are continuously working diligently to help fund research to find a cure of childhood cancer.
4. The Lions of 5M8 are also working diligently to assist patients and survivors of childhood families in whatever means possible.

Plan Description

1. Increase awareness of all residents of 5M8 about childhood cancer, its symptoms, and after effects on survivors.
2. Use materials and personnel from sources such as the American Cancer Society, the University of Minnesota, and MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation to help train individuals about childhood cancer and research being done at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere.
3. Help fund patients and survivors of childhood cancer to attend appropriate and approved camps and other support events.
4. Encourage clubs and individuals to be active in, aware of, and supportive of, cancer related efforts and programs locally and at district and higher levels.

Goals

1. Reach 100% of 5M8 clubs annually using presentations at club and zone meetings, min-forums, mid-winter conventions, newsletter, and other available venues.
2. Work to help find undiagnosed childhood cancer by making symptom educational material available and encouraging regular check-ups for youth at risk.
3. Work to help prevent childhood cancer by making preventive educational materials available to clubs and individuals.
4. Financially support childhood cancer research at the University of Minnesota, youth camperships, as well as patients, survivors, and their families.
5. Encourage district clubs to support the MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc. through various service activities.

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and approved by the 2025-2026
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5M-8 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MN LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER (MNLERC)

2026 – 2028

Vision

- To educate all Lions and Leos in MD5M on the worldwide need for recycling eyeglasses and the positive impact they have on the lives of the recipients.
- To obtain all of the glasses collected by Lions and Leos in MD5M.
- To support regional collection of eyeglasses collected by Lions and Leos from Multiple districts in Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa.

Plan Description

- MN LERC members will educate Lions and Leos about recycling used eyeglasses through programs presented to; District Cabinets, Mid-Winter Conventions, Multiple District Conventions, Zone Meetings, Club Meetings, plus printed brochures, newsletter articles and social media.
- MN LERC members will educate the public about MN LERC's mission and the need for recycling eyeglasses through personal contact, printed materials, speaking engagements and social media.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Seek opportunities to present programs to Lions, Leos and the public about recycling eyeglasses.	MN LERC members and MN LVF Board	Ongoing	Informational brochures and banners
Seek opportunities to publicize information about eyeglass recycling and the eyeglass recycling center	MN LERC members and MNLVF Board	Ongoing	Informational brochures and banners

MN LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION

2026-2028

Vision:

That all Lions and Leos in District 5M8 become aware of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation and its purposes.

Plan Description:

To assure that all Lions and Leos in District 5M8 understand the programs and purposes of the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation including the Lions Hearing Center, the Lions Children’s Hearing Clinic, the Affordable Hearing Aid Program, used hearing aid collection, the D-Feet Walk, use of district audiometers for hearing screening in the “All Ears” screening program and cutting edge hearing research.

Action Plan:

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Educate the Lions and Leos about the Foundation at Zone and Club meetings	District Chairs	Ongoing	Brochures, Videos Club & Zone visits
Increase giving to meet our pledges.	District Chairs	Annually	Newsletters, Club & Zone Visits
Increase Club & Zone visits by 10%	District Chairs	Annually	Club & Zone Visits
Increase Public Relations	District Chairs	Quarterly	Newsletters, Newspapers, Radio/TV, & Website
Advertise Affordable Hearing Aid Program	District Chairs	Ongoing	Club & Zone Visits Newsletter Articles, and Website
Increase Used Hearing Aid Collection	District Chairs	Ongoing	Club & Zone Visits, Newsletter Articles, Collection Boxes and Website
Notify Clubs about available Awards	District Chairs	Quarterly	Club & Zone Visits Letter to Clubs
Advertise the Foundation at the 5M8 Convention	District Chairs	Annually	Display table with tri-fold and brochures
Advertise the D-Feet Walk	District Chairs	Ongoing	Brochures & 5M8 Web/Facebook

HEARING CONTINUED

Educate Lions and Leos concerning the use of audiometers for hearing in 5M8	District Chairs	Ongoing	Videos, handouts, visits to district zones and clubs
Provide training on the use of hearing audiometers in 5M8	District Chairs	Ongoing	Handouts, videos and volunteers to receive training
Develop a schedule and record of audiometers in 5M8. Create a record keeping system for numbers of people screened and referrals	District Chairs and DG	2025 – 26FY	Database record on computer

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and approved by the 2025-2026
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5M8 Program Committee
MN Lions Vision Foundation (MLVF)
 2026-2028

Vision

That ALL Lions and Leos in 5M8 understand the purpose and vision, the current needs and goals, and the accomplishments of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. The MLVF includes The Lions Gift of Sight, Lions Children’s Eye Clinic, the Macular Degeneration Center, the MN Lions Eye Surgery Center and the Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

Plan Description

Every Lion and Leo will be informed of the status of the MN Lions Vision Foundation on an ongoing basis.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Confirm that 5M8 has two Lion representatives on the MN LVF Board of Directors	District Governor and MNLVF Chairs	Ongoing	
Work for 100% club donations from 5M8	MNLVF Chairs	Ongoing	Monthly Helen Keller report
Continue the 5M8 leadership role in providing funding to the MN Lions Foundation	MNLVF Chairs	Ongoing	Monthly Helen Keller and Financial report
Increase the number of Club/Zone presentations given	MNLVF, Zone Chairs, Club Presidents & Club Secretaries	Ongoing	
Provide a minimum of six articles in the 5M8 District newsletter each Lion year	MNLVF Chairs	Availability of space	
Increase the number of Helen Keller awards presented	MNLVF Chairs, District Governor and Club Presidents	Ongoing	Monthly Helen Keller report
Increase attendance at Thanksgiving for Vision	All Lions	Yearly	
Inform & Increase attendance at MN Lions tours at U of M & State Fair Booth	MNLVF Chairs	Ongoing	

5M8 Program Committee

PROJECT NEW HOPE

2026 – 2028

VISION

The District 5M8 Project New Hope (PNH) Chairperson will serve as a resource of information for the District, the Zones and the Lions Clubs of 5M-8.

PLAN DESCRIPTION

The PNH Chairperson will work closely with the Board of Directors of PNH and with the District PNH and MD5M PNH Chairpersons to assure that all Lions Clubs in 5M8 have programs and information available to them. They will also work to see that information is made available to them and that they understand what PNH is providing to our Combat Vets and their families.

ACTION PLAN

- 1.) To enlist the aid of ALL Lions in recruiting retreat participants.
- 2.) We will continue to provide Lion Clubs informational programs.
- 3.) We will contact other Veteran Service groups and Veterans Organizations about PHN.
- 4.) We will continue our retreats and continue to build and evolve as needed to provide the optimum retreat experience to the veterans and their families.
- 5.) We will continue to develop an official operational manual for use by Lions Clubs from other states and areas who want to set up PNH retreats in their areas.
- 6.) Work with the local VFW.
- 7.) Work with the local VA hospital.

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5M8 Program Committee
Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation
 2026-2028

Vision

The mission of the Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation (501c3) is to empower MD5M Lions clubs to provide greater service by boosting their ability to complete community projects with matching grant.

Plan Description

The Board of Directors is made up of 13 directors, one from each district in MD5M plus one from the Bird Island Lions Club. There is a liaison from the Council of Governors. For information or to request a Grant Application visit teamsheehan.foundation or contact your District’s director. To support Multiple District 5M clubs with matching 50/50 Fund Grants for up to \$3,000 initially. This will help fill gaps where an LCIF grant is too large or otherwise not appropriate. Smaller Lions club projects will be funded. Every club will be informed about receiving a grant. Clubs not getting a grant will receive a letter why they did not get the grant and can resubmit it again.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
One Director selected by Brian Sheehan in each district	5M8 Director	On going	Description of the grant in writing
Work for 100% club donation in 5M8	5M8 Director	On going	Monthly
Funds to support the Foundation at the Parade of Green	5M8 Director	On going	Report after every meeting and Financial Reports
Clubs applying for a Grant	5M8 Director	Quarterly	Online form & Director
Presentation at Clubs & Zone meetings	5M8 Director	On going	
Provide articles in the 5M8 newsletter each year	5M8 Director	On going	
Club participation as the months go on	5M8 Director	On going	
Recognition of pin individual awards and medal for club awards donations	5M8 Director	Report	

This Document was reviewed and approved by the 2025-2026 Program Chairman.

5M8 Program Committee
Youth Exchange/Youth Camps
2026-2028

Vision

That all Lions and Leos in 5M8 participate in the Youth Exchange programs. That Youth Exchange programs allow our youth, and all Lions, to grow, learn to appreciate and be nurtured concerning the customs and ways of our fellow Lions throughout the world and at the same time promoting the ideals of Lionism.

Plan Description

Every Lion and Leo will be educated and updated on the MD5M and 5M8 Youth Exchange projects on a continual basis through Club programs, district newsletter articles, videos and information provided to Club Officers.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Visit as many clubs in 5M8 to educate on Youth Exchange	Youth Exchange Chair	Yearly	Materials and CD on Youth Exchange
Visit Zone Meetings in 5M8 to solicit club participation	Youth Exchange Chair	1 st or 2 nd Quarter	Materials and CD on Youth Exchange
Find 1 or 2 youth for the 5M8 Exchange Program from 5M-8 clubs	Youth Exchange Chair	Ongoing	
Find 1 or 2 host families within 5M8	Youth Exchange Chair	Ongoing	

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5M8 Program Committee
Youth Outreach – Peace Poster/Essay
 2026-2028

Vision

That the Peace Poster/Essay Contests continue to be promoted in District 5M8. A goal of all Clubs in the District is to participate in sponsoring this activity in their communities. This promotes youth to be exposed to Lions Clubs and an understanding of our purposes.

Plan Description

To emphasize this program through the Governor’s newsletters, articles and photographs; and involve different Zones in judging the posters to help educate our Lions Clubs about this program.

Action Plan

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Submit Articles to newsletter	District Governor and Peace Poster Chairperson	Spring – July, August and September	Information Forms
Deadline dates given	Peace Poster/Essay Chairperson		Lions International
Prize budget set by District	District Cabinet	1 st Cabinet Meeting	Budget Allocations
Contact Zone Chairpersons for judging	District Chairperson	November	
Time and Place	Peace Poster/Essay Chairperson		Voting Materials
Camera	Peace Poster/Essay Chairperson		
Have poster copied	District Governor or Peace Poster Chairperson		
Contact top three winners	District Governor or Peace Poster/Essay Chair	After judging	
Invite winner to convention	District Governor or Peace Poster/Essay Chair		
Follow through with presentation	District Chairperson		
Photographs to newsletter and local newspaper of winners	District Governor, Chairperson and winning clubs		

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5M8 Program Committee
Youth Outreach – Lions Quest
 2026-2028

Vision

That all schools K-12 have the opportunity to be involved in the 5M8 Lions Quest Program. All teachers in our District will have the opportunity to be trained to teach the Quest Program.

Plan Description

The 5M8 Chairman will be knowledgeable of the MD5M Quest Program and be aggressive in supplying information to the schools and teachers within our District. The Chairman will make sure that the teachers are trained for the Quest Program. The Quest Chairman will keep clubs in the District educated and informed of the value of participation of Lions Quest in the District.

Action Plan:

<u>Action Steps</u>	<u>Who is Responsible</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Resources Needed</u>
Identify prospective Candidate Districts/Supervisors	DG, 1VDG, 2VDG and Program Chairperson	Ongoing	LCI Brochures, Local Media, Web Site, Newsletters
Implement Program with Local District	Program Chairman assisted by Local Club	Determined by School	Funding from LCI, District and Local Club
Arrange/Coordinate Teacher Certification	Program Chairman with Local School District	Determined by School	LCI Resources, Local Club assistance
Plan Teacher Training Workshops	Program Chairman with local Curriculum Director	Determined by School	Funding from LCI, District and literature from LCI
Maintain relationship Between Local Club and School District	Program Chairman, Local Club, Curriculum Director	Ongoing	Web Site, Newsletters, Local Media

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