

# SERVICE JOURNAL

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Meet **new** people. Do **cool** things.



**2025-2026 District Governor**  
**Cathe Picek**



**Lead to Serve,  
Serve to Lead with  
International President  
A.P. Singh**

A.P. SINGH INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT A.P. Singh, of Kolkata, India, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th international convention, held in Orlando, Florida from July 13 through July 17, 2025.

International President Singh is a practicing chartered accountant and has family business interests in automobile dealerships.

A Lion since 1984 and a member of the Calcutta Vikas Lions Club, International President Singh has held many positions within the association, including district governor and council chairperson. He has served as GMT international coordinator for four years and as a member on a number of ad hoc board committees. He was chairperson for the 2017 DGE seminar in Chicago, USA, and has served as faculty at more than 50 ALLIs/RLLIs, RLLIs, FDIs and LCIP certification programs. He has also served as multi-national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, CA leader for Campaign 100, member of the LCIF Steering Committee and as chairperson of the National SightFirst Committee of India.

International President Singh has participated in and presented seminars at area forums in all constitutional areas. He was the co-chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the ISAAME Forum in Kolkata, India.

In recognition of his service to the association, International President Singh has received numerous awards, including multiple International President's Awards, as well as the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association grants its members. He is a major gift donor for Campaign SightFirst II and Campaign 100, and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, International President Singh is accredited with the initiation of various service programs in collaboration with other trusts, foundations and corporate houses. He has worked on establishing a web-based Lion leadership development platform, a micro-finance program, and has organized multiple large-scale online events to keep Lions engaged. International

President Singh has three children.



**AUGUST 2025**





## Message from the 5M9 District Governor Cathe Picek

[cathe.picek@gmail.com](mailto:cathe.picek@gmail.com)

### LIONS SERVICE SHINES!

One of my proudest moments this year took place at the 107th Lions International Convention. I was honored to have my family—Judd, Pam, and Kensi—join Lion Jerry and me for a few special days. They explored the Exhibit Hall and attended the final plenary session where they saw me receive an award and witness my “ribbon” being pulled as I officially became District Governor for 5M9.



- Attending the International Convention is always invigorating. I returned home inspired by our International leaders, full of new ideas for service from Lions around the world and motivated to strengthen our membership. Our goals are clear: retain our valued current members, engage younger people and ask others to join us to expand our service impact across our communities.
- International President A.P. Singh's theme, *“Lead to Serve... Serve to Lead,”* resonates deeply with me. District 5M9 embodies the leadership, passion, and club involvement needed to achieve great things. I'm proud to report that our district's membership is currently trending upward. We've already launched a new club in July, and I believe more are possible in the months ahead.
- Another highlight: our Multiple District, MD5M, had four District Governors, including myself, recognized with medals for the “Quick Start” challenge. Standing on stage in front of thousands of Lions from around the world was an AWESOME experience!



Thanks to all the Lions of 5M9, districts across the globe are watching what we're doing—and being inspired. Keep believing in yourself. Keep believing in Lions.

DG Cathe Picek was honored for starting a new club in the first two weeks of July along with three other MD5M district governors on stage in Orlando to receive a Quick Start medal.

Believe in yourself, believe in Lions!  
Cathe Picek  
District Governor, 5M9





## Message From 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

**Sheri Greenwaldt**  
[lionqsheri@gmail.com](mailto:lionqsheri@gmail.com)

### Welcome to the 2025–2026 Lions Year!

We are kicking off a brand-new Lions year, full of opportunities to serve, grow, and connect! I'm so excited to see what this year will bring for all of us in 5M9. District Governor Cathe has great plans in store—and one exciting change is coming this fall!

This year, what was previously known as the Zone Fair will now be called the 5M9 Fall Expo—and it's an event you won't want to miss! The event will be in September. Watch for more information coming soon!

As we did last year, the expo will be divided into two regional meetings:



## Message From 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Diane Kunze



- Our District Governor, Cathe Picek has 4 talking points this year at club visits: Meaningful, Relevant, Inclusive and Fun. I would like to focus on one of these words, Inclusive. What does Inclusive mean? The dictionary describes as: 1) broad in orientation or scope, 2) covering or intended to cover all items, costs, or services, 3) including everyone *especially* : including and accommodating people who have historically been excluded (as because of their race, gender, sexuality, or ability), 4) of or relating to education in which students with disabilities are included with the general student population. So how does this apply to Lions?
- As leaders of our communities are we including all groups of people into our clubs. The more we vary voices of our members the more members we attract. The more service we can do. Simply include everyone. Members Matter. Current members and the new members that we will receive.
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- Next are the fundraisers and service projects inclusive to the communities that we serve. Do we include a wide variety of groups from the community or is the project suffering from tunnel vision. Do not be afraid to make a change to make the project better.
- As we look to growing membership in the upcoming year remember to be inclusive. Have a beautiful wide variety of voices. Think of it this way, a rainbow is not a single color. It is a range of colors that together makes a wonderfully beautiful vision in the sky. So create that beautiful rainbow within your club.

Lion Diane Kunze  
2nd Vice District Governor





We are 36 days away from the opening of the MN State Fair. Yeah!!!! 5M9 Lions KidSight Day at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds in Minneapolis, MN is in the Education Building on **Saturday, August 30.**

I reviewed the Sign-Up Genius, and I noticed that we still have 7 open shifts. (3 hour Shifts).

**Saturday - August 30, 2025**

**Shift Time: 2:45 PM to 6:00 PM - need 2 Greeters and 2 Escorts.**

**Shift Time: 5:45 PM to 9:15 PM - need 1 Vision Screener (photographer), 1 Greeters and 1 Escorts.**

PDG Lion Dennis Kelly -MN State Fair Project Chair, needs to order tickets by the first week in August.

This is to ensure that we will have tickets for our volunteers.

We must sign up soon. First come, first served.

**Volunteers will get paid for mileage and money for a hotel room (I believe a \$100.00) - and a fair entry ticket.**



**Lions KidSight**



The **Pillager Lions** are hosting a Benefit for a beloved member of our community and their family on Saturday, August 16th at the Pillager Fairgrounds from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Baby Xerxes was born with a serious condition called gastroschisis (stomach and intestines outside of the body) in January and was airlifted to Minnesota Children's Hospital and was cared for by them for several months.

We warmly invite other Lions clubs to attend this special event as we will have a dunk tank, live music, free will offerings on hot dogs, corn, popcorn, and other great food. There will be a silent auction, a bake sale, and other games for kids. The Pillager police and fire department will also be there.



## **District 5M9 Directory Order Form for 2025-2026**

Name of person ordering the directory: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# of 5M9 Directories @ \$12.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Gamb. Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Please add the address to where it should go.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Make all checks out to: Lions District 5M9**

**MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE!**

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Send the order blank & check made out to - Lions District 5M9:**

Linda Albrecht-Norby

1021 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW

Perham, MN 56573

Every club is asked to buy at least one but best to buy three, so you have one for the President, Secretary, & Treasurer. If you have a gambling manager, they should have one also.

**Thank you all for ordering and enabling yourselves to  
connect with others in 5M9!**





June was a busy month for **the McGregor Lions**. Monday, June 16, they celebrated their 60 anniversary of their Charter and awarded 6 Melvin Jones (Pat and Jackie Scollard, Lee Laursen, Mike Herbst, Terry Carter, and Jon Lamke). Our special guest was DG Denise Laudenbach. Lion Tina Lamke was also awarded The Dream Catcher Award.

Then on June 23 they hosted the Zone 2 meeting and Lion Bruce Beck installed 5 new members.



At the Lions June monthly meeting, Marcia Stevens from a Brainerd Quilting Group presented two **Lakers Lions** with a "Quilt of Honor". Each one has a label sewn into the quilt with their name and information of their time served. Jim Fraser served in the Army in Vietnam 1967-69, and Ken Baalson served in the Army during the Vietnam war (and in Germany) from 1964-67. Thank you Jim and Ken for your service and all you do for the Lions Club.



5M9 Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation meeting attendees PDG Jim Arvidson, DG Cathe Picek and Lion Joe Juettner.







**Hackensack Lion** members Linnea left and Stacy right collecting plastic for benches. This has been their project for the past 4 years and they have collected enough plastic for our club to receive 5 benches which have been placed throughout Hackensack.



Every 500 pounds of recycled film plastic gets transformed into one sturdy, community-ready bench!

At the **Osage Lions** July meeting, Club Past President Larry Frehse presented Lion Bonnie Lehrke with the Lion of the Year Award for years 2015 - 2025. Lion Bonnie has dedicatedly served as the Club's secretary for ten plus years. Her service is greatly appreciated by the entire club. Lion Ted Johnson was presented with a Certification of Appreciation by Keith Ketcher for all the hours he has helped with lawn mowing and maintenance at the Lions' Park and other projects on behalf of the Club. New members Anna Rose and Jonathan Eidenschink were accepted. They are pictured with their 3 children and their sponsors, Keith and Diane Ketcher. The Osage Lions Club is hosting the Osage "Dog Days" Committee Night Out event at their park on August 2 from 4 to 8. There will be many activities, the fireman and Sheriff's Department will be present, and the park's new pickleball courts will be dedicated.







For the past many, many years the MN Lions Vision Foundation, MN Lions Hearing Foundation and the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation have sponsored an information booth on the Foundations at the MN State Fair at the end of August.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The booth is open from 8:45 a.m. each day until 9:00 p.m. and takes lots of volunteers to fill the shifts. We are asking you to consider volunteering your time during one of the open shifts. Shifts consist of at least 2 persons per shift and are for a 3 1/4 hours per shift.

Please use the button below to access the Sign-Up Genius form to view the open shifts and sign up for those that will work into your schedule.

Once members have signed up, the foundations will supply them with the necessary information to answer visitors' questions. **What an awesome opportunity to spread the word on Lions and to learn more about 3 of our Foundations!** It is truly a great way to meet people, spread the word on Lions and our foundations and find out how much the general public really knows about Lions.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-51742227-2025#/  
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B45A9A72AABFE3-51742227-2025#/)

Thank you in advance from the combined State Fair Foundations committee -  
Lion Dee Hess, Lion Steve Jobe - Diabetes Foundation  
PCC Lion Bob Jechorek - Hearing Foundation  
Lion Dr Wendy Goldsmith, PDG Nancy Mathwig, Lion Jodi Altenhofen - Vision Foundation



## Backus Lions Club PEACH SALE Fancy, Juicy, Ripe Colorado Peaches

Monday

Aug. 4, 2025

8:00 a.m. until gone

\$25.00 per flat



### Pickup location

Hwy. 371

695 State 371 Frontage NW

1 mile north of

Hwy. 87W

Former Liquor Locker



## VERNDALE LIONS ANNUAL PORK CHOP and SWEET CORN FEED

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>

At Verndale Lions Community Center

Serving from 4:30pm – 7pm

Cost is \$15.00 per person



MEAL INCLUDES PORK CHOPS, SWEET CORN, BAKED POTATO,  
DINNER ROLL, COLESLAW, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARDS  
IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY OF VERNDALE

## Lakers Lions Corn Feed

Sat., Aug. 16 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

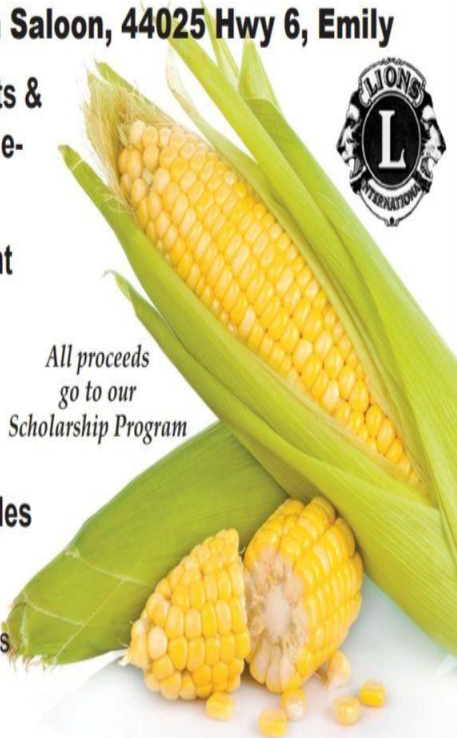
The Pickled Loon Saloon, 44025 Hwy 6, Emily

- Pork on a Stick, Brats & Hot Dogs. Plus all-the-corn-you-can-eat!
- Family Entertainment During Event
- Music
- 30+ Vendors
- \$1 Hourly 50/50 Raffles

Permit# X-00913

\$1 Raffle Tickets sold by area businesses and all Lakers Lions members. Look for signs!

All proceeds  
go to our  
Scholarship Program



Free Sweet Corn Furnished by The Pickled Loon Saloon



FREE TEXAS HOLD'EM

BY THE BRAINERD LAKES AREA POKER LEAGUE

Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM

PILLAGER COMMUNITY CENTER

207 E 2<sup>ND</sup> ST PILLAGER

Doors open at 4:45 for Meal

Cash only venue



AUGUST 2025







**PUTTING FOR DOGS**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**  
**SPONSORED BY BRAINERD LIONS CLUB AND PIRATES COVE**  
**RULES AND REGISTRATION**

The Putting for Dogs Tournament is held September 13, 2025 at Pirates Cove, Brainerd, MN. Check in time is 9:00 AM with tee time at 10:00am. The tournament will be 18 holes. Registration fee \$100 per team of 4.

**THE PUTTING FOR DOGS MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Each player must use the provided golf ball and club. No personal equipment.
2. Each player must start at the designated tee area and finish at the designated tee area. There is no jumping holes allowed.
3. Each player must complete each hole in no more than 6 strokes. If a person does not complete the hole in 6 strokes, the team must move to the next hole and record 7 strokes for that team member.
4. Scorekeepers will be provided for each team. The scorekeeper's decision is final. Scorekeeper will report to final scores to the tournament director.
5. The team with the lowest total score at the end of the tournament is the winner. In case of a tie, the team with the most holes-in-one is the winner. If there is still a tie, the winner will be determined by a random draw.
6. The winning team will receive a \$300 cash prize. The runner-up will receive a \$200 cash prize. The third-place finisher will receive a \$100 cash prize.
7. All participants must follow the park's rules and regulations, as well as the instructions of the staff and volunteers. Any misconduct or violation of the rules may result in disqualification or expulsion from the park.
8. The tournament organizers reserve the right to cancel, postpone, or modify the tournament due to weather, safety, or other unforeseen circumstances.
9. By registering for the tournament, you agree to abide by these rules and regulations and release the tournament organizers, the Brainerd Lions, and their affiliates from any liability or claims arising from your participation in the tournament. Have fun and good luck!

**FOR \$300 YOUR BUSINESS CAN SPONSOR A HOLE TO DISTRIBUTE YOUR COMPANY INFORMATION.**

## REGISTRATION

NAME OF TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### LIST OF PLAYERS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$300.00

\$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT PAID – REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP

Lunch served after the tournament – included in the registration fee.

Registration fee is \$100 per team of 4. Please send your registration and fee to:



Pay with VENMO@BrainerdLions

OR send to Brainerd Lions Club  
12843 Eagle Dr  
Baxter, MN 56425







# DISTRICT GOVERNOR APPRECIATION DAY FOR MEMBERS OF 5M9

## SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 26, 2025

Join us to celebrate an outstanding year  
of service across the district of 5M9!



with

## District Governor Denise Marie Laudenbach

Details of location and time will be  
announced in the near future.

1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
**BIKE & TRIKE SHOW**  
SATURDAY AUGUST 16  
9-2 PM

Registration starts at 8 am goes to 10 am  
**\$10 FEE**

**Jenkins VFW**      Trophies awarded at 1:00

Sponsored by: **Jenkins Area Lions club**

Call Don with questions: 218-587-5456      President, Jenkins Lions



It might seem a long way off when we're in the midst of summer fun, but the 2025 Can Do Woofaroo will be here faster than you think. That's why we want you to mark your calendar for the event and [become a fundraiser.](#)



Start now! If you fundraise at least \$100 by August 4, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card to [Total Dog Company](#), in New Hope.

You can [register](#) as an individual or as part of a team. Check out the [team fundraising packet](#) for great fundraising tips and registration details.

## EVENT DETAILS

The Woofaroo will be held on Saturday, September 13 (rain or shine), from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at our campus. The event will include:

- a one-mile fundraising walk
- live music
- a dog costume contest
- an assistance dog demonstration
- caricatures
- dog-centric vendors
- food
- prizes
- and more!



**September 13, 2025**  
Become a fundraiser!





*The Hackensack Lions will be  
observing their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and you are invited to join us.*

The festivities will be held on September 11, 2025, at The Northern Lights Casino, 9 miles north of Hackensack or 4 miles south of Walker at the intersection of Highways 200 and 371.

Past Lions International President Brian Sheehan will be joined by Past Lions International Director Bruce Beck as our keynote speakers. If you have ever heard Lion Brian and Lion Bruce speak, you know how dynamic and inspiring they can be!

A social hour with a cash bar will begin at 5 pm followed by dinner and our program for the evening. The dinner will be Chicken Kiev and includes bread, mixed greens salad, vegetable, dessert, coffee and tea, all for the price of \$26.00, which includes tax and gratuity.

Please make your reservations by sending an email to: Lion Joan at [hackensackmnlions@gmail.com](mailto:hackensackmnlions@gmail.com) or sending your check in advance to: Hackensack Lions Club, PO Box 422, Hackensack, MN. Please note that all reservations should be made by **August 30, 2025**. *Unfortunately, any cancellations after August 30th will be expected to pay for their meal if they are unable to attend.*

We hope to see you on Thursday, September 11th, and look forward to having you join our club in celebrating 50 years of serving our community and the world!

**Sign Me Up!**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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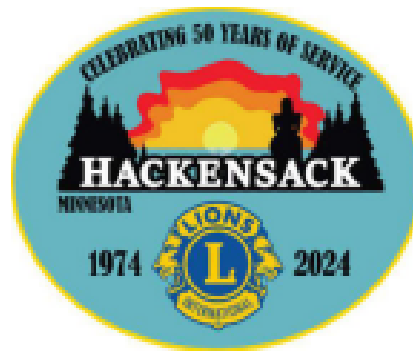
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**Make checks payable to the Hackensack Lions Club and mail to PO Box 422 Hackensack MN 56452. Must be received by August 30, 2025.**



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**Actual Page Size**

6" x 9"

**WHERE THERE IS A NEED,  
THERE IS A LION!**



This year, the Hackensack Lions are excited to be celebrating **50 years of service** to our community. We would like to invite you to participate in our celebration event on September 11, 2024 and to show your support by placing an ad in our event program. The program will be printed in full color. Sizes and costs are listed above. Dinner reservations, ads and questions can be directed to [bbray@tds.net](mailto:bbray@tds.net).

Ads must be received no later than 8/30/25

**THANK YOU!**



1944

### IT'S COOL TO BE A LION IN ALASKA

The first Lions Club in Alaska was formed in Anchorage. They are part of District 49-A Zone 3.

During the year 1944, LCIF was actively involved in supporting the Allied effort during WW II and looking ahead to the establishment of a lasting peace.

LCIF had a significant impact during the war and played a role in the formation of the United Nations. In 1943 Lions Clubs International endorsed a resolution advocating for the creation of an international peacekeeping organization once the war ended.

Lions Clubs International was among the first non-governmental organizations invited to help draft the UN Charter in San Francisco California.

Lion Zelda Novak  
District Historian.



**PROJECT NEW HOPE**

Military Family Retreats  
at no cost to Veterans



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO  
[WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET](http://WWW.PROJECTNEWHOPE.NET) OR SCAN THIS CODE:



**2025-2026 MINNESOTA RETREATS**

<b>2025 OCTOBER 3-5</b>
Good Earth Village - Spring Valley, MN
<b>2025 DECEMBER 5-7</b>
Faith Haven Camp near Battle Lake, MN
<b>2026 MAY 1-3</b>
Camp Shetek near Slayton, MN
<b>2026 JUNE 5-7</b>
Osprey Wilds near Sandstone, MN



#### 2025 State Fair Booth Volunteering

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes, Hearing and Vision Foundations host an annual information booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Volunteers are asked to staff the booth, hand out promotional and informational materials, plus answer questions.



Sign up

Never too early! Pick your date  
and time that  
works for you!

[https://  
www.signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)



## August Monthly GMT Resources Global Membership Team (GMT)

### Congratulations Multiple 5M:

Congratulations to all Districts in 5M! 5M finished the 2024-2025 Lions year at **+175!** Thank you for recruiting and retaining Lions in our Multiple. Let's keep the momentum going!

### GOALS AND ACTION PLANS:

Each club is asked to set membership goals for Lions year 25-26. It is important for each club to set membership goals, develop an action plan for each of those goals, and communicate those goals to all members in the club. Membership growth is not solely the responsibility of the membership chair, rather a collective effort for all members in the club. Included again this month is the Membership Action Plan for your clubs to use. Use this as a guide to build an action plan for each of your membership goals. **SHARE** this plan with all members of your club. We are all doing our part to help meet the Mission 1.5 goals below.

### Mission 1.5 Goals for 2025-2026:

District	New Club Target	New Member Target	Net Gain Target	Recruitment Award Target
5M 1	1	145	1	165
5M 2	1	183	1	203
5M 3	1	69	1	89
5M 4	1	129	1	149
5M 5	1	149	40	169
5M 6	1	122	1	142
5M 7	1	187	1	207
5M 8	1	259	10	279
5M 9	1	228	1	248
5M 10	1	248	1	268
5M 11	1	267	1	287
5 M 13	1	88	1	108
Totals	12	2074	60	2314

### Resources:

- [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#): This includes a new member survey, a former member questionnaire, and a member satisfaction action plan.
- [Club Quality Initiative](#): Use this resource, along with the assessments that are included; to work through steps to help you discover new ways to improve the way your club operates and increase your support of Mission 1.5.

As always, a member of the District Global Membership Team is here to support you and willing to connect in person or virtually. Please reach out if you need any support. Thank you for all you do!

Lion Joe Laudenbach, District GMT Chair: 218-851-5540

# Action Plan

A well-developed goal is specific, measurable, actionable, realistic and time bound. Complete the template below for each well-developed goal. Be sure to include how you will assess the progress of the goal. If after assessing the goal, you find changes need to be made to the goal or action steps, note these in the alterations section.

Area of Focus				
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Activities <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MISSION 1.5</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development <input type="checkbox"/> LCIF		<input type="checkbox"/> Custom Goal
Goal Statement				
Action Step	Responsible Party	Required Resources (team members, technology, funding, etc.)	Date to Begin	Due Date
Assessment		Alterations		



**2025 - 2026**

## **LIONS 5M9 YOUTH OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Youth Outreach Committee of Lions District 5M9 is offering up to \$12,000.00 in college scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in January for the 2025-2026 school year

**To be eligible to apply for a scholarship a student:** 1. Must be currently attending the last year of an accredited 2-year program, or final two years of a degreed college program, or final year of obtaining a graduate degree, that leads toward a career which involves directly working with youth. 2. Have graduated from a high school that is within District 5M9 or their home is in District 5M9. The student can only receive this scholarship one time.

The Youth Outreach co-chairpersons of District 5M9 shall do the final selecting and awarding of scholarships.

### **Required scholarship application enclosures:**

1. A transcript of your college grades for all the years you have attended college.
2. Two letters of recommendation. One should be from your college; an instructor or an adviser and the second letter from a member of your community or a Lions Club member.
3. **Recent photograph**; to be used for the awards ceremony if you are selected.
4. Completed scholarship application including the essay.

### **Criteria used to select recipients:**

1. College GPA
2. Involvement in college and outside activities
3. The two letters of recommendation
4. The essay portion of the application

**All letters and submissions must be in print form. No hand-written documents will be accepted.**

Any questions: Contact one of the following:

Lion Mike Kern  
15545 Big Buck Drive  
Menahga, MN 56464  
218 849-4577  
[mjk20030@yahoo.com](mailto:mjk20030@yahoo.com)

Lion Evie Ladd  
48372 Great River Road  
Palisade, MN. 56469  
218-845-2932  
[evieladd.5@gmail.com](mailto:evieladd.5@gmail.com)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS **NOVEMBER 15**. THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED TO: MIKE KERN AT ABOVE ADDRESS.**

The application is available in a fillable form at [www.lionsof5M9.org](http://www.lionsof5M9.org)  
Look under the "Resources" tab. The application will be listed under "Forms."



REGIONAL LIONS  
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
**RLLI**



## Save the Date

September 25-28, 2025

Country Inn and Suites, Mankato

**Empower Your Leadership. Enrich Your Service.**



Join Lions from across the region for a transformational weekend of leadership development, fellowship, and service planning.

Dynamic sessions on:

- Team building and communication
- Leading with impact
- Change management
- Club success strategies

**LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD.**



Registration Opening Soon  
Use the QR code to get more information







# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

## Together, We Empower: Why Every Lion's Contribution to LCIF Matters

### Lions...Do You Know What LCIF Does for Your Community and the World?

Every Lion joins with a desire to serve—but have you ever wondered how Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) helps us take that service further than we could ever go alone?

Let's explore what LCIF really does—for your club, your community, and the world. **What Is LCIF?**

LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, founded in 1968. It's our foundation, built by Lions, powered by donations, and designed to fund life-changing service around the globe. Through LCIF, we can respond to disasters, fund major health initiatives, and support sustainable projects in every corner of the world—including our own hometowns.

#### What LCIF Does for Your Community

You may not realize it, but LCIF might already have made a difference right where you live. LCIF:

- Provides Emergency Disaster Grants within days of natural disasters
- Supports vision screenings and eyeglass programs in local schools
- Funds accessible playgrounds and diabetes prevention efforts
- Partners with local Lions to serve vulnerable families, youth, and seniors
- Your club can apply for LCIF grants to expand your service impact—whether it's a new mobile eye unit, food pantry equipment, or emergency shelter repair.

#### What LCIF Does for the World

LCIF supports global causes that align with the greatest humanitarian needs of our time. These include:

- ✓ Disaster Relief – Immediate grants for food, water, shelter after natural disasters
- ✓ Vision – Eye care for millions, and a global fight to end preventable blindness
- ✓ Youth – Safe spaces, leadership programs, and mental health resources for young people
- ✓ Childhood Cancer – Family support and treatment access
- ✓ Diabetes – Education, screening, and prevention programs worldwide
- ✓ Hunger – Sustainable food systems and nutrition programs
- ✓ Environment – Tree planting, recycling, clean water, and climate response
- ✓ Humanitarian Efforts – From refugee aid to equitable healthcare

Since its founding, LCIF has awarded over \$1.2 billion in grants, empowering Lions in more than 100 countries.

#### How Can You Help?

Every Lion can be part of LCIF's impact.

Here's how:

- Make a personal donation—any amount makes a difference
- Become a Melvin Jones Fellow (\$1,000 donation or cumulative giving)
- Promote LCIF in your club—consider becoming an LCIF Club Coordinator
- Host an LCIF fundraiser—walkathons, dinners, online campaigns
- Apply for an LCIF grant for your club's next big project

#### Why It Matters

LCIF doesn't replace your club's service—it amplifies it.

When you give to LCIF, you give hope. You bring clean water to a village. You rebuild schools after an earthquake. You restore vision to a child. You serve the world with the strength of every Lion behind you.

#### Final Thought:

Do you know what LCIF does for your community and the world?

Now you do. And now you can help.

#### Contact

**Erin Beck Linda Albrecht-Norby 218-851-7267 218-298-4743** It's not the amount you give, it's knowing you care to help and serve others!

# Why report service



By sharing our impact, Lions and Leos inform, inspire and grow our global legacy of service.

## Strengthen storytelling

Details give stories power. Saying you fed 87 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,265 volunteer hours last year is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact.



## Inform decisions

Documented club achievements reveal what's working and what's not. For example, what if your diabetes education program is growing in attendance, but your annual club fundraiser is shrinking? Reviewing past service reports helps your club make better decisions, including choosing service activities and setting realistic

goals.

## Inspire service

Your reported service projects can be viewed within your district and around the world. That means your club's creativity and impact can inspire Lions and Leos to embrace new causes and serve in new ways. Reports also help Lions International staff identify best practices to share globally.





2026 MD5M CONVENTION IS HAVING A...

# BEACH PARTY!

APRIL 24-26, 2026



Sheraton Minneapolis  
West Hotel  
12201 Ridgedale Drive  
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305  
Hosted by District 5M-5

## Sign up today and save!

First 150 Receive a Free souvenir Beach Ball with early sign up.

<https://sites.google.com/view/md5m-multipleconvention/home>

Cost May 1, 2025 thru  
December 31, 2025  
\$185 US - \$266 CDN

Cost January 1, 2026 thru  
March 31, 2026  
\$195 US - \$280 CDN





April 24-26, 2026  
106<sup>th</sup> - MD5M Multiple Convention  
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel  
*2026 MD5M Registration Form*



☐ Lion    ☐ Leo    ☐ Guest  
☐ Check if this is your 1<sup>st</sup> Multiple Convention

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Hospitality Book:**

Cost May 1, 2025 thru  
December 31, 2025  
\$185 US - \$266 CDN \_\_\_\_\_

Cost January 1, 2026 thru  
March 31, 2026  
\$195 US - \$280 CDN \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hospitality book includes convention and all meals

**Separate Meals:**

\*Do not select if you have purchased a hospitality book

Friday Night Social	\$25 US - \$36 CDN _____	\$27 US - \$39 CDN _____
Saturday Breakfast	\$36 US - \$52 CDN _____	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____
Saturday Lunch	\$41 US - \$59 CDN _____	\$43 US - \$62 CDN _____
Saturday Banquet	\$68 US - \$98 CDN _____	\$70 US - \$101 CDN _____
Sunday Brunch	\$38 US - \$55 CDN _____	\$40 US - \$58 CDN _____

Total amount if separate meals chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify dietary needs: ☐ Vegetarian    ☐ Gluten Free    ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*No meals available after March 31, 2026.*

**Make Checks payable to:** 2026 MD5M Conv.

Mail registrations to: 2026 MD5M Convention c/o Rhonna Hed, 17440 45th Ave N, Plymouth, MN 55446

-OR- you may pay by Venmo to: @Rhonna-Hed Then Email your registrations to: rhed@summitfire.com

Please provide an email address or phone # if you'd like to receive a confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel, 12201 Ridgedale Drive Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305

Call (952) 593-0000 to book your room reservation. Ask for the "Lions 2026 Convention" rate.

Room rates are \$135.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Room reservation cut-off is April 9, 2026.

[Book your group rate for MD5M Lions 2026 Convention here](#)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** contact: PCC Rob Rand at (612) 715-6055, robrandmn@gmail.com  
Lion Rhonna Hed at (651) 248-0749, rhed@summitfire.com



# ***Lions Service Shines***

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE

# **2026**

## **5M9 Mid-Winter Convention**



**January 9-11, 2026**



***Hosted by:***

The Garrison Bay Lake Area Lions and  
Pillager & Area Lions



Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Onamia MN

**SAVE THE DATE! REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 5, 2025**





**REGISTER BY 9/30/2025 TO ENTER DRAWING  
FOR  
ONE FREE GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS ROOM  
WITH FOOD & CASINO CREDIT**



**The Garrison Bay Lake Area & Pillager Area Lions Clubs  
Invite you to the 2026 District 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention**

Registration is NOW Open for the District 5M9 2026 Mid-Winter Convention. The event will be held at Grand Casino Mille Lacs on January 9-11, 2026. There are two ways to register:

One registration is required for each individual Lion/Leo member/guest.

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2026-mw-convention-2>



A mail in registration form is available for each Lion member  
to complete and mail in with a check or pay by  
Venmo – **MWC@MWC2026.**

**The Full Hospitality Package** includes Friday evening hospitality and entertainment, Saturday Breakfast and seminars, Saturday Lunch and seminars, Saturday Banquet and entertainment and Sunday Breakfast. A choice is available for specific days and meals. Select and pay for what you choose. Meal registration must be received by **12/15/2025.**

**Hotel Reservations** must be made through Grand Casino Mille Lacs with a deadline of **12/15/2025.** <https://www.grandcasinomn.com/> click on **BOOK NOW**, fill in the information and enter **Group Code MWC108M.**

Questions regarding registration please contact Cathy Tripp  
[cathytripp327@gmail.com](mailto:cathytripp327@gmail.com).

**Grand Casino Mille Lacs  
777 Grand Ave  
Onamia MN 56359**





## Lions District 5M9



### Individual MW Convention Registration

January 9 – 11, 2026

\_\_ LION \_\_ PDG \_\_ LEO \_\_ 1st Timer \_\_ GUEST

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC DIETARY NEEDS? (circle one) GLUTEN FREE    VEGETARIAN		AMOUNT
FULL WEEKEND MEAL PACKAGE	\$135.00	
Friday Meal & Entertainment	\$27.00	
Saturday Breakfast & Morning Sessions	\$21.00	
Saturday Lunch & Afternoon Sessions	\$25.00	
Saturday Dinner & Entertainment	\$45.00	
Sunday Breakfast & Morning Sessions	\$17.00	
	TOTAL	

Checks payable to: Pillager Lions 389-MW. Mail with check to: 5M9 MW Convention, Lion Cathy Tripp, 4397 Golf Course Circle SW, Pillager MN 56473.  
VENMO payment to: MWC@MWC2026

Or Register online: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2026-mw-convention-2>





## 2026 5M9 MID-WINTER CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

As we plan the 2026 Convention and the corresponding program book, we would like your club or business to purchase an ad in the Convention Program book.

### There are four AD SIZES in COLOR:

#### The cost for Lions Club Ads:

Business Card size: \$50.00

1/4 page: \$75.00

1/2 page: \$125.00

Full page (not including covers): \$275.00

Cover page (front or back cover): \$300.00

#### The cost for Business Ads:

Business Card size: \$75.00

1/4 page: \$100.00

1/2 page: \$150.00

Full page (not including covers): \$300.00

Cover page (front or back cover): \$350.00

See page showing size layout for advertisements.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Advertisement: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have an ad created that you would like us to use, please send it to the address below, or email it to [hohnstadtcora@gmail.com](mailto:hohnstadtcora@gmail.com).

If you would like us to create your ad, please let us know what information you want to include. We recommend it contain your business name, business address, phone number, and contact person. You might also include an icon, logo, company slogan, or some other information about your business. Please email this information to [hohnstadtcora@gmail.com](mailto:hohnstadtcora@gmail.com).

Make Check Payable to "Pillager Lions 389 MW" and send them to:

Lion Cora Hohstadt  
1237 26<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Backus MN 56435

Deadline is November 20 to ensure  
that your ad is in the program.



# Governor Cathe Picek Club Visit Request Form

[Click here for form](#)  
[Link address](#)

Press Ctrl and click the linkPress Ctrl and click the link



## District Governor Travels

Cathe	Hackensak	9/11/2025
Cathe	Nisswa	9/22/2025

FALL EXPO				
DAY OF LEARNING				
CABINET MEETINGS	7/27/2025			10/26/25
COG MEETINGS	7/18/2025			10/18/25
	July	August	September	October

### How to submit an article

Please submit material for these sections. by the 15th of each month for the following months newsletter.

I would like to publish your most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers, in which Lions from other clubs could, perhaps, participate.

Submit pictures, flyers or text. In photos please put names of who is in it. When possible, send photos in jpeg format and articles as a word document. Use of a pdf is also acceptable.

Contact me for assistance or with questions  
Submit to: [5m9newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:5m9newsletter@gmail.com)  
Sue Stebbins editor



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### Websites to know

Lions Club International: [www: lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Multiple District 5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)

*District 5M9* <https://www.lionsof5m9.org/>

*Lions Program Sites*

Can Do Canines: [www: candocanines.org](http://www.candocanines.org)

Childhood Cancer: [www: MNlionschildhoodcancer.org](http://www.MNlionschildhoodcancer.org)

KidsSight MD5M: [www: lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html](http://www.lionsmd5m.org/lions-kidsight.html)

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF): [www: lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)

Leader Dog for the Blind: [www: leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: [www.mnlionsdiabetes.org](http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org)

MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: [www: MNLERC.org](http://www.MNLERC.org)

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: [www.5mhf.org](http://www.5mhf.org)

MN Lions Vision Foundation:  
[www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org](http://www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org)

Project New Hope: [www: projectnewhope.net](http://www.projectnewhope.net)

