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



2025-2026 District Governor
Cathe Picek



Dates to Note

Peace Poster & Essay Contest Postmark Deadline
Send to District Governor
November 15, 2025

5M9 MW Convention Grand Casino Mille Lacs
Onamia MN
January 9 – 11, 2026

Roar for a Cause Special Olympics & LCIF
Chanhasen Dinner
Theaters
February 28, 2026

Northern Pride Lions Forum Lions Leadership
Radisson Harborview
Duluth MN
March 20 – 21, 2026

MD5M Multiple Convention Sheraton Minneapolis West
Minnetonka MN
April 24–26, 2026

USA Special Olympics Host of MD5M Family Night
June 20–26, 2026



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

Lions are always reaching higher — in our personal growth and in the strength of our clubs. Fortunately, we never have to do it alone.

Grow, Serve, and Lead — Together

The Member Resource Center offers tools to help your club grow, serve, and lead with purpose — from recruitment tips to service planners and leadership guides.

MISSION 1.5: Let's Grow!

Welcoming new members strengthens our impact and brings fresh energy. Watch the latest video featuring President Singh and Past Director Jatia to see how you can help Lions thrive. Explore the Recruitment Made Simple page for proven strategies and inspiration.

Showcase Your Service

Submit your club's video for the Mental Health and Well-Being Week of Service by November 24 for a chance to be featured globally. Start planning now for upcoming Weeks of Service: Hunger (Jan 3–11) and Environment (Apr 18–26).

Boost Your Club's Visibility

Visit the Club Marketing page for guides, graphics, and PR tools to help your club shine. Successful campaign? Apply for the Lions International Marketing Award!

Together we serve,
A.P. Singh
International President

NOVEMBER 2025





Message from the 5M9 District Governor Cathe Picek

cathe.picek@gmail.com

LIONS SERVICE SHINES!

Growth, Women and Youth are the “key words” for this month.

THANK YOU District 5M9 Lions!

The incredible service that you provide in your communities is credit to each Lion. The service activities and reporting of 5M9 was recognized at the Council of Governors with a Certificate of Appreciation for 90% reporting in 2024-2025 and a special recognition to 5M9 GST Erica Keppers for 5M9's 1st quarter reporting. Congratulations 5M9!

International President A.P. Singh's Focus Areas for us

This quarter we will focus on membership growth with new clubs and adding new members to clubs currently under 20 members; expanding our membership with women for diversity; and adding new members under the age of 45 to balance the age range in our clubs to build our leadership.

Foundation Awards, Hall of Fame and Al Jensen Leadership Awards

Contact our 5M9 Foundation chairs to find out what awards and how many your club is eligible to request this year. It has been brought to my attention that several foundations have awards available that have not been given out in several years.

Review the criteria and consider a Lion in your club deserving of the [Hall of Fame Award](#) or [Al Jensen Leadership Award](#). Now is the time to recognize outstanding Lionism in District 5M9.

A Service Reporting Reminder!

If you or your club did a service project for Mental Health & Well-Being October 4 through October 12 make sure you report that service in the Portal. There will be a world-wide feature xxx

5M9 MW Convention

Take advantage of the venue location and hospitality book this year for a weekend of making new friends, catching up with old friends, learning, a service project, entertainment and a lot of fun! Fill out your registration form located in this newsletter today!

Highlight your club's “special or unique” service project at the MW Convention and take on the Zone Challenge for the non-perishable food drive coinciding with the “Hunger” focus week. The zone with the highest number of pounds of food will receive a special prize!

PLEASE use the DG Visit Form available on the 5M9 website under **Resources** to schedule visits with DG Cathe, 1st VDG Sheri and 2nd VDG Diane. We would love to visit you!

Believe in yourself, believe in Lions!

Cathe Picek

5M9 District Governor



Message From 1st Vice District Governor

Sheri Greenwaldt
lionqsher@gmail.com

Serving with Gratitude in 5M9

As Lions, we are no strangers to service. We see needs in our communities and rise to meet them—not for recognition, but because we care. Yet during this season of thankfulness, it is important for us to pause and reflect on the blessings that surround us, even in the midst of challenges. Gratitude inspires service, and service deepens gratitude—it's a beautiful cycle.

Here in District 5M9, I am continually inspired by the heart of our Lions. Whether it's serving meals to neighbors in need, supporting our foundations and projects, or quietly lending a helping hand to someone who needs it, our Lions lead with compassion.

This month, let us be thankful for:

- **Our fellow Lions throughout 5M9** – each one brings unique gifts, time, and heart to our mission. Together we are stronger.
- **Our communities** – who trust us to serve, and who partner with us on projects that make life better for others.
- **Opportunities to serve** – from local food shelves to youth scholarships, blood drives, and more.
- **Family and friends** – who support our dedication to service and understand why we choose to make a difference.
- **Hope** – the simple yet powerful belief that we can make tomorrow better than today.

Being thankful is more than a feeling; it's an action. This month, I encourage every club in 5M9 to express gratitude in a meaningful way:

- ✓ Recognize a long-standing club member
- ✓ Send thank-you cards to local first responders, nurses, teachers, or veterans
- ✓ Highlight community partners in your newsletter or local newspaper
- ✓ Share a story of gratitude on your club's Facebook page

No act of gratitude is too small. A thankful heart inspires others, strengthens relationships, and reminds us why we serve—because kindness matters. As we move into the holiday season, may we continue to serve with joy, lead with compassion, and give thanks for the privilege of being a Lion in District 5M9. Together, we don't just serve, we give hope. I am grateful for each one of you. Thank you for your dedication, your service, and your Lion's heart.

Lion Sheri Greenwaldt, 1st Vice District Governor

Message From
2nd Vice District Governor
Diane Kunze



Greetings Lions of 5M9.

I have just spent a wonderful 2 days of training prior to the Council Of Governors meeting. I am still processing some of the training learned so I can put it to use for Lions and outside of Lions. This is one of the items that I would like to speak about. The training that is learned whether it is RLLI, ELLI, or even the Fall member and officer training sessions is not only for use in Lions. These training sessions are of great use outside of Lions. I find the trainings extremely useful at work and in my personal life. The training of course helps us to be a better Lion. But can easily be used to help us to be a better person in general. With this in mind when you see the upcoming notice for ELLI I urge each and every Lion to attend. You learn so very much. Lessons that can be used in every aspect of your life.

This example comes to mind. These trainings are another tool in our toolbox. Hammers are great to pound in nails but if all you have are screws a hammer will not help very much. However, if you have a screwdriver or drill with a bit, you have a tool that works for the task.

That is what these trainings give you. Another tool to add to your tool box. The more tools in your toolbox enables us as Lions and people to do tasks more efficiently. Most mechanics agree that you can never have too many tools.

Yours in Service

Diane Kunze

2nd Vice District Governor

WANTED: YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE 5M9 Mid-Winter Convention

January 9-11, 2026, at Grand Casino Mille Lacs
**Convention registration and hotel reservations must be
completed by 12/15/2025.**

Hospitality Books: Full meal weekend package is \$135.

Order online: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2026-mw-convention-2> or you can complete a form with checks payable to: Pillager Lions 389-MW.

Mail form with check to: 5M9 MW Convention, Lion Cathy Tripp, 4397 Golf Course Circle SW, Pillager MN 56473. Check payable to Pillager Lions 389-MW.

Register Now! Hotel reservations: <https://www.grandcasinomn.com/> click on **BOOK NOW**, select the January dates, fill in the information and enter **Group Code MWC108M**.

Lion Service Shines!

- Submit your club's shining service project that you would like to spotlight at the convention to Heidi.Erickson@bsci.com
- Bring nonperishable food items for the ZONE Food Donation challenge. We will be weighing the food from each zone to win a special prize.
- Create a "club or community theme basket" and bring it to convention for the Silent Auction.
- Drop off at the Service Station the eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones and ink cartridges at the event.
- Spend some time at the seminars and service projects offered: Vision & Hearing screening, Eyeglass sorting/packing, learn about The Portal with Lion Burke Almquist and the Zone Food Drive.
- Featured Guest Speakers include ID Dr. Mark Mansell, Lions International, PDG Dennis Kelly III, MN Lions KidSight, Executive Director Sean Popoff, Lions Gift of Sight & MN Lions Vision Foundation and Kaitlyn Schroeder, Jacob's Voice.
- Featured Entertainment: Friday night, **Name That Tune** with Bill Satre and Saturday night, **Sheltered Reality Drumline**.

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Do **cool** things.



Dear Fellow Lions,

We are pleased to invite you to nominate an exceptional Lion member for the prestigious MD5M Hall of Fame Award. This award is a significant opportunity to recognize and honor Lions who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and service within our organization. Every day, Lions make a remarkable difference in their communities, and this is your chance to celebrate a fellow Lion who embodies the highest standards of leadership, compassion, and commitment to service. Please take the time to consider nominating a Lion who has shown exceptional qualities in serving others and exemplifying the spirit of Lionism.

Here are the links for the [Criteria](#) and the [nomination form](#) from the MD5M website.

Nominations are open to all Lions members in good standing, and we encourage individuals, Lions Clubs, Zones, and Districts to submit their candidates for this high honor. **We look forward to receiving your nominations by November 15** and celebrating the incredible contributions that Lions make across our MD5M family. Together, let's recognize those who inspire us all to continue our mission of service. Lions Service Shines!

Lion Cathe Picek
5M9 District Governor

MD5M Service Project!

On October 16th, CC Denise Marie Laudenbach, 1st VDG Sheri Greenwaladt, and 2nd VDG Diane Kunze participated in a service project during the MD5M Vice District Governor training in Alexandria.

We were a part of a group of 25 lions, 2 DECA students, and a bunch of Habitat for Humanity volunteers who helped build 3 playhouses and six planter boxes, which will be auctioned to raise funds for Habitat's programs.

This project is especially meaningful as students from Alexandria Area High School are leading it as part of their DECA club project, with a goal of raising \$20,000 through a matching grant. By participating, we supported both local students and Habitat's mission to build safe, stable housing.



Choose Kindness Community Event at Forestview Middle School

The evening was amazing as we kicked off the Choose Kindness Project for the Brainerd School District. We celebrated bringing in the Lions Clubs International Foundation Quest Program in grades K-12. Quest is a proven social, emotional learning program. With 45 different organizations represented and 1,000 + attendees, the whole community came together! Our keynote speaker was from the Jacob's Voice Foundation addressing cyber-bullying!

Forestview Middle School
Brainerd Public Schools

Day: Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be

the choose kindness project

DO ALL THINGS WITH KINDNESS

SPEAK OUT AGAINST CYBERBULLYING
www.jacobsvoice.org
Jacob's Voice

the choose kindness project

Kindness Quest Passport
Join the adventure and spread kindness!
Visit stations, complete acts of kindness and collect your stamps. Collect 40+ for a chance to win!

BAXTER POLICE	BHS ART CLUB	BHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE	BHS KEY CLUB	BLAEDC	BRainerd COMMUNITY ID	BRainerd FIRE	BRainerd POLICE
BPS COUNSELORS	BPS FAMILY LIAISON	CARNEGIE WELLNESS	CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE	CHOOSE KINDNESS PROJECT	CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER	GROW WING ENERGIZED	CWC BOAT & WATER
CWC DEPUTY	DEAN MACKEY	DYNAMITE REFLECTIONS	FMS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER	FOOD	FMS PARENT GROUP	FMS STUDENT COUNCIL	FMS UNIFIED WARRIORS
FFA	IMAGINE PERSPECTIVES IMAGINE LOGS EMOTIONS	JACOB'S VOICE	JACOB'S VOICE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT (JAVJP)	LIONS/LEO CLUB MEMBERSHIP	LIONS VISION SCREENING	LIONS HEARING SCREENING	LIONS QUEST
MN DNR	NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	NORTHERN PINES URGENT CARE	OUTREACH PROGRAM	SAFE & WELCOMING SCHOOLS	SMILES FOR JAKE	THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT	THE TEEHIVE
THRIVENT	UNITED WAY	WARRIOR DANCE TEAM	WONDERTREK	YMCA			

Name: _____
My favorite kindness act today: _____

Once you've visited at least 40 stations, return your card to the RAFFLE TABLE for a chance to win! Prize drawing will be held at 7:20 PM in the gym. Must be present to win!

Lions Quest
The World's Most Widely Used SEL Program
Implemented in 110 COUNTRIES
20 MILLION STUDENTS impacted
800,000 TEACHERS trained

40 YEARS
LIONS QUEST
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



Camp Confidence Lions had a successful Roadside clean-up with some of our newest members!

The **Deer Creek Lions** had their annual pancake breakfast on October 26th serving 155 people. Proceeds go to supporting lifelines the club provides.



Wadena Lions



What an amazing night for the **Wadena Lions!!**

Lions member Bob Keppers received the International Lions Club Scouting Community Service Award further cementing his commitment and legacy to Scouting in Wadena!!



Also, Member Rick Johnson was awarded a plaque for his 57 YEARS of service to Wadena!!!



Plus we were fortunate to have 1st Vice District Governor Sheri Greenwaldt at our meeting to give us updates on programming and activities that we are seeing in our [District 5M9 Lions](#) and beyond!!

Finally, Lois Schultz and Morgan Grangruth were formally welcomed into our club along with their sponsors Dirk Schultz and Lowell Roisum!!



The **Brainerd Lions** are proud to announce that Lions Park in Brainerd, MN is officially underway! This exciting project will feature an ADA-accessible playground, multiple pickleball courts, a scenic 5K pathway, and a Legacy Trail that shares the story of the Lions' impact. It's a bold step forward—come watch the progress as the park takes shape!



Osage Lions October Recap

The Osage Lions met October 13. Guest Dave Carlson shared how Can Do Canines trains service dogs and how the Club can support their mission. Miss Minnesota Emma Vrieze, an Osage resident, introduced her AED cabinet project for Osage Beach and Lions Park. The Club agreed to help fundraise. President Paul McKibben shared updates on the 2026 Special Olympics, the Mid-Winter Conference, and an October 18 work event with Grace Community Church.



The **Park Rapids Lions** women entertained Heritage Living residents with music, treats and conversation. The residents and the Lions really enjoyed themselves. Lions, Jean, Marge, Zelda, Terri, Jan and Bobbi.



We are pleased to report that our Kid-sight screening was highly successful. We screened over 400 students today! Thanks to Lions Mike, Ann Jean, Paul, Dick, Mike, Jean, Marge, Frank, Zelda and Larry.



The Battle Lake Lions presented a check to the Battle Lake Pickleball Club to help build 4 pickleball courts in Battle Lake.



4 Corners Lions Club Craft & Vendor Fair. We had six raffle baskets plus raffled off vendor donations. We served lunch which included turkey or BBQ sandwiches, chips, a bar, and pop or coffee for \$10. Most of the vendors were very happy with their sales. '

Fall Highlights from the Nisswa Lions Club

This August, the club helped launch the Nisswa PTO Pride Lions Club—only the second school-based PTO Lions Club in the nation. It's a proud step toward inspiring service and leadership in young families.

September brought our first-ever Charity Scramble golf tournament at Whitefish Golf Club, raising funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest. Seventeen teams joined us for a day of golf, giving, and connection. Stay tuned for next year's date in spring 2026!

Our Famous Pork on a Stick trailer made tasty appearances at the Nisswa Fall Festival, Smokin' Hot BBQ Challenge, and CLC's Homecoming, raising funds for local youth and family outreach.

In October, we delivered a major diaper donation to four regional organizations and volunteered at Forestview Middle School's Choose Kindness event—supporting setup, screenings, and cleanup for a night focused on inclusion and community care.





Congratulations!



Rothsay Lions President John Kunze and 1st Vice District Governor Sheri Greenwaldt, presented Lion of the Year award to Heather Weber.



The **Aitkin Lions** are turning plastic waste into purpose! By collecting plastic from individuals and groups around town, the club helps transform it into sturdy benches for the community. It's a meaningful way to promote recycling and environmental stewardship—one bench at a time.



FIGHTING DIABETES TOGETHER: LCIF'S GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND HOPE



A GLOBAL VISION OF SERVICE

Since 1968, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has served as the Charitable arm of Lions Clubs International.

LCIF has awarded over US\$1.2 billion in grants to support humanitarian service. Among its eight global causes, diabetes stands out as one of the most urgent and impactful.



SERVICE WITH HEART

The fight against diabetes is about more than medicine—it's about compassion, prevention, and empowerment. Lions serve with heart, transforming concern into concrete action.



"We serve—not just to help today,
but to build healthier tomorrows."

LCIF: EMPOWERING LIONS TO SERVE

Through LCIF Diabetes Grants, clubs receive the resources they need to launch meaningful programs that reduce the burden of diabetes.

Examples of LCIF impact include:

- Community Impact Grants: Funding local health screenings, workshops and wellness initiatives.
- Partnership Grants: Collaborating with leading diabetes organizations to reach more people.
- Disaster Relief & Humanitarian Grants: Ensuring that people with diabetes continue to receive care during crises.

WHY DIABETES MATTERS

More than 500 million people worldwide live with diabetes, and millions more remain undiagnosed. This condition affects not only health, but also the economic and emotional stability of families everywhere.

Lions are taking action and LCIF is making it possible through grants and education. Around the globe, Lions serve by:

- Hosting free diabetes screenings in communities large and small.
- Promoting nutrition and fitness education for prevention.
- Supporting access to care and supplies for children and adults living with diabetes.
- Advocating for awareness and early detection in high-risk populations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

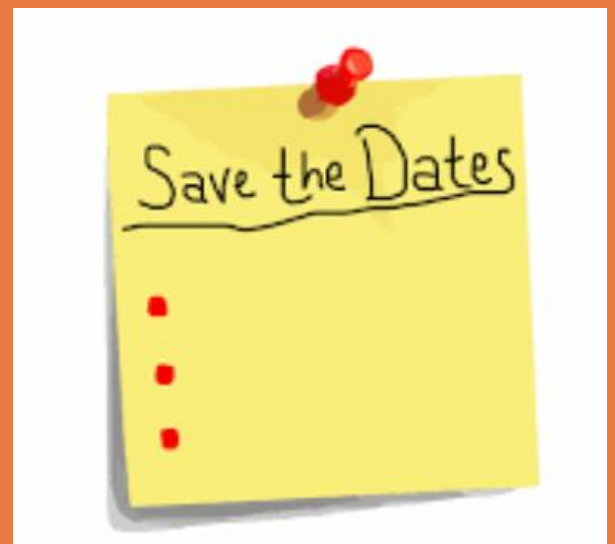
Plan a Club Diabetes Service Project

- Organize a local health fair or partner with healthcare providers to offer screenings.
- Every donation—no matter the size—helps fund vital grants for Lions service projects.

"When we serve together through LCIF, our kindness knows no borders. Together, we're changing the world—one healthy step at a time."

Erin Beck
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Linda Albrecht-Norby
pdglinda@gmail.com





SPECIAL OLYMPICS
USA GAMES
MINNESOTA 2026

2026
Coming to
MINNESOTA
JUNE
20-26



Multiple District 5M
proudly announces...



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Your donations designated to
Special Olympics USA Games
Minnesota to LCIF will help make
our \$300,000 grant possible!

Family Night!

For all athletes & their families

Opening Eyes®

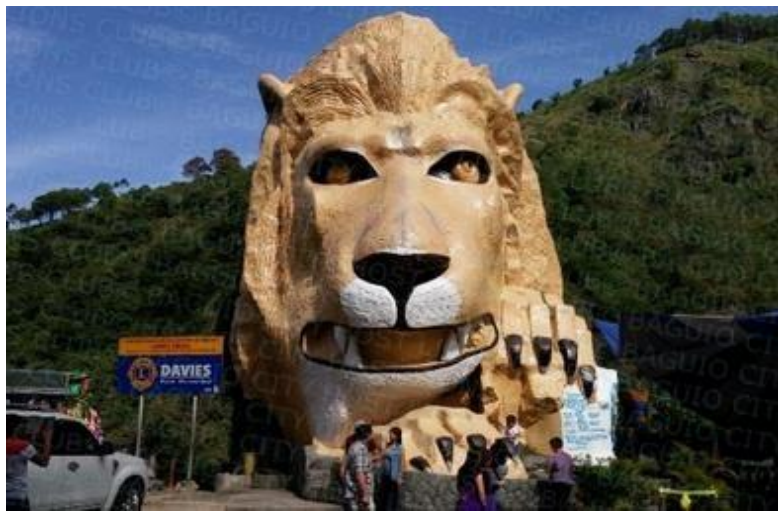
Vision Screening for
participating athletes

A Ball For All

A sensory ball is gifted
from MD5M to all
participating athletes.

Scan this code
for more about
All Balls





Through the Years: A Journey in Time by District 5m9 Historian Lion Zelda Novak **LIONS HEAD STATUTE IN BAGUIO PHILLIPINES**

The Lion's Head monument was conceived by the Lions of Bagulo in the late 1960's and formally unveiled to the public in 1972, with PDG Luis Lardizabal, DG Robert John Webber and then-president Pedro Z. Dlaravil spearheading the project. The 40-foot sculpture was carved out of natural limestone by Cordilleran artist Reynaldo Lopez Nanyac.

The original Lion's Head was financed partly through generous donations by the Lions members and from proceeds generated by the recently-concluded Convention in Bagul City.

The statute is located along Kennon Road, a major highway in Luzon, Philippines

1971 in District 5m9: There were two District Governors , Ernie Dorn and Frank Callister which was likely a consequence of a mid-year realignment or a change of leadership.

I was unable to find much history of this year.

Lion Zelda Novak

5m9 Historian/Sunshine chair



SERVICE PLANNER

LIONS YEAR 2025-26

NOV DIABETES & HUNGER	DEC HUMANITARIAN	JAN HUNGER (JAN. 3-11) DIABETES HUMANITARIAN VISION	FEB VISION & CHILDHOOD CANCER
MARCH YOUTH	APRIL ENVIROMENT (APRIL 18-26)	MAY ENVIROMENT & HUNGER	JUNE HUMANITARIAN

*YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS A SERVICE FOCUS THAT LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL IS PROMOTING THOSE WEEKS

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

Lion Evie Ladd
48372 Great River Road
Palisade, MN. 56469
218-845-2932
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
Look under the "Resources" tab. The application will be listed under "Forms."

District 5M9 Youth Outreach Poster Contest 2025-2026

Your Youth Outreach chairpersons are asking that each club sponsor this contest in their school by awarding some prizes at the local level and to bring your winning poster to the Mid-Winter Convention.

Contest Rules:

1. Eligibility: Contest open to 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students in all schools in District 5M9.
2. Dates: Contest runs from now to the 5M9 Midwinter Convention.
3. Sponsoring clubs should plan to conduct the contest in November or December. Allow enough time for the students to complete the posters and for the collection of the posters so the club members can vote for their local winners at a meeting. The 1st place poster is brought to the convention.
4. Size: **18"x24"** poster quality material. We recommend Pacon Tagboard; Item #5220; available at office supply stores and online. (@\$30 per 100) All others sizes will be disqualified.
5. Medium: Any directly applied paint, crayon, marker, pencil, etc. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.
6. Suggested Subjects: Drug/Alcohol abuse, Anti-bullying, Peer pressure, Healthy living choices, Positive messages, Current and relevant topics, etc.
7. **NO COPYRIGHT SUBJECTS! NO LICENSED IMAGES!** (Cartoon characters).
8. Large lettering on the poster is encouraged, because it will show up better. **Keep the message simple.** Posters should be similar to a highway billboard sign.
9. Have students put their name on the back of the poster, along with their school, grade, and sponsoring club. One student per poster; no partnering.
10. Judging: Each Lions club is to submit their winning poster to the District Youth Outreach Chairperson on or before 10:30 a.m. on Saturday of the Mid-Winter Convention in January. Everyone attending the convention will have a chance to vote for his or her favorite.
11. Winners will be announced prior to the close of the convention.
12. Prizes to be awarded by 5M9 Youth Outreach: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50. All other participants will receive a \$25 gift card.
13. Poster images become the property of District 5M9 and may be used for display, etc.
14. Posters and prizes will be released to the sponsoring clubs at the end of the convention.

If you have any questions, contact:

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Palisade, MN 56469
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evieladd.5@gmail.com

Lion Mike Kern
15545 Big Buck Drive
Menahga, MN 56464
218 849-4577
mjk20030@yahoo.com

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
106th - MD5M Multiple Convention
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel
2026 MD5M Registration Form



☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Guest
☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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

Grand Casino Mille Lacs Online Registration

Hotel Reservations must be made through Grand Casino Mille Lacs with a deadline of **12/15/2025**.

Click here: <https://www.grandcasinomn.com/> click on **BOOK NOW** for Mille Lacs, fill in the information and enter **Group Code MWC108M** and select **5M9 Midwinter Convention**

Select the dates that you want to reserve for the convention and you should be able to proceed to payment.

Thank you for registering for the 5M9 MW Convention!

FYI – the web page header partially covers some of the registration information. If you have any trouble, please contact: heidi.erickson@bsci.com.

OFFERS FLEXIBLE DATES CASINO LOG-IN

ROOMS & RATES

Offer code (click to modify): MWC108M

Refine Search

Note: The rates on the calendar is a minimum available rates of an offer.

Sold out Only Departure

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				08 \$99.00	09 \$129.00	10 \$129.00
11 Sold out	12 Sold out	13 Sold out	14 Sold out			



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>)



QR Code





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.

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.

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

Lion Cora Hohstadt
1237 26th Ave NW
Backus MN 56435

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

5M9 District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor Club Visit Request Form

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

District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor Travels

DG/VDG	Zone	Clubs	Chartered	Years	November	December	January	February
CATHE	2	AITKIN	5/5/1926	99			1/20/2026	
CATHE	3	BACKUS	8/4/1986	38	11/6/2025			
CATHE	1	BRAINERD LIONS	11/26/1921	103	11/10/2025			
SHERI	7	DUNVILLA	6/23/2016	9				2/17/2026
CATHE	1	CAMP CONFIDENCE	4/26/2022	4	11/20/2025			
SHERI	4	GATEWAY- MENAHGA	9/21/1978	46				2/3/2026
SHERI	5	HEWITT	3/31/1978	47		12/8/2025		
CATHE	1	JACOB'S CREW			11/19/2025			
CATHE	1	LEADER	8/20/1998	26		12/4/2025		
SHERI	4	NEVIS	8/23/2002	22	11/13/2025			
SHERI	5	NEW YORK MILLS	11/22/1968	56			1/14/2026	
SHERI	4	OSAGE	11/21/1983	41	11/10/2025 ?		1/12/26 ?	
CATHE DG	3	RIVERSIDE FF			11/13/2025			
SHERI	5	VERNDALE	2/21/1968	57			1/22/2026	
CATHE	3	WALKER	2/1/1980	45	11/12/2025			
Cathe	2	BRAINERD LEOS			11/16/2025			
			Zones					
		DG Cathe Picek	1, 2 and 3					
		1st VDG Sheri Greenwaldt	4, 5, and 7					
		2nd VDG Diane Kunze	6, 8					



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
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

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

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: www.5mhf.org

MN Lions Vision Foundation:
www.mnlionsvisionfoundation.org

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

