

DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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A message from DG Gord Zeglinski

Hello fellow Lions:

July and August have been a blur for me. This is when I focus on bailing hay for sale. As expected when we change people, there are some growing pains. We are currently experiencing some. I'm hopeful they will be worked out soon.

I've completed my first club visit. Thank you to the lions in Warroad Mn. I had a great time and enjoyed our conversations.

Congratulations on getting some new members and thanks for the lesson that I should always have some new member kits on hand!

Planning midwinter has been moving along extremely well. Many thanks to the planning committee. The two causes are hunger and vision. In particular, Kidsight is an amazing program that has improved the lives of so many young people. Of course, this program wouldn't be as amazing as it is without the support of Lions screening the kids. Thanks to our screeners who have made this district the best at screening children in the entire multiple.



District Governor Gord Zeglinski

Our first cabinet meeting will be on September 26. While I would have liked to do it sooner, work and supporting one of our clubs made this a better date. I have decided to try a different format for cabinet meetings.

I'd like to do club visits where I talk with people instead of talk at people. I'm looking forward to meeting many more of our

district's lions. DG Gord
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1st VDG David Klemz

Hello 5M11 Lions!

1st VDG David



2nd VDG Todd Grow

Lions:

See the insert later in this newsletter for RLLI, scheduled for Oct. 16-18, in Roseville. This is a great opportunity for leadership training that can not only help your Lions career, but carries over into your personal and professional life. Don't wait - register soon before it fills up!



While you're at it, take a look at the insert for the Glyndon Lions Club. They just celebrated 60 years as a Lions Club, but are in need of new members. We're sponsoring an event at the Glyndon Community Center on Sept. 17th, to inform the community what Lions do and hopefully recruit a few new members.

If you have any ideas or wish to help, please contact me.

2nd VDG Todd

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Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation

Team Sheehan Foundation: Donations to the Team Sheehan Charitable foundation stay within the MD5M multiple district.

Matching grants of up to \$3000 are distributed every three months. Apply now to be considered for the next grant cycle. You can go to the Team Sheehan Foundation website to get an application for a grant.

The Foundation also welcomes donations from the club level or individual Lions members.

CONSIDER SUPPORTING YOUR FOUNDATION TODAY!

The website for the foundation is <https://teamsheehan.foundation/>



SHOP THE LIONS CATALOG FOR SUPPLIES, APPAREL, AWARDS, AND ANYTHING ELSE.

A LINK TO THE LCI CATALOG IS BELOW:

<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/>



INVITE A PROGRAM CHAIR TO SPEAK AT YOUR CLUB

IS YOUR CLUB INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT LIONS DO? WHAT ARE THESE PLACES WE DONATE TO AND WHAT DO THEY DO? WHAT IS A LEADER DOG VS A CAN DO CANINE? WHAT ABOUT GUIDE DOGS CANADA? WHY DO WE SUPPORT VISION, HEARING, YOUTH, DIABETES & CHILDHOOD CANCER? WHAT IS KIDSIGHT AND PROJECT NEW HOPE?

THE DISTRICT CABINET HAS CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS FOR THESE AND OTHER POSITIONS. CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE:

<https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/cabinetmembers>

MOST CABINET MEMBERS ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO VISIT YOUR CLUB AND SHARE INFORMATION. CONTACT THEM TO VISIT ONE OF YOUR MEETINGS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT LIONS DO.



PICTURES & EVENTS FROM AROUND 5M11

BARNESVILLE LIONS HELEN KELLER AWARDS

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness. As a tribute to this inspirational woman, Minnesota Lions created the Helen Keller Award. The award is an excellent way to honor an exceptional Lion, and the recipients are people who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight and who see and care for the needs of those less fortunate than themselves.



The \$1,000 donation to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation affords the recipient's name to be put up on the Helen Keller award board in the University of Minnesota's ophthalmology clinic. This award was established 21 years ago, and since that time more than 3,000 awards have been given.

(Above) Outgoing Barnesville Lion President Vern Barker, Center, is shown presenting Helen Keller Awards to Lions Kevin Morlan, L, and Chris Seifert.



Barnesville Lions made a **\$300 donation** to help purchase a three wheel bike for Tina Hass, who lives in Barnesville with Michelle and Scott Zajac, who operate as a licensed Adult Foster Care provider.

Outgoing President

Vern Barker is pictured with Tina and her new bike.

Barnesville Lions Past-President Vern Barker, is shown presenting a **\$1,000 check** to Chris Anderson, an active member of the WMSTR in Rollag.



The money will be used to assist in completing a Hometown Heroes Museum on the Rollag Steam Thresher Grounds, and will be a tribute to all veterans and first responders.

Goodridge Lions & Goodridge Lion Tamers



Members of the Goodridge Lion Tamers and Goodridge Lions gathered at the Goodridge Lions Hall on July 8th for the annual summer picnic. The members enjoyed a great meal and fellowship. Special guests in attendance from LCIF were Doug Wiens, Amanda Maag, and Lisa Stengel. Doug Wiens spoke about LCIF and accepted donations from both clubs.



RED LAKE FALLS LIONS CLUB

Red Lake Falls Lion Loreen Schultz receives Melvin Jones Fellowship



Lion Loreen Schultz was recognized by the Red Lake Falls Lions for her service to her home-town community and beyond. She was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by Past District Governor Allen Bertilrud of the Red Lake Falls Lions. Schultz has spear-headed a playground equipment replacement project for Riverside Park in Red Lake Falls. The first phase of the project has been completed.



Above is a picture of the equipment being installed. It was a joint effort of the supplier and several community volunteers, Lions and non-Lions. Phase two will follow with additional equipment.



Red Lake Falls Lions donate to Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN

Following the community Memorial Day Service, on Memorial Day, the Red Lake Falls Lions held a community free-will luncheon with the proceeds to benefit the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN.



Red Lake Falls Lions Past President Sheila Reich presents the donation to Red Lake Falls Legion Commander Jerome Schindler. The check was forwarded to the Veteran's Honor Flight program.

July 24-26 was the annual Summerfest celebration in the community of Red Lake Falls.



The Red Lake Falls Lions participated in the parade with a float commemorating the 250th birthday/anniversary of America. Small US flags were handed out to children along the parade route. Pictured below are girls representing the community's volleyball program who handed out the flags. Thank you girls!



Red Lake Falls Lions join in the celebration

DILWORTH LIONS

Dilworth Lions participated in Dilworth's annual "Loco Daze," celebration, honoring the town's tradition as a railroad town going back to the 1800's.



The club put together a float for the parade, during which candy and miniature stuffed Lions were thrown out for the kids.

Meatball rolling for the Saturday Spaghetti Dinner



About 800 meatballs were made for the annual Spaghetti Dinner.



PING-PONG BALL DROP FOR KIDS



Getting ready to drop ping-pong balls for the kids to find and turn in for prizes at Loco Daze.



Above: Kids picking prizes during the ping-pong ball hunt. Pictured is Dilworth Lions Past-President and current Zone One Chair, Lion Jered Pigeon.

LUNCH WITH A COP

The Dilworth Lions co-sponsor the weekly summertime "Lunch with a Cop" where families can come for lunch and games with a few officers from the Dilworth Police Department



Over 60 kids participated on the day this picture was taken in July

DILWORTH LOCO LIONS



Concession sales during "Loco Daze"



Zone One Chair Jered Pigeon visited the Dilworth Loco Lions at their August meeting. He is pictured with Loco Lion President Grace Kangas.



Above: Dilworth Lion Darin Sundstrom, far left, came to the Dilworth Loco Lions meeting in August and showed the club members how easy it is to screen children's eyes. They all took a turn. He talked about the need to help screen all of the Moorhead schools. Pictured with Lion Darin are Lions Jean Hanson, Kris Johnson, Grace Kangas, Tracy Wheeler, Julie Norman, Marcy Harvala and Jane Monson. Not pictured, but taking the picture was Stacy Kleinwachter.



LEADER DOG & OSLO LIONS



Leader Dog Chairperson, Lion Ken Bauer, is shown giving Oslo Lions Club President Troy Solem a miniature brick that reflects their club's continuing support of this life changing 501C3. The bricks copy tells the year, the club's name, and their support philosophy. The original is laid in the "Walk of Fame" at Leader Dog's home office in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

DISTRICT 5M11 REPORTED SERVICE

DISTRICT 5M11

Total People Served*

277,086

Total Volunteers

9,564

Total Volunteer Hours*

34,559.39

Total Funds Donated*

\$717,716.34

Total Funds Raised*

\$509,314.23

*These values represent the capped numbers that have been reported to LCI

1349 ACTIVITIES REPORTED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

CONGRATULATIONS, LIONS OF DISTRICT 5M11 !

PLEASE REPORT YOUR CLUB'S DONATIONS AND SERVICE PROJECTS TO LCI - WE KNOW MANY GO UNREPORTED AND UNDOCUMENTED!!!



EVENT DETAILS

The Woofaroo will be held on Saturday, September 12 (rain or shine), from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at our campus. This outdoor, family-fun event includes:

- a one-mile fundraising walk
- live music
- a dog costume contest
- an assistance dog demonstration
- tours of a West Metro fire truck (*new this year!*)
- a scavenger hunt (*new this year!*)
- a Facility Dog Kissing Booth (*new this year!*)
- caricatures
- dog-centric vendors
- food
- prizes
- and more!



Making a global impact





Lead Today. SERVE TOMORROW.

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

RLLI

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

 **OCTOBER 16-18, 2026**

 DoubleTree by Hilton Roseville
Roseville, Minnesota



*Stronger Leaders.
Stronger Communities.*



RLLI is an inspiring weekend of leadership development, teamwork, and personal growth designed to equip Lions to lead with confidence and make an even greater impact.

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS



Develop Your Leadership Skills
Strengthen communication, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities.



Build Lasting Connections
Network with Lions from across the region and build lifelong friendships.



Gain New Ideas & Inspiration
Discover fresh approaches to serve your club and community.



Grow in Confidence
Step out of your comfort zone and discover your leadership potential.



Make a Greater Impact
Return to your club energized and ready to lead with purpose.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

-  All Lions club members, Lions and Leos
-  New members and experienced leaders alike
-  Anyone with a desire to grow, serve, and lead

INVEST IN YOUR LEADERSHIP!

COST: \$150

-  Registration includes all training materials, meals, and Saturday evening banquet.
-  Cost does not cover hotel fees.



Take the Next Step
IN YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY!

Learn. Lead. Connect. Serve.

REGISTER TODAY! SPACES ARE LIMITED!

SCAN TO REGISTER!



SERVICE



DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE



INTEGRITY



COLLABORATION



DIVERSITY



INNOVATION

TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

TOGETHER, WE LEAD.

AUGUST 2026

LIONS QUEST

Build the Pride

Momentum is growing as Lions across Multiple District 5M begin their Quest for Impact. Now it's time to strengthen our foundation by building engagement within our clubs.

Lions Quest offers something powerful: the ability to create lasting change by supporting youth where they learn and grow every day. By partnering with schools and youth organizations, Lions move beyond one-time service projects into long-term impact.

If Lions Quest is new to you or your club, I would be happy to have a conversation. This would be a chance to provide you / your club with specific information about Quest and answer any questions to help start Quest in your area. You can reach out to me with any questions using the contact information below.



At Your Meetings.....
Engage your fellow Lions. Share information, invite discussion, and identify members who are passionate about youth development. Every club should consider:
How can we be part of this mission?

Contact for more info:

Name: Twyla Race

Phone: 218-290-3653

Email: twylarace@gmail.com

**Lead the Pride.
Launch the Quest.**

Clubs are encouraged to:

- Appoint a Lions Quest contact
- Discuss potential local partners
- Begin forming a small action team

Remember, you don't have to do everything—just start somewhere.

When Lions work together, even small steps can lead to extraordinary outcomes.

The pride is strongest when we move as one. Let's build that strength now.

WHY IT MATTERS TO SUPPORT THE MELVIN JONES *Fellowship*

HONOR A LEGACY. POWER A BETTER WORLD.



POWERS GLOBAL IMPACT

Your support fuels LCIF grants that tackle critical needs like disaster relief, vision care, hunger, childhood cancer, and more—where help is needed most.



HONORS SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Named after **Melvin Jones**, our founder, this fellowship recognizes the spirit of selfless service and inspires others to lead with compassion.



STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES

Global support. Local impact. Grants often come back home—funding projects that improve lives in our own communities.



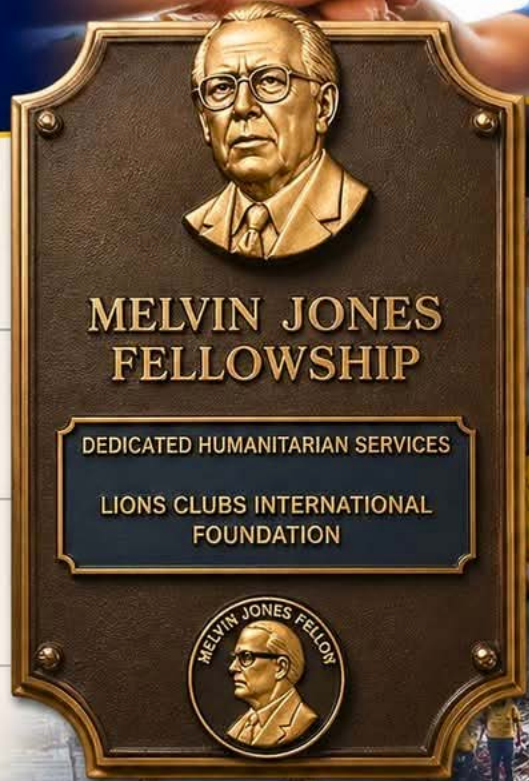
CREATES A LEGACY OF GIVING

More than recognition—it's a lasting contribution that inspires others and keeps the cycle of service going for generations.



ELEVATES YOUR CLUB'S IMPACT

Supporting LCIF shows your club is committed, credible, and making a difference—attracting members, partners, and greater opportunities.



ONE DONATION. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

Be the change. Make it count. ♥



**SUPPORT TODAY.
CHANGE TOMORROW.**



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



**TOGETHER, WE SERVE.
TOGETHER, WE IMPACT LIVES.**



The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, providing grant funding to empower Lions and Leos in their humanitarian service projects worldwide.

Founded in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than **US\$1.3 billion** through over 20,000 grants.

Why give to LCIF?

LCIF transforms generosity into action worldwide by funding humanitarian grants to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need.

To donate to LCIF, follow the link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Dennis & Jacque Heinen, Campaign Managers • denisemarieforid@gmail.com

Denise Marie Laudenbach Announces Candidacy for Lions Clubs International Director

Longtime Lions leader and Past Council Chair of MD5M launches "Be the One" campaign for the April 2026 MD5M ballot

NISSWA, Minn. — 8/18/2026 — Denise Marie Laudenbach, a member of the Nisswa Lions Club and Immediate Past Council Chair of Multiple District 5M, today announced her candidacy for International Director of Lions Clubs International. She will seek endorsement on the MD5M ballot at the Multiple District Convention in April 2027.

A Lion for more than 16 years, Laudenbach has served at every level of the organization — Club President, Zone Chair, District Secretary, District Governor of District 5M9, and Council Chair of MD5M. She is an LCIP Certified Instructor, RLLI and USA Lions Faculty member, a facilitator and moderator at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and holds a Doctorate from Lions University. She currently serves as Group Leader for First Vice District Governors at the international level and as Secretary of the 2029 LCI Convention Committee.

Laudenbach has personally sponsored 26 new Lions and helped charter multiple new clubs. Her service innovations include Empower Hour, a program connecting nonprofit leaders with Lions clubs; a district-wide food packing event; a diaper drive; and community fundraisers. She is a champion for pediatric vision care, an advocate for survivors of trafficking, and a co-founder of 100+ Women Who Care. Her honors include the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Award, the LCIF Leadership Award, and the International President's Award.

"I became a Lion because someone asked me, and I said yes without even knowing what Lions was," Laudenbach said. "That one invitation changed my life. My campaign, 'Be the One,' is about that power we each carry: one invitation, one act of kindness, one moment of service. One Lion can change the world."

Laudenbach brings a professional background in enterprise leadership spanning manufacturing, marketing, sales, and distribution, with expertise in strategic and succession planning. Her platform centers on growing Lions through innovation, inclusion, and purpose; strengthening clubs with training and support; expanding impact through service and LCIF; and assuring the long-term sustainability of Lions service worldwide.

Her campaign is managed by Dennis and Jacque Heinen. For more information, contact denisemarieforid@gmail.com or follow "Denise Marie Laudenbach for International Director" on Facebook and @denise_marieforid on Instagram.

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GLYNDON LIONS CLUB

WE'RE GOING EXTINCT.

*Unless You
Do Something!*

JOIN US.

BE THE **PRIDE.**

MAKE AN IMPACT.



**SEPTEMBER
17, 2026**



6PM



MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY

DILWORTH LIONS

FREEWILL OFFERING

HEAR FROM SPEAKERS ABOUT HOW WE SERVE:



LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION



LIONS
DIABETES
FOUNDATION



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE
BLIND



VETERAN BASED
NEW HOPE
PROJECT

OUR COMMUNITY. OUR MISSION. OUR FUTURE.



The poster has a rustic, Western theme. It features a brown cowboy hat in the top left, a longhorn skull in the top center, and a coiled rope in the top right. The main text is centered and reads: 'SAVE THE DATE' in large, bold, black letters with red stars on either side; '5M11' in white letters on a dark brown banner; 'MIDWINTER CONVENTION' in large, bold, red letters; '2027' in white letters on a dark brown banner with red stars on either side; 'FEBRUARY 5-7' in large, bold, black letters with red stars on either side; and 'SHOOTING STAR CASINO' in white letters on a dark brown banner. Below this, it says 'MAHNOMEN, MN' in black letters. At the bottom, it says 'Theme for the weekend is' in a cursive font, followed by 'Western!' in a large, bold, red cursive font with red stars on either side. In the bottom left corner, there are a pair of brown cowboy boots. In the bottom right corner, there is a silhouette of a cowboy on a horse against a sunset background with a large yellow sun.

WEDNESDAY IS "LIONS CLUB DAY"

Have you remembered to wear a LIONS hat, shirt, pin, etc. on Wednesdays? Last year, the District Cabinet designated Wednesdays as Lions Club day at an early cabinet meeting.

Let people know you're a LION by wearing something with a Lions Club logo and - as always - wear your club shirt or vest at any and

all LIONS Club events! Let people know WE actively SERVE!



MULTIPLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The MD5M newsletter is available on the MD5M website under Resources and newsletters.

lionsmd5m.org

Steps on how to make the World a better place:

1. Join a Lions Club.
2. Stay in Lions Club.
3. Get others to join Lions Club.



The District Governor

Visitation form has been uploaded to the District Website and can be found here (under "Forms"):

<https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/resourcecenter>



Why do I see the same few clubs in the newsletter each time and I never see anything from my club or Zone in here?

The answer is that no one submitted anything to be published in the newsletter!

Submit pictures, articles, etc. to:

lions5m11news@gmail.com

The District newsletter is published bi-monthly. The next edition is due out at the end of October or early November

5M11 LIONS



We Serve